

Course on Topics in Macroeconomics

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The idea of this course is to give researchers ideas about the development of their thesis in the field of macroeconomics and present them the most recent developments in a variety of topics in Monetary Macroeconomics, Fiscal Policy and International Macroeconomics. Recent papers on 10 different topics will be presented and discussed in the class by both the instructor and the participating students.

The evaluation of students will be based on the quality of the presentations they have performed during the class and a research proposal they will write on one of the proposed topics at the end of the class.

The topics that are going to be developed are as follows:

Business cycles

1. News driven business cycles
2. Effort and the cycle
3. Skilled versus unskilled labor and economic fluctuations
4. Fluctuations and uncertainty
5. Land prices and unemployment
6. Memorable goods and their macroeconomic consequences

Fiscal Policy

7. Fiscal policy in commodity republics
8. Fiscal Unions

International macro

9. Wage Determination and exchange rate effects
10. Capital controls