

# **E599 Empirical Environmental Economics**

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This seminar covers recent empirical research in Environmental Economics, in particular on air pollution control. Each student will present a paper chosen from the reading list to the class and write a report critiquing the paper. The emphasis will be on identifying the central questions addressed in the paper, evaluating the methodology and data, and making suggestions for improvements and extensions.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, September 15 at noon in L7, 3-5, room 410  
Block seminar: November 20 and 21, room TBA.

## **READING LIST**

### **Air pollution control**

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- Arceo, E., Hanna, R. and Oliva, P. (2014). "Does the Effect of Pollution on Infant Mortality Differ Between Developing and Developed Countries? Evidence from Mexico City." accepted at *The Economic Journal*.  
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