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Titel: Incentives in Public Decision Making  
Language of Instruction: English  
Organizational Meeting: 7.11.2012 at 12:00 in room 00.028  
Blockseminar: 11.-12.01.2013 at 10:00 in room 00.028

#### Prerequisites:

Prerequisite for successful completion of this seminar is a good knowledge of calculus and some statistical basics. Preferably you have taken an advanced microeconomics course such as Game Theory with Applications course before.

#### Registration:

Takes place at the Organizational Meeting.

#### Content:

In this seminar we will study incentives in public decision-making using the tools of mechanism design. In addition to the content of the books below, some recent academic articles on the topic may be allocated. Seminar presentations take place prior to the submission of the final (seminar) papers and are discussed in class. The final grade is based on 30% presentation, 20% discussion, and 50% paper.

#### Relevant Readings:

*An Introduction to the Theory of Mechanism Design*, (T. Börgers) available at <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~tborgers/LectureNotes.pdf>, forthcoming University Press, Oxford.

*Incentives in Public Decision-Making*, (J.J. Laffont & J.R. Green), 1979, Studies in Public Economics North Holland.

*Incentives and Political Economy*, (J.J. Laffont), 2000, Clarendon Lectures in Economics, Oxford UP.