

# Department of Economics

## Chair of Public Economics 520 D



### Prof. Dr. Nadja Dwenger



Nadja Dwenger is Professor of Economics and holds the Chair for Public Economics at the University of Hohenheim. Furthermore she is an associate professor at the Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway. She is a research member at the CEPR and at the CESifo.

Nadja Dwenger received her PhD from Freie Universität Berlin in 2010. From 2010 to 2015, she was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich. She has collaborated with diverse public institutions to design more effective public policies. As an expert on fiscal policy, she advises the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and the Ministry of Finance Baden-Wuerttemberg.

As a visiting scholar, she has conducted research at the University of California in Berkeley (USA), Harvard University (USA), and NHH in Bergen (NO).

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### Research

The state is a central actor in many economic decisions. The Chair of Public Economics empirically analyzes public policy and its impact on the behavior of individuals, groups, and firms. We pursue innovative research questions, apply state-of-the-art methods and provide highly relevant empirical evidence.

In the research field of **tax enforcement**, we develop novel study designs and realize randomized field experiments, e.g., to measure the degree of tax compliance.

In another research field, we deal with the influence of the state in the form of **public administration**. While public administration is central to economic decision making and economic growth, causal evidence in that area is scant. Both within and between countries, administrative capacities vary widely; we analyze the causes and consequences of these differences.

Moreover, we study the direct and indirect **impact of fiscal policy on real economic behavior**.

### Scientific Staff



#### Giuseppe Cappellari M.Sc.

Main Research:  
Public administration,  
regional economics



#### Philip Mielcarek M.Sc.

Main Research:  
Public Economics, Taxation



#### Jasmin Vietz M.Sc.

Main Research:  
Taxation, preferences for redistribution,  
migration and education policy



#### Lea Weiz M.Sc.

Main Research:  
Taxes and migration and economics of  
education

### Current Projects

(Selection)

DFG grant (with Anna Gumpert & Julia Fleischer)  
**Building Fiscal Capacity (FISCAP)**  
2020-2023

RCN grant (with Chr. Michelsen Institute)  
**Successful Advances in Fiscal Architecture (SAFARI):**  
Evidence from a new tax in Zanzibar.  
2021-2024

DFG grant  
**Information Provision and Tax Compliance of Firms and Individuals**  
2016-2020

### Teaching

Bachelor Government and Markets  
Taxation as a Public Policy

Master Empirical Public Economics  
Topics in Public Economics

PhD Research Seminar in  
Economics

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