

Seminar on monetary theory and policy

Introduction

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Organizational issues

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Organizational issues:

- **Schedule:**

- **Friday, April 16, 2010, 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**, (Room: RW V):
Preliminary meeting: Introduction (Discussion of organizational issues and presentation of topics)
- **Friday, May 14, 2010, 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.**, (Room: t.b.a.):
Seminar
- **Saturday, May 15, 2010, 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.**, (Room: t.b.a.):
Seminar
- **Wednesday, June 2, 2010:** Deadline for handing in seminar thesis
 - Where? Office of Ms. Brandau (ReWi I, room 01-132)
 - When? Monday till Thursday, 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Organizational issues

- **Course requirements:** Students will be graded upon the following:
 - Presentation (30 - 45 minutes): (40%).
 - Seminar handout: (10%).
 - Seminar thesis: (50%).
- **Course Language:**

While the language of instruction for the course will be English, the course requirements can be fulfilled either in English or in German.

About the seminar thesis:

- Major focus: Presentation of one paper
- Very important: Introduction (Motivation, outlook and potentially literature review).
- Empirical part? Quantitative analysis?
- Form:
 - Length: Depends on topic
 - Figures and tables: Includes notes
 - Professional literature reference.

Overview of topics:

- What is money?
- Stylized facts about money
- Different approaches to introduce money into macroeconomic models:
 - ① Money-in-the-utility function models
 - ② Cash-in-advance models
 - ③ Money search models with fixed prices
 - ④ Money search models with flexible prices
- Limited participation
- Money and public finance

Overview of topics

- Imperfect competition and price stickiness
- The credit channel of monetary policy
- A critical assessment of structural VAR models
- Monetary policy and time inconsistency
- Taylor rules
- Financial markets and monetary policy
- Money and the open economy