

Seminar „Current Topics in Public Economics: Housing Economics“

Modul: MA-WW-VWL-0903a D-WW-WIWI-0903a

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Outline

This seminar is designed for students interested in the economics and operations of housing markets. In particular, we will study the theory and evidence on frictions in the housing market and their effect on the functioning of the economy as a whole. We will discuss public policy and analyses applied to current housing market-related issues.

Your grade will be based on class participation, a class presentation of 45 minutes and a short summary of the presentation of about 5 pages. Class participation consists of reading the papers assigned for the class and being ready to discuss them. The class presentation will be based on one published paper in housing economics and a policy proposal derived from the results of the paper. The policy proposal should be clearly structured, have a policy recommendation, as well as a clear discussion of the argument in favor and against its implementation. Your argument should be based on relevant data and theory.

Please register in HISQIS for the exam: 112710 Current Topics in Public Economics

Requirements

Basic knowledge in intermediate economics is advantageous.

Course Language

Presentations should be held in English if there are non-German students taking part in the class. The written work may be done either in English or German.

Time schedule

Introductory session incl. topic assignment:	05.04.2017, 14:50-16:20 ifo Institute, Einsteinstr. 3, 01069 Dresden
Seminar presentations:	June 2017, dates to be announced during introductory session ifo Institute, Einsteinstr. 3, 01069 Dresden

Lecturers

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Preliminary list of topics

1. Subsidies

Collinson, R., Ellen, I. G. and J. Ludwig (2015): Low-Income Housing Policy, NBER Working Paper Series 21071, Cambridge.

Bischoff, O. and W. Maennig (2012): On the effects of owner-occupied subsidies on housing construction in Germany, *Journal of European Real Estate Research* 5, 29-47.

2. Amenities

Ahlfeldt, G. M. and W. Maennig (2015): Homevoters vs. leasevoters: a spatial analysis of airport effects, *Journal of Urban Economics* 87, 85-99.

3. Demographic Change

Eichholtz, P. and T. Lindenthal (2014): Demographics, human capital, and the demand for housing, *Journal of Housing Economics* 26, 19-32.

Keese, M. (2012): Downsize, Undermaintain, or Leave it as it is: Housing Choices of Elder Germans, *CEifo Economic Studies* 58, 570-598.

4. Housing Bubbles

Charles, K. K., Hurst, E. and M. J. Notowidigdo (2015): Housing Booms and Busts, Labor Market Opportunities, and College Attendance, NBER Working Paper Series 21587, Cambridge.

Glaeser, A. L., Gyourko, J. and A. Saiz (2008): Housing supply and housing bubbles, *Journal of Urban Economics* 64, 198-217.

5. Debt

Soaita, A. M. (2016): Debt amnesia: Homeowners' discourses on the financial costs and gains of homebuying, *Environment and Planning A* 48, 1087-1106.

6. Homeownership

Lerbs, O. and C. Oberst (2014): Explaining the Spatial Variation in Homeownership Rates: Results for German Regions, *Regional Studies* 48, 844-865.

7. Tenancy Law and Rent Control

Fitzenberger, B. and B. Fuchs (2016): The residency Discount for Rents in Germany and the Tenancy Law Reform Act 2011: Evidence from Quantile Regressions, ZEW Discussion Paper 16-012, Mannheim.

Kholodilin, K. A., Mense, A. and C. Michelsen (2016): Market Break or Simply Fake? Empirics on the Causal Effects of Rent Controls in Germany, DIW Discussion Papers 1584, Berlin.

8. Immigration

Sá, F. (2015): Immigration and House Prices in the UK, *The Economic Journal* 125, 1393-1424.

9. Transaction Taxes

Besley, T., Meads, N. and P. Surico (2014): The incidence of transaction taxes: Evidence from a stamp duty holiday, *Journal of Public Economics* 119, 61-70.