



Master Seminar – Winter Term 2025/2026

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 December 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 January 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: 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 2: Spatial Effects of Rent Control in Germany

Mense, Andreas, Claus Michelsen & Konstantin A. Kholodilin (2023): *Rent Control, Market Segmentation, and Misallocation: Causal Evidence from a Large-Scale Policy Intervention*. Journal of Urban Economics, 134, 103513.

Topic 3: The Economic Effects of Rush Hour Traffic Congestion

Seidel, Tobias, Jan Wickerath (2020). *Rush Hours and Urbanization*. Journal of Regional Science and Urban Economics, 85.

Topic 4: How Artificial Intelligence Reshapes Work

Gathmann, Christina, Felix Grimm & Erwin Winkler (2025): *AI, Task Changes in Jobs, and Worker Reallocation*. CEPR DP19864.