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Urban Taxation:

PhD course (3 ETCS) by

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Sam Bucovetsky (PhD, Yale) has research interests in public and urban economics, with a particular focus on fiscal competition.

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COURSE CONTENT: We begin the course with a survey of urban areas and their governments in different countries. We emphasize the structure of different governments within individual urban areas, and the tax instruments over which these governments have authority. In the course, particularly urban aspects of taxation are examined. The central issues considered are : the interaction among different governments, both “horizontal” and “vertical” ; the role of population distribution within an urban area in determining tax rates ; the importance of mobility among municipalities ; the importance of agglomeration economies and their interaction with taxation ; the effects of intergovernmental transfer rules on tax setting.

AUDIENCE: The course is prepared for PhD students in economics, but open to students from all disciplines. Attendance is free of charge.

Location: IdEP, Università della Svizzera italiana, via Buffi 6, 6900 Lugano

Lectures: August 13 – 15, 2014.

Registration : Please send your registration or inquiries for further information to mario.jametti@usi.ch. Deadline for your registration is Sunday, **July 20, 2014**.