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Doctoral Course on Public Economics

28 May – 1 June 2018

Location: Seminar room 1, Hecer, Arkadiankatu 7, Helsinki

Organizers: University of Tampere, VATT Institute for Economic Research, and UCFS at Uppsala University

This doctoral level intensive course is intended to cover some of the fundamental topics in modern public economics. It presents material related to welfare economics, inequality analysis, normative aspects of redistributive systems, and recent empirical approaches in estimating key behavioural responses to tax instruments. The material also introduces some specific, timely topics, such as recent work in behavioural public economics and taxation in developing countries.

We welcome students from other Nordic countries. There are limited travel funds available to cover the costs of attending the course for Nordic PhD students.

There will be a reading list based on selected articles and a take-home exam after the course. Further information about the course is available at:

<https://www.fdpe.fi/current-courses-and-workshops/topics-in-public-economics-2018>.

Schedule:

Morning lectures: 9-11:30

Afternoon lectures: 12:30 – 15:00

Monday 28 May

Morning: Kaisa Kotakorpi

Welfare economic basis

Afternoon: Markus Jäntti

Measuring inequality

Tuesday 29 May

Morning: Matti Tuomala

Optimal income tax and transfer policy I

Afternoon: Håkan Selin

Labour supply

Wednesday 30 May

Morning: Håkan Selin

Elasticity of taxable income

Afternoon: Spencer Bastani

Optimal income tax and transfer policy II



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Thursday 31 May

Morning Jukka Pirttilä

Afternoon Jukka Pirttilä

Tax evasion

Tax and development

Friday 1 June

Morning Spencer Bastani

Afternoon Eva Mörk

Capital income taxation

Behavioral public finance

Instructors:

Spencer Bastani (Linnaeus University)

Markus Jäntti (Stockholm University)

Kaisa Kotakorpi (VATT and University of Turku)

Eva Mörk (Uppsala University)

Jukka Pirttilä (University of Tampere and UNU-WIDER)

Håkan Selin (IFAU, Uppsala)

Matti Tuomala (University of Tampere)