

Public Economics Seminars

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Groups and Members 15:00

Group	Members
Group 1	Arakhamia, David; Babayeva, Anastasiya; Costa Diegues, Eduardo
Group 2	Bisco, David; Cakir, Fatma Zeysan; Mioland Medina, Santiago
Group 3	de Jong, Jeftha; Salinas, Nicole; Matúšová, Zuzana
Group 4	Dehtiarov, Mykyta; Hanák, Josef; Hansen, Mareike
Group 5	Dircks, Liv Marie; Guliyev, Teymur; Rosarda, Anne Margaret
Group 6	Estel, Güell i Vilà; Choi, Yoo Jung; Neyestani, Mohammadsadegh
Group 7	Klumpp, Simon Frederic; Lima Passos Silva, David; Shitimali, Bwalya
Group 8	Plötzeneder, Leonhard; Rahman, Md Sohanur; Ramos Santana, Anette; Trudu, Edoardo
Group 9	Tavadze, Giorgi; Tilandyová, Ema; Vázquez Iacono, Ailen
Group 10	Vila Hernández, Celia; Zaman, LintaMin; Zohrabyan, Elza

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Group 1	Amirjanov, Imran; Antypas, Carolina; Cabello Álvarez, Jesús
Group 2	Amirjanov, Ravan; De Gregorio, Samuele Guido; Mattila, Jyrki
Group 3	Elizer, Archecard Josue; Guevara Herrera, Alejandro; Solomonidou, Alexandra
Group 4	Haulíková, Petra; Jurvelin, Ilmo; Lin Htike, Kaung Set
Group 5	Kharenko, Ivan; Kozibaev, Asadbek; Rotella, Alessio
Group 6	Mammadov, Vugar; Valizada, Hasan
Group 7	Rrahi, Liljana; Zaalishvili, Aleksandre; Muroyan, Natali
Group 8	
Group 9	
Group 10	

Getting to Know Your Group

1. What do you have in common with your other group members?
2. What is unique about you compared to your group members?

Group	Paper	Presentation Date
Group 1	Policy Evolution under the Clean Air Act (Schmalensee & Stavins 2019)	31st October
Group 2	Moving Pollution Trading from Air to Water: Potential, Problems, and Prognosis (Fisher-Vanden & Olmstead 2013)	31st October
Group 3	Growing Income Inequality in the United States and Other Advanced Economies (Hoffmann, Lee, & Thomas Lemieux 2020)	21st November
Group 4	Four Facts about Human Capital (Deming 2022)	21st November
Group 5	The (Paper)Work of Medicine: Understanding International Medical Costs (Cutler & Ly 2011)	28th November
Group 6	The Prices in the Crises: What We Are Learning from 20 Years of Health Insurance in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (Das & Do 2023)	28th November
Group 7	The US Individual Income Tax: Recent Evolution and Evidence (Bakija 2024)	5th December
Group 8	Does the Value-Added Tax Add Value? Lessons Using Administrative Data from a Diverse Set of Countries (Brockmeyer et al. 2024)	5th December
Group 9	Latin America's Social Policy Challenge: Education, Social Insurance, Redistribution (Levy & Schady 2013)	12th December
Group 10	The Window Tax: A Case Study in Excess Burden (Oates & Schwab 2015)	12th December

Seminars: Expectations and Structure

Organization:

- ▶ Please attend the seminar session for which you are registered.
- ▶ You have been assigned to groups of 3.
- ▶ Each group will receive one scientific paper.

Group Tasks:

- ▶ Read and discuss the paper within your group.
- ▶ Prepare a 15-minute presentation. Everyone of your group should present around 5-minutes.
- ▶ Be prepared to answer questions, there will be 5 minutes after each presentation for questions

Individual Tasks:

- ▶ Read the presented papers beforehand and ask questions.

Structure of the Presentation

- ▶ **Introduction:** Motivation, Research Question, Contribution
- ▶ **Methodology & Data**
- ▶ **Results**
- ▶ **Discussion**
- ▶ **Conclusion**

This is a basic outline; feel free to adjust based on the paper's structure or your focus.

Structure of Presentation — Introduction

Key Points for a Strong Introduction: The Big Five

1. Clearly state the research question at the outset.
2. Justify the importance of the question.
3. Highlight gaps or deficiencies in previous work.
4. Explain the unique contribution of your paper.
5. Provide a summary of the main findings up front.

Tips for Reading a Paper

- ▶ Start early! and read carefully.
- ▶ Use textbooks or online resources for clarity on difficult points.
- ▶ Focus on understanding the key ideas; not every technical detail is essential.

Key Questions to Consider:

- ▶ What is the research question?
- ▶ Why is it important?
- ▶ What is the paper's novelty?
- ▶ Does the method answer the research question?
- ▶ What are the results and how do they impact current knowledge?

Tips for Paper Presentation

- ▶ Be clear—don't create slides with every word you plan to say.
- ▶ Focus on what the audience needs: tables, equations, or graphs.
- ▶ Help people remember key concepts—structure, definitions, etc.
- ▶ Leave slides up long enough for the audience to digest the content.
- ▶ Aim to present the key contribution as quickly as possible.

Planning as a Group – Example

- ▶ **Goal:** Plan content **and** structure together to avoid fragmented presentations.
- ▶ **Initial Meeting 1:**
 - ▶ All group members know the entire paper well.
 - ▶ Divide the paper into smaller areas. Each group member is the expert for a different section.
 - ▶ Assign a “finisher” to handle design consistency later on.
- ▶ **Initial Meeting 2:**
 - ▶ Agree on slide titles and order.
 - ▶ Ensure clear **beginning, middle, and end** for a cohesive flow.

Creating a Cohesive Presentation

- ▶ **Slide Creation Stage:**

- ▶ Each member creates their slides based on their parts.
- ▶ Focus on content first, not the visual design.

- ▶ **Bringing it Together:**

- ▶ The “finisher” compiles the slides for a unified look.
- ▶ Ensure visual consistency: fonts, colors, and backgrounds should align.
- ▶ Adjust slides if necessary to maintain narrative flow.

Tips for delivering as a Group

▶ Rehearse Together:

- ▶ Practice the entire presentation as a group, not just individual parts.
- ▶ Transition smoothly between speakers:
 - ▶ *"I'll now hand over to [name] who will discuss..."*

▶ Final Tips:

- ▶ Stick to the timing, add detail or simplify if needed.
- ▶ Aim for eye contact and speaking without notes to enhance engagement.

Evaluation

You can earn up to **100 points** in total. You need **40 points** to pass the course.

- ▶ Up to **20 points** for the presentation
- ▶ Up to **30 points** for the written midterm
- ▶ Up to **50 points** for the written final exam

Evaluation Criteria for Seminar Presentations

Criteria	Description	Score (1-20)
Content Understanding	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the paper's topic, methodology, and findings.	
Clarity of Presentation	Information is presented clearly and logically, making it easy to follow.	
Critical Analysis	Provides critical insights into the paper's strengths, weaknesses, and implications.	
Engagement and Delivery	Engages the audience with appropriate eye contact, enthusiasm, and effective body language.	
Visual Aids	Utilization of visual aids enhances understanding and maintains interest.	
Q&A Handling	Responds thoughtfully and effectively to audience questions.	
Time Management	Presentation fits within the allotted time while covering all key points.	
Overall Impression	General impression of the presentation's effectiveness and professionalism.	

The average of the scores of all criteria determines the final presentation grade. Criteria in **bold** are counted double. Every group member receives an individual grade.

Thank you and see you for the first group presentations on October 31st
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