



Thesis Seminar

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1 Schedule

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| Seminar | Monday | 16:00-18:00 | Room 21B, SPA1 |
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2 Lecturer

| | Office Hours | Room | E-Mail |
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3 Content and Structure of the Course

This thesis seminar offers Bachelor and Master students the opportunity to write a thesis in the field of dynamic macroeconomics. The seminar will take place during the first half of the semester. Registration of the thesis with the examination office takes place after the seminar.

During the seminar, students will learn how to structure a thesis. Moreover, methods necessary for dynamic macroeconomics will be discussed. The key requirement for the seminar is some basic knowledge in dynamic macroeconomics. Therefore, bachelor students should have completed the course *Monetary Economics*, my version of *Macroeconomics II* or demonstrate similar prior knowledge. Similarly, master students should have successfully completed *IAMA* (or *AMA I*) to enroll in this seminar. After receiving a topic, each student will hold a brief presentation of her/his topic. To gain a first impression about the level of the relevant literature for this seminar students can use the following book as an orientation:

- Galí, J. (2015). *Monetary Policy, Inflation and the Business Cycle (2nd ed.)*. Princeton University Press.

The seminar participants do not obtain any ECTS from attending the seminar, but they receive credits for their theses according to their degrees.

The entire seminar, including the students' presentations, will be held in English.

4 Overview of the Course

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| 1. | 28.04.25 | » Introduction « |
| 2. | 05.05.25 | » Refresher of the Basic New Keynesian Model « |
| 3. | 12.05.25 | » Solving DSGE Models: Working with Dynare (1) « |
| 4. | 19.05.25 | » Solving DSGE Models: Working with Dynare (2) « |
| 5. | 26.05.25 | » Solving DSGE Models: Into the Blackbox « |
| 6. | 02.06.25 | » Introduction to SVAR « |
| 7. | 16.06.25 | » Presentations « |