E504: International Trade and Tax Policy Analysis
Fall 2018

Overview: This class deals with the role of trade cost and taxes for economic activity in open economies. The class is broad in terms of topics covered and comprises theoretical and empirical approaches and pays attention to institutional details and their development. At the same time coverage of topics is selective in order to focus on interesting and relevant policy issues. Active Participation in class is expected.

Prerequisites: Open to all second (and above) semester Master students in Economics. All others please inquire with instructor.

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Grading: Exam (40%), proposal for a research project (40%), three problem sets (20%)

Office hours: Wednesdays, 9-10:30

Research project proposal: This assignment mimics the finding of a Master thesis topic. You are asked to identify a topic of interest in the area of international trade and tax policies, describe the current state of the literature, analyse the shortcomings of the existing literature, and possible ways to overcome these. More details to be communicated during the semester.
Outline and Reading

1. International Trade Theory: Basics


2. Globalization and Inequality: Historical and Current Perspectives


3. Attitudes toward Globalization


4. Gravity Equation with an application to trade in cultural goods


5. Regional Trade Agreements and TTIP


Gabriel Felbermayr, Benedikt Heid, Mario Larch, Erdal Yalcin: Macroeconomic potentials of transatlantic free trade: a high resolution perspective for Europe and the world, Economic Policy 30, 2015, 491-537

6. Taxation and labor mobility


8. Bilateral Investment Treaties and Investor State Dispute Settlement (time permitting)


Eric Neumayer, Peter Nunnenkamp and Martin Roy: Are stricter investment rules contagious? Host country competition for foreign direct investment through international agreements, Review of World Economics, 2016, vol. 152, 177-213