Seminar on “Fiscal Competition and Federalism”

CONTENT
This seminar focuses on international (as well as inter-regional) tax competition, flow of capital, and labor migration as direct results of tax competition. We will analyze costs and benefits of fiscal federalism, and we will discuss interactions of local governments in theory (basic models) and practice (looking at empirical outcomes).

TARGET GROUP
Master students in Economics, IWG, and P&E. Advanced bachelor may apply for the seminar if they have a very thorough background in theoretical and empirical analyses but master students receive strict priority in the case of overbookings. The seminar language will be English.

REQUIREMENTS
• Seminar participants are asked to give detailed and professional presentations on topics based on a selection of articles which are published or forthcoming in academic journals. Participants are expected to inform themselves on additional related literature.
• Participants have to moderate the discussion following their presentation and respond to questions from the audience.
• Active participation in discussions during the seminar is expected of all participants. Attendance is compulsory.
• The grade will be given on basis of the seminar presentation and a written report of max. 4000 words at Master level (max. 3000 words for advanced Bachelor level).
**SEMINAR ORGANIZATION**

- Applications for the seminar are possible until **Tuesday, 14 October 2014**. Send me an email to sign up. ([ali-sina.oender@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:ali-sina.oender@uni-bayreuth.de))
- **Introductory lecture** on seminar topics will take place on **Tuesday, 14 October** where basic tax competition models will be covered and technical details related to fiscal federalism briefly discussed. The aim of the introductory lecture is to provide you a firm background for your presentation and final report. For a firm grasp of theory, it is **compulsory** that you attend the introductory lecture.
- **Presentations** will take place **4-5 December 2014**.
- **Final reports/Papers** are due on **22 December 2014**.

**LIST OF SEMINAR TOPICS AND PAPERS** (Tentative and will be updated before October)

**A. Capital Tax Competition**


**B. Migration and Federalism**


C. Voting with the Feet: Tiebout Sorting


D. Tax and the City: Tax Competition between and within Metropolitan Areas


