Economics 2450B: Public Economics
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Tuesday, 6-9pm (M-16, Littauer)

Reading List

Topic 1: Empirical Welfare Analysis


Additional Readings:


**Topic 2: Redistributive Concerns**


Tsyvinski and Werquin (2019), “*Generalized Compensation Principle*”.

**Topic 3: Commodities and Public Goods with Redistributive Concerns**


Christiansen, V. (1977). The theoretical basis for deriving distributive weights to be used in cost-benefit analysis. Technical report, Memorandum from the Institute of Economics, University of Oslo, 25 April


**Topic 4: Education**


**Topic 5: Child and Family Policies**


Heckman et al. (2009) *The rate of return to the high/scope perry preschool program*, NBER Working Paper #15471


**Topic 6: Place-Based Policy**


**Topic 7: Corporate Taxation (Raj Chetty Lecture - readings taken from here)**


A. Auerbach, "Taxation, Corporate Financial Policy, and the Cost of Capital," *Journal of Economic Literature* 21 (1983), 905-940, esp. section IV.

A. Auerbach. “A Modern Corporate Tax.” Center for American Progress, 2010.


**Topic 8: Adverse Selection and Insurance Market Failures**


**Topic 9: Optimal Social Insurance: UI**


**Topic 10: Welfare analysis of Private Health Insurance**


**Topic 11: Welfare analysis of Public Health Insurance**


**Topic 12: Disability Insurance**


Deshpande, Manasi, and Yue Li. "Who Are We Screening Out? Application Costs and the Targeting of Disability Programs." (2016).


**Topic 13: Behavioral Aspects of PF**


