

**III SUMMER SCHOOL IN PUBLIC ECONOMICS:
Economics of Education & Fiscal Federalism**
Barcelona, June 28 - July 9, 2010

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) is pleased to announce its III Summer School in Public Economics, which will consist of two courses: one on 'Economics of Education' and the other on 'Fiscal Federalism'. The objective of each course is twofold: to offer an intensive training program for PhD students in Public Economics, and to provide young scholars with the opportunity to discuss their own ongoing research with leading researchers in the field in a relaxed and open atmosphere. Students will have the opportunity to present their research work at sessions attended both by the invited lecturers and by IEB researchers.

Courses

The two courses will be held during the mornings:

Economics of Education (June 28 - July 2)

Lecturers:

Hessel Oosterbeek (University of Amsterdam)
Richard E. Romano (University of Florida)

Topics:

- School competition
- Vouchers & ability tracking
- Peer effects & the role of class size
- Political economy of education finance
- Private and social returns to education

Fiscal Federalism (July 5 - July 9)

Lecturers:

Steven G. Craig (University of Houston)
William Hoyt (University of Kentucky)

Topics:

- Expenditure assignment & optimal jurisdictions
- Fiscal Competition: horizontal & vertical
- Intergovernmental grants & tax sharing
- Redistribution & race-to-the-bottom
- Competition with heterogeneous agents & sorting

Activities

Workshop sessions will take place in the afternoon, including students' presentations.

Participants

PhD students and young researchers who have finished their PhD dissertation in the last three years.

Application procedure

Send your CV and a one-page description of the topic of your PhD dissertation to ieb.summer@ub.edu. If you intend to present a paper, please attach an extended abstract (or preferably the entire paper). Only PDF files will be considered. A letter of support from your PhD supervisor must be sent by post to the address below. Application for one course does not entail application for the other; if you are interested in taking both courses, two independent applications should be submitted.

Fees and expenses

There is a registration fee of 400€ per course, which covers documentation and working lunches. Further information (application form, schedule, reading list and program) will be available shortly at "www.ieb.ub.edu".

Scholarship

Participants who present papers may apply for a scholarship that covers the course fee and the accommodation.

Deadlines

- Deadline for application: March 29, 2010
- Deadline for acceptance of application: April 16, 2010

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