

# Social Security and Taxation II

## – Empirical Studies –

Master, Summer 2024

### Course description

This course deals with the expenditure side of government, offering an in-depth analysis of both allocative and distributive justifications for state-led redistribution and the government's role in regulating private insurance sectors. The curriculum encompasses a variety of topics, including the economics of education, labor market policies, and pension systems. A significant portion of the course is dedicated to equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of the contemporary tools and techniques employed in empirical public economics. This course is ideally suited for those seeking a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of government spending and its broader impact on society and the economy.

### Prerequisites and requirements

Basic knowledge of public economics and microeconometrics.  
Willingness to read, discuss and present scientific articles.

### Organization of this course

- ECTS-Credits: 6
- Language: German / English
- Date: Tuesdays, 10.30-14.00 (room: R12 R05 A52 )
  - Lecture and tutorial (starting April 16)
  - Students' presentations in July
- Grading
  - 70% Exam (60 minutes)
  - 30% Presentation (30 minutes + discussion)

### Literature and course materials

Detailed lecture slides and additional references to the literature will be uploaded via Moodle. No password is needed to enroll in Moodle.

### Lecturers and contact

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