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Income Inequality and Redistribution Policy
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Income inequality has increased in many countries over the last decades. This has been linked to the rise of international trade in the process of globalization, technological change that favors highly qualified workers, and institutional changes such as a decline in real minimum wage levels or deunionization.

In this seminar, we will discuss the measurement of income inequality, the reasons behind its widespread rise, and how redistribution policy can respond to and mitigate rising inequality.

I will provide you with material introducing a basic conceptual framework for the analysis of inequality and redistribution policy. This will serve as the starting point for your own work on recent original research articles. You are required to write a seminar paper and give a presentation on the article(s) assigned to you. I will accommodate your preferences in the assignment of topics as good as possible.

Analyzing inequality and redistribution policy requires a mix of theoretical and empirical approaches, so both theoretical and empirical topics will be available for you to work on.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	BSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	14 October, 10:00 to 10:45
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	25 October to 22 November
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	Q&A session on basic material: 21 October, 10:00 to 11:30 Presentations: 5+6 December, times tba
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	Room 214, Center for Economic Studies, Schackstraße 4
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Public Economics at the undergraduate level, e.g., Finanzwissenschaft 1
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	We will cover a mix of theoretical and empirical topics.
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	tba
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* Optional (falls schon bekannt) / optionally (if already known)