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:


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
Thursday 31 May
Morning Jukka Pirttilä Tax evasion
Afternoon Jukka Pirttilä Tax and development

Friday 1 June
Morning Spencer Bastani Capital income taxation
Afternoon Eva Mörk Behavioral public finance

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