



Master Seminar - Summer Term 2025

Current Issues in Urban and Regional Economics

- Successful completion of the seminar requires the submission of a seminar paper (15 pages +/- 10%) in English or German and a presentation (approx. 45 minutes, including the discussion).
- You are also expected to prepare a handout of a maximum of 2 pages, which summarises the core results of your presentation and your suggestions for the general discussion of the topic. This handout can be formulated in keywords.
- The deadline for the written seminar papers will be in early/mid June 2025 and will be announced later. (Submission of the seminar paper in PDF format via e-mail.)
- The seminar will be held as an in-person block event in mid/end June 2025. The exact date will be announced later. We expect that you actively participate in the discussion of all seminar topics.



Seminar topics

Topic 1: Income growth and distributional effects of sorting in cities

Couture, Victor, Cecile Gaubert, Jessie Handbury, & Erik Hurst (2024): *Income Growth and the Distributional Effects of Urban Spatial Sorting*. Review of Economic Studies, 91(2), 858-898.

Topic 2: Housing Costs and Income Gains in Chinese Cities

Chen, Ziyang, Pierre-Philippe Combes, Sylvie Démurger, & Xiuyan Liu (2024): *Housing Costs and Real Income Differences across Chinese Cities*. Working Paper.

Topic 3: Measuring Housing Supply for Rents and House Prices

Büchler, Simon, Maximilian v. Ehrlich, & Olivier Schöni (2021): *The amplifying effect of capitalization rates on housing supply*. Journal of Urban Economics, 126, 103370.

Topic 4: Geographic Constraints and Housing Supply

Saiz, Albert (2010): *The Geographic Determinants of Housing Supply*. Quarterly Journal of Economics, 125(3), 1253-1296.