

Systems Competition

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Course description

The course “Systems Competition” deals with competition between countries in many different areas of the economy, such as government expenditure, environmental regulation, labour standards, quality standards, and banking regulation. Both theoretical and empirical aspects of the problems will be discussed. The book by H.-W. Sinn (2003) will be the core reference for the course. At various points of the course the book will be augmented by supplementary material.

Contents

1. Introduction
2. Tax Competition
3. Mobility and the Welfare State
4. Social Dumping
5. Environmental Regulation
6. Competition of Product Standards
7. Banking Regulation
8. Competition of Competition Rules

Examination

There will be a written exam at the end of the course (February 7th 2008).

Core Reference

Hans-Werner Sinn, [*The New Systems Competition*](#), Yrjö Jahnsson Lectures, Basil Blackwell: Oxford, 2003.