

EC2450B Public Economics and Fiscal Policy II – Paper Proposal

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Due date: May 8th (one week after last class).

In-class Discussions:

Sign up for the up to 10 minutes discussion in class on this spreadsheet (two students per class). This is for us to have a joint discussion and it is meant to be helpful to you. You are NOT judged in the slightest on a preliminary idea here! So don't be shy! Early feedback is useful.

Paper Proposal Outline:

10 pages of proposal with tables and figures (if any) and references.

A question (and, possibly, subquestions) you are going to answer.

The related literature to date and what you are contributing relative to this literature.

Theory Paper:

An outline of the main components of the model. What results you are hoping to derive? Conjectured results? Comparative statics that will be interesting? Testable implications? Justification of the assumptions you are making (based on existing empirical work perhaps?) Will you take this to the data and estimate it? Do counterfactual analysis?

Empirical Paper:

What data will you use? What regressions will you run? What is your empirical strategy? What results do you conjecture? What robustness tests will you do? What placebo tests? Any heterogeneity you expect? How do your empirical results inform a model/theory?

Experimental Paper:

What is your experimental design? What are different effects you can identify? What is your sampling frame? What regressions/analysis will you run? (See all the points for the “empirical paper” too).

Combination papers: See all of the above!