

ECON 4901F (2018 Fall Thur 0830-1015)
Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II
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ECON 4901 has two parts. Part I consists of the two workshops on research methods and data analysis. Part II consists of interactive consultations, classroom discussion, presentation, and write-up of the research projects. English is our language for teaching, discussions and presentation. The course aims at helping students improve their presentation and writing skills through working on a research project of their choice.

I. STOT Workshops [weeks 2,3](20%)

- (i) **Attendance [4 marks]:** the STOT workshops in weeks 2 and 3.
- (ii) **Assignment [16 marks]:** the STOT-workshops assignments.

II. Research Project [weeks 4-13](80%)

- (iii) **Interactive consultation [15 marks]:** 7 sessions from 0840-1005. Everyone must come and actively engage in the interactions.
- (iv) **Presentation [25 marks]:** We will fix the order of the presentations in the first class. Each presentation will last for about 20 minutes. The Q&A happens during the presentations. Everyone must attend all the presentations and interact actively with other presenters during her own and others' presentations.
- (v) **Write-up [40 marks]:** The shorter the better. The deadline for the final paper is at 1700 on Dec, 19 2018 (Wednesday). Students are required to submit both a hardcopy and a softcopy (via VeriGuide). Late submission gets zero mark.

III. Academic Honesty

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> .

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed [declaration](#) that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign on the declaration.

For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

IV. Tentative Course Structure

| Week | Date | Content | Location | Time |
|------|---------------|--|----------|---------------|
| 1 | Sep 6 (Thur) | Introduction | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 2 | Sep 14 (Fri) | STOT workshop: Research Methodology (Theory) | ELB LT1 | 18:30 – 20:15 |
| 3 | Sep 19 (Wed) | STOT workshop: Research Methodology (Laboratory) | ELB 916 | 18:30 – 20:15 |
| 4 | Sep 23 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 5 | Oct 4 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 6 | Oct 11 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 7 | Oct 18 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 8 | Oct 25 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 9 | Nov 1 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 10 | Nov 8 (Thur) | Interactive consultation | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 11 | Nov 15 (Thur) | No class | | |
| 12 | Nov 22 (Thur) | Presentation and Discussion | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |
| 13 | Nov 29 (Thur) | Presentation and Discussion | ELB 304 | 08:30 – 10:15 |