

# Master's Thesis Seminar

## First Meeting

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# Overview

- Purpose and instructions: watch online video!
- Meetings in groups of 10 individuals (in-person).
- Topic presentations (everyone comments)
- Main presentations (3 each session, 3 designated discussions, everyone comments!)

# Language

- The language of all presentations and discussions is English. Research plans are also in English.
- If you are writing your thesis in Finnish then you can submit the main paper in Finnish, and you will be assigned to a subgroup where everyone understands Finnish.

# Structure and Grading

- Structure of the seminar (share of grade)
  - Research plan (0.10)
  - Topic presentation (0.15)
  - Main presentation (0.20)
  - Main paper (0.25)
  - Designated discussion (0.10)
  - Other discussions (0.20)
- Grading (0-5) based on activity in the seminar, quality of presentations and papers, quality of discussion, and punctuality. Everyone is expected to participate in commenting.

# Written Output: Research Plan

- Research Plan
  - Includes an introduction to the wider topic area around the specific research question of the thesis. 3-6 pages (Examples at mycourses webpage).
  - Submit through mycourses (Research plan and topic presentations) by previous Thursday 24:00 before the seminar (at the latest). Instructions at mycourse-webpage.
  - Important: Your plan and presentation must be approved by your supervisor. Contact him/her in time so that you have time to make the required revisions!

# Written Output: Main Paper

- Main paper
  - A reader of the main paper learns about the results of research in economics (either your research or the research that you review). A key chapter or two in the thesis.
  - Submit through mycourses the previous Thursday 24:00 before the seminar at the latest.
  - It would be polite to send a notice to your designated discussant as soon as you have submitted it, so that they have more time to prepare.
  - Important: Your paper and presentation must be approved by your supervisor. Contact him/her in time so that you have time to make the required revisions!

# Other Written Output: Written Comments

- Comments
  - Comments on other students' research plans and main papers, submitted before their presentations.
  - A comment is usually a short paragraph, sometimes 2-3 paragraphs.

## Designated discussant

- Prepare to give a 7-10 minute discussion of the paper from the podium immediately after the main presentation and before a general class discussion.
- Submit your slides as an attachment to your reply to the main paper before the start of the seminar.



# Oral Output

- Presentation of research topic (15-20 minutes)
- Presentation of main paper (a 20-25 minute presentation).
- Designated Discussion (a 7-10 minute discussion)
  - Presentation of research topic
- Participation in class discussions about papers and presentations (at least one comment for each presentation).

# Schedule for Topic Presentations

- Proposed group division for topic presentations (4 papers presented in each session)
- Monday group. Participants: Meeting times: Meetings 27.9 (4), 11.10 (4), and 18.10 (2)
- Tuesday group. Participants: Meeting times: Meetings 28.9 (4), 5.10 (4), and 19.10 (2)
- Tuesday/Wednesday group (possible online): Participants: Meetings 4.10 (4), 12.10 (4), and 25.10 (4)
- The final group division will be updated to mycourses this week.

## Preliminary schedule for Main Presentations/Discussions

- Proposed group division for main presentations (3 papers presented in each session)
- Monday group. Participants: Meetings 1.11,15.11,22.11, and 13.12
- Tuesday group. Participants: Meetings 2.11,9.11, 23.11 and 30.11
- Tuesday/Wednesday group: Meetings 8.11, 16.11, 29.11 and 7.12
- The final group division will be updated to mycourses later.

# Notes, questions, concerns

- Please appear in the seminar room well in time.
- Please be in touch about any questions or concerns!