ECON 8006: Thesis Research

(Wednesday 10:30am – 1:15pm, CKB UG05)

The main purpose of this course is to equip students with some research skills and experience. The course will first expose students to a wide range of research topics. Guided by the teachers, students will then select a topic for presentation and a short paper. The paper should be a critical comment on a literature or a sub-set of the literature, or a brief empirical analysis of a selected issue.

Evaluation: Attendance & Presentation (35%) and Paper (65%)

Class arrangement:

January 8, 15: Prof. ZHANG Hongliang on Empirical Strategies in Applied Microeconomics

January 22: Prof. SHI Kang on Macroeconomics and Chinese Economy

January 29, February 5: Classes are suspended for the Lunar New Year.

February 12: Prof. SHI Kang on Macroeconomics and Chinese Economy

February 19, 26: Prof. KE Rongzhu on Moral Hazard and Mechanism Design

March 5: All teachers and students meet together to divide groups/select topics

March 12, 19, 26: Each teacher meets with his own students

April 2, 9, 16: Student presentation (20 minutes each)

Topics on Empirical Strategies in Applied Microeconomics

*denotes required readings.

Methodology


**Applications**


**Topics on Moral Hazard and Mechanism Design**

*denotes required readings.

**Moral Hazard**


**Mechanism Design**

• E., Clarke, Multipart pricing of public goods, *Journal Public Choice*, 11, (1971), 17-33
• *V. Krishna, M. Perry, Efficient mechanism design, (1998), Working paper.
• *R. Myerson, Optimal auction design, Mathematics of Operation Research, 6
(1981) 58--73.

**Topics on Macroeconomics and Chinese Economy**

• Roads and the Real Exchange Rate, Qinyuan Du, Shang-Jin Wei and Peichu, Xie, 2013, NBER working paper w19291.
• A Model of China's State Capitalism, Xi Li, Xuewen Liu, and Yong Wang, 2012, Manuscript.