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## INVITATION

Professor Dr. Felix Bierbrauer  
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On the topic:

**Pareto-improving tax reforms and the Earned Income Tax Credit  
with Pierre C. Boyer and Emanuel Hansen**

This paper provides necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of Pareto-improving tax reforms. The conditions can be expressed as sufficient statistics and have a wide range of potential applications in public finance. We discuss one such application in detail: the introduction of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the US. We find that the EITC can be viewed as a response to an inefficiency in the tax and transfer system prevailing at the time. This adds a new perspective to the literature on why the EITC is a good idea, emphasizing Pareto improvements rather than equity-efficiency trade-offs.

Date: 9th November 2021

Starting time: 5.15 p.m.

Location: LS 15.03, Universitätsstraße 15 Bauteil C, EG

### **Preview of upcoming guest lectures:**

- 16th November 2021: Karolina Vocke, University of Innsbruck
- 7th December 2021: Kausik Chaudhuri, University of Leeds

**All professors, lecturers, assistants and students are cordially invited to this guest lecture! Please bring an evidence of a low epidemiological risk ("3-G evidence").**