

Syllabus

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Course: Public Economics

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PROGRAM

The course explores two dimensions. Taxation and publicly provided goods. In both parts we first address each topic theoretically and then (whenever appropriated) we present empirical papers. We understand we must cover a broad range of topics that capture the frontier of public economics analysis as well as research questions applied to Brazil.

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GRADING

Final grades are weighted average of (i) Presentation of a paper approved by the professor (40%) and to (ii) Final paper related to the course (60%). We expect this paper turns out to be the students' dissertation or thesis.

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DETAILED PROGRAM

Class1	2/3	Welfare economics and excess burden	MWG + Auerbach + Auerbach Hines e Diamond e McFadden	
Class 2	7/3	MCF: Theory MCF empirical	Teoria: Dahlby + Atk Stern + Ballard e Fullerton + Wildasin Empirico: Fullerton, Conway, DMS, CMP	
Class3	9/3	Optimal commodity tax (homog heterog)	Atk Stiglitz + Stiglitz+ Mirlees + Saez	
Class4	14/3	Optimal income tax (linear e non-linear) Direct vs indirect tax	Atk Stiglitz	
Class 5	16/3	Tax evasion, Sales Tax evasion and auditing	CG + AMT+DM, CG+ AMO	
Class 6	21/3	Tax evasion, Sales Tax evasion and auditing, Budget balanced, curva de Laffer	CG + AMT+DM, CG+ AMO // Chang, chung e Peng + MT	
Class 7	23/3	Tax evasion, Sales Tax evasion and auditing, Budget balanced, Laffer curve	CG + AMT+DM, CG+ AMO // Chang, chung e Peng + MT	
Class 8	28/3	Public goods, Efficiency, Public provision of good and labor supply	Samuelson + King , Afonso Schuknecht, MRT (RBE) +AM+Naritomi+ AF M + Sandmo	
Class 9	30/3	In-kind transfers and conditional cash transfers	Besley and Coate + GM	
Class 10	04/04	In-kind transfers – targeting/tagging and leakage	MT + BM + Bertola and Checci (2013)+Bertola Checci and Oppedisano (2007)+ Mankiw & Weinzierl (2010)	

Class 11	6/4	Present Bias and optimal taxation	Aronsson & Thunstrom + Gruber & Koszegi (2001)+Cremer et al (2001)+ Diamond Koszegi (2003)&	
Class 12	11/4	Present Bias and optimal taxation	PER KRUSELL, BURHANETTIN KURU,ŞÇU, AND ANTHONY A. SMITH, JR (2010) + Laibson (1996-1997)+O'Donoghue &Rabin (1999)+Lockwood (2016)	
Class 13	18/4	Federalism – flypaper effect – tax competition – spatial spillover	Brollo, F.; Nannicini, T.; Perotti, R.; Tabellini, G. 2013. Caselli, F.; Michaels, G. 2013. Case, A., Hines, J. R.; Rosen, H. 1993. Dahlberg, M.; Mörk, E., Rattsø, J.; Ågren, H. 2008.+ Gramkhar, S.; Shah, A. 2007. AMR (2016)	
Class 14	20/04	Social security /Pensions	Diamond (77,96, 2004, 2006), Diamond & Orszag (2005), Diamond & Barr (2006)	
Class 15	25/04	PAPER PRESENTATION		

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