



Master Seminar - Summer Term 2026

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 2026 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 2026. The exact date will be announced later. We expect that you actively participate in the discussion of all seminar topics.



Seminar topics

Topic 1: The effect of home office on commuting

Coskun, Sena, Wolfgang Dauth, Hermann Gartner, Michael Stops & Enzo Weber (2025), *Working from Home Increases Work-Home Distances*. Working Paper.

Topic 2: An economic analysis of road congestion

Duranton, Gilles & Matthew A. Turner (2011): *The Fundamental Law of Road Congestion: Evidence from US Cities*. American Economic Review, 101(6), 2616-2652.

Topic 3: Place-based policies: An economic analysis

Fajgelbaum, Pablo D. & Cecile Gaubert (2025): *Place-Based Policies: Lessons From Theory*. NBER Working Paper 33517.

Topic 4: Childhood Neighborhoods and Economic Opportunity

Chetty, Raj, John N. Friedman, Nathaniel Hendren, Maggie R. Jones & Sonya R. Porter (2026): *The Opportunity Atlas: Mapping the Childhood Roots of Social Mobility*. American Economic Review, 116(1), 1-51.