

Seminar: Advanced Study of Taxation and Economic Policies (Spring)

Instructor: Prof. Eimon Ueda

Required (1st and 2nd yr.) / Seminars / 2 credits

This seminar will discuss various aspects of economic policy making in meeting the challenges of globalization. The goal is to broaden and deepen students' knowledge of and understanding on issues particularly related to tax policies and tax administration. Theoretical aspects as well as practical experiences of specific countries in implementing tax policies will be studied. Issues that are currently being discussed at various international fora will also be reviewed. The extensive discussions on these issues during the class will enable students to familiarize themselves with these issues and to engage in more informed and effective discussions. The emphasis of the course will be placed more on what is happening in the real world, especially in developing countries, and the discussions will be made from the perspective of policy makers.

Course Plan:

- No.1 Introductory discussions
- No.2 Lecture and discussion: Tax policy and development
- No.3 Lecture and discussion: Challenges for tax policy
- No.4 Lecture and discussion: Challenges for tax administration
- No.5 Presentation and discussion (Topics to be decided)
- No.6 Presentation and discussion (Topics to be decided)
- No.7 Presentation and discussion (Topics to be decided)
- No.8 Presentation and discussion (Topics to be decided)
- No.9 Presentation and discussion (Topics to be decided)
- No.10 Presentation of MA thesis proposals
- No.11 Presentation of MA thesis proposals
- No.12 Presentation of a MA thesis proposal and a term paper
- No.13 Presentation of term papers
- No.14 Presentation of term papers
- Other Class discussion on topical issues

Method of Evaluation:

Evaluation will be based on a term paper and class participation.

Textbooks:

There will be no textbooks; copies of required/recommended reading material will be distributed as necessary.

Lecturer's Comments to Students:

Seminar students are required to participate in active classroom discussions and make presentations on topics assigned to them based on relevant papers. Students are also asked to present their own views in their term papers to be prepared on relevant topics. The discussions will be conducted entirely in English. Strengthening students' presentational skills, in both oral and written forms, will also be emphasized during the course.

Questions/Comments:

Questions will be answered during class, by appointments or via e-mails.