Frontier papers in Macroeconomics
(and some classics)

Aim
This course aims at enabling students to conduct research in promising areas in macroeconomics. One area aims to identify the effects of fiscal and monetary policy using micro datasets. Further "hot" areas are macro and inequality, the role of expectations in macro, and macrofinance.

In a first step, we read and discuss recent papers and some classics. The fruitful discussions and the intensive engagement with the topics should lead to the development of independent research ideas.

Time and Venue
Wednesday, 4 pm - 6 pm, DIW

Grading
We start by reviewing some recent papers, which deal with promising potential research topics. Each student will be asked to present one of the papers in class. The presentation will count for 30% of the grade. Participation in the following discussion will count for another 20%.

Students are asked to develop their own research ideas based on the in the second part of the class. The presentation of the research ideas will count for 20%, a 5 page summary of the research idea for 30% of the final grade.

Potential papers
Identification in macro
- Overview: Nakamura and Steinsson (2018b)
- Natural experiments and macro: Arezki et al. (2017), Bachmann et al. (2017) and Born et al. (2018)
Combination of narratives and standard identification schemes: Antolín-Díaz and Rubio-Ramírez (2018)

The effects of fiscal policy and monetary policy

- Classic: Ramey (2011)
- Regional fiscal multiplier: Nakamura and Steinsson (2014), Dupor and Guerrero (2017), and Chodorow-Reich (2019)
- Industry data and fiscal multiplier: Nekarda and Ramey (2011)
- Marginal tax rates: Mertens and Olea (2018)
- Monetary policy: Nakamura and Steinsson (2018a) and McKay et al. (2016), Jarocinski and Karadi (2018)

Macro and inequality, expectations and finance

- Macrofinance: López-Salido et al. (2017)
- Macro and Inequality: Ahn et al. (2018)
- Macro and expectations: Andre et al. (2019)

References


