

Seminar on Economics and Finance

J. D. Hwang

Course Description: This course provides tutorial in research project design. Students are required to take the initiative in choosing topics, seeking out resources and presenting drafts of one's own research paper. This course may serve as a stepping stone towards a graduate thesis. **Selected topics on Chinese Economy will be given particular attention for students to do further research.**

Interested students are advised to consult the instructor before taking this course.

Course Objective: The goal of this course is to facilitate learning about strategies to conduct research in economics or finance. In the attempt to complete an original research project, writing and oral exposition skills of students will be improved as well.

Grading: Grade will be based on course participation (30%), presentation (20%), and term paper (50%).

Course Outline

1. Course introduction: why writing a good research paper matters to you?
2. What is a research paper? Example of student research papers and journal papers
3. Oral presentation and critique of graduate thesis
4. Oral presentation of journal papers
5. Critique of journal papers
6. Recapitulation: elements of good writing
7. Discussion of research projects
8. Review and discussion of econometric techniques needed for the project
9. Presentation on research topic
10. Presentation on research paper

Reading List

1. 黃登興、黃幼宜，2006，兩岸三地貿易流量的變遷—引力模型的驗證，**臺灣經濟政策與預測**，36 卷 2 期：頁 47-75。
2. 劉宗欣、賴美穎、陳至還，2012，區域貿易協定對臺灣的貿易效果—引力模型的實證分析，**經濟論文叢刊**，40 卷 1 期：頁 35-77。
3. Baharumshah, A. Z., Haw, C. T., Masih, A. M. M., & Lau, E. 2011. Financial integration of East Asian economies: evidence from real interest parity. *Applied Economics*. 43(16): 1979-1990.
4. Bussière, M., Lopez, C., & Tille, C. 2014. DP9938 Do real exchange rate appreciations matter for growth?.
5. Cheong, C., Mehari, T., & Williams, L. V. 2005. The effects of exchange rate volatility on price competitiveness and trade volumes in UK: a disaggregated approach. *Journal of Policy Modeling*. 27: 961-970.
6. Cheptea, A. 2013. *Border effects and European integration*. *CESifo Economic Studies*. 59 (2): 277-305.
7. Chinn, M., & Frankel, J. A. 2008. Why the euro will rival the dollar?. *International Finance*, 11(1): 49-73.
8. Chou, W. L. 2000. Exchange rate variability and China's exports. *Journal of Comparative Economics*. 28(1): 61-79.
9. Fouré, J., Bénassy-Quéré, A. & Fontagné. L. 2012. The great shift: Macroeconomic projections for the world economy at the 2050 horizon. CEPII working paper 2012-03.
10. Glüzmänn, P. A., Levy-Yeyati, E., & Sturzenegger, F. 2012. Exchange rate undervaluation and economic growth: Díaz Alejandro (1965) revisited. *Economics Letters*. 117(3): 666-672.
11. Lee, H. T., & Yoon, G. 2013. Does purchasing power parity hold sometimes? Regime switching in real exchange rates. *Applied Economics*, 45(16), 2279-2294.
12. Ma, G. & Chen, R. 2010. The evolving renminbi regime and implications for Asian currency stability. *Journal of the Japanese and International Economies* 25 (1): 23-38.