Inequality and Public Policy

Master Seminar, Summer 2021

Basic Information

• Instructors: Sebastian Findeisen and teaching assistants

• Time and location:
  – Introductory Session: Friday, May 21, 10:00, online
  – Block seminar: Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10, likely online (unless public health situation allows for a in-person seminar!)

• Grading (planned, might change): term paper (35%), presentation (35%), discussion and active participation in class (30%)

Course Outline

We will cover five to six different topics concerning inequality:

• Gender inequality

• Wealth inequality

• Inequality in economic opportunity

• Immigration

• Tax evasion

• Income inequality and poverty alleviation
You will hold a class presentation of around 30 to 45 minutes about two or more academic papers. In addition, we are going to have class discussions about role of government and public policies to potentially deal with the discussed inequalities. You will be assigned to argue either in favor of government intervention or against it.