

Experimental Economics: Methods and Case studies

BSc. Economics, Summer Term 2018

Objective

This course will introduce students to the methods and procedures of experimental economics research. After establishing the methods the course will proceed to study some of the important strands of the experimental economics literature to offer an understanding how different important economics questions are tackled using experimental methods. The course requires a basic background in microeconomic theory.

Course Outline

1. Methods and Procedures in Experimental Economics
2. Case study 1: Individual Characteristics – Personality
3. Case study 2: Social Preferences
4. Case study 3: Cooperation
5. Case study 4: Trust and reciprocity
6. Case study 5: Nudging
7. Case study 6: Experimental Political Economy

Assessment

- Presentation of experimental project (15%)
- Proposal for experimental project – grant application style (35%)
- Experimental project – design and implement your own experiment (50%)

Language

English

Reading List

- Bardsley, N., Cubitt, R., Loomes, G., Moffatt, P., Starmer, C. and Sugden, R. (2009) *Experimental economics: rethinking the rules*. Princeton University Press, Princeton
- Kagel, J. H., Roth, A. E. (2016) *The Handbook of Experimental Economics, Volume 2*. Princeton University Press, Princeton.

And various journal articles.

Moodle access code: will be announced in the lecture.

Lecture / Tutorial

Thu 13:00 – 16:00, CB 00.010, Andis Sofianos, PhD