

SUMMER SCHOOL ON FISCAL FEDERALISM: Tax Competition and Urban Public Finance

Barcelona, June 25-29, 2007

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) is pleased to announce its I Summer School on Fiscal Federalism. The objective of the Summer School is twofold. The first objective is to offer a one-week intensive training programme for PhD students on Fiscal Federalism. With this aim this year the Summer School will offer two 10-hour courses on the topics of 'Tax Competition' and on 'Urban Public Finance'. The second objective is to provide young scholars with the opportunity to discuss their own ongoing research ideas with leading researchers in the field in a relaxed and open atmosphere. To accomplish this purpose, the students will have the opportunity to present their research work at sessions attended both by the invited lecturers and by IEB's researchers.

Lecturers

- Jan K. Brueckner (University of California, Irvine)
- John D. Wilson (Michigan State University)

Courses

There will be two 10-hours courses to be held during the mornings. The courses (and tentative topics) are:

Tax competition (John D. Wilson)

- Capital tax competition
- Competition for a big firm
- Tax competition and waste in government
- Tax competition and skilled emigration
- Tax competition in a common labour market

Urban Public Finance (Jan K. Brueckner)

- Public consumption technology and club theory
- Tiebout and public sector efficiency
- Voting and the demand for local public goods
- Intergovernmental grants
- Peer group effects and segregation

Activities

Workshop sessions will take place in the afternoon, including students' presentations and a session on how to do research and publish in Fiscal Federalism and Public Finance.

Participants

PhD students from Spain, Europe or the rest of the world, and also young researchers who finished the dissertation no longer than three years ago.

Fees and expenses

There is a registration fee of 200 euro, which includes documentation and working lunches. Further information (e.g., courses schedule, reading list and programme) will be available soon at the IEB webpage (www.pcb.ub.es/ieb)

Scholarship

People presenting a paper can apply for a scholarship that covers the course fee and the accommodation.

Application procedure

Send your CV, a short one-page description of the topic of your PhD dissertation and the abstract of the paper that you will be able to present to ieb@pcb.ub.es. Only PDF files will be considered. A letter of support from your PhD supervisor must also be sent by postmail mail to IEB (see address below).

Deadlines

- Deadline for the application: April 1, 2007
- Deadline for acceptance of the application: April 30, 2007

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