

ECON 6120W, Fall 2023

### Quantitative Macroeconomics

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### Syllabus

The course covers empirical and theoretical tools of applied macroeconomics. It is for Ph.D. students, although anyone serious about macroeconomics is welcome. With an emphasis on implementation, computation, and applications, we will discuss the following topics: time-series methods, vector autoregressions with different identification schemes, state-space models and filtering, the solution to and estimation of dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models, numerical dynamic programming, and heterogeneous agent models, if time allows. By learning the advanced methods for quantitative macroeconomic research and their applications, students can understand macroeconomic research at the frontier better. It will also help students develop their research ideas and find proper methodological approaches to the questions.

Exercise questions will be assigned on a weekly basis to facilitate learning. These exercises will involve a substantial amount of computation, which will help the students to practice the tools. Although the students can use any software to do computer projects, I can assist only with MATLAB.

### Grade

- 1) 50% = Weekly assignments. Students must submit both word-processed reports and self-contained code. Make sure that the results in your report can be reproduced by anyone using your code. To complete each homework, it may take two or more days every week.
- 2) 40% = Project. It can be either an **independent research** project or a **replication study**. For the replication study, one should select a paper that provides a cutting-edge treatment of the topic that the student is interested in. Students should have a meeting with the instructor to discuss their projects and get approval before October 31. The completed project, including a draft and stand-alone code, should be submitted by December 15.
- 3) 10% = Presentation of the project. Students will present their projects on November 27.

**Prerequisites:** first-year graduate sequence in macroeconomics and econometrics or their equivalents.

## Intended Learning Goals

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 1) Have up-to-date and in-depth knowledge of applied macroeconomics.
- 2) Discuss the empirical and theoretical results of structural shocks and their propagation mechanisms.
- 3) Apply relevant tools to answer academic questions that students have as independent researchers.
- 4) Communicate the research ideas effectively to research scholars.

## Recommended textbooks

There is no required textbook. I list several books that I find useful for general reference.

### 1) Time-series / Bayesian Statistics

Hamilton, James. 1994. *Time Series Analysis*. Princeton University Press.

Enders, Walter. 2009. *Applied Econometric Time Series*. 3rd ed. Wiley.

Brockwell, Peter J., and Richard A. Davis. 1991. *Time Series: Theory and Methods*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Springer.

Brillinger, David R. 1981. *Time Series: Data Analysis and Theory*. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Gelman, Andrew et al. 2013. *Bayesian Data Analysis*. CRC Press.

Geweke, John. 2005. *Contemporary Bayesian Econometrics and Statistics*. John Wiley & Sons.

### 2) VAR

Kilian, Lutz, and Helmut Lütkepohl. 2017. *Structural Vector Autoregressive Analysis*. Cambridge University Press.

Lütkepohl, Helmut. 1993. *Introduction to Multiple Time Series Analysis*. Springer.

Favero, Carlo. 2001. *Applied Macroeconometrics*. Oxford University Press.

### 3) Applied Macro/DSGE

Canova, Fabio. 2007. *Methods for Applied Macroeconomic Research*. Princeton University Press.

De Jong, David, and Chetan Dave. 2011. *Structural Macroeconometrics*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Princeton University Press.

Herbst, Edward P., and Frank Schorfheide. 2015. *Bayesian Estimation of DSGE Models*. Princeton University Press.

### 4) Computation of Quantitative Macroeconomic Models

Heer, Burkhard and Alfred Maussner. 2005. *Dynamic General Equilibrium Modelling: Computational Methods and Applications*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Springer.

Mario Miranda and Paul Fackler. 2002. *Applied Computational Economics and Finance*. MIT Press.

Judd, Kenneth L. 1998. *Numerical Methods in Economics*. MIT Press.

## Tentative Topics

1. Statistics review (1 week);  
LLN, CLT, OLS, IV, GMM, MLE, Primer on numerical optimization
2. Time series (2 weeks);  
ARIMA, ARCH, Unit-root, Frequency-domain analysis, Filtering
3. VAR (2.5 weeks);  
Reduced form, Short-run identification, Long-run identification, Other methods for identification, Cointegration
4. Single equation methods (0.5 weeks);  
ADL models, Local projections
5. State-space models (1 week);  
Kalman filter, Dynamic factor models
6. DSGE (2 weeks);  
Review of linearization-based methods, Higher-order local approximation, Occasionally binding constraints, Estimation (Calibration, GMM, MLE, Bayesian methods)
7. Dynamic programming (2 weeks);  
Computation of value functions and/or policy functions
8. Heterogeneous agent models (if time permits);  
Bewley-Hugget-Aiyagari, Krusell and Smith, HANK

## Readings

If you are serious about macroeconomics, try to read all the papers (or at least papers with \*) on the list.

\* Summers, Larry. 1991. "The Scientific Illusion of Empirical Macroeconomics," *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 93(2): 129-148.

\* Ramey, Valerie A. 2016. "Macroeconomic shocks and their propagation." *Handbook of Macroeconomics*. Vol. 2. Elsevier, 71-162.

Cochrane, John H. 1994. "Shocks." *Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy*. Vol. 41. North-Holland,

1. Time series
  - a. Theory  
Hamilton, Chapters 3, 6, and 17.  
Canova, Chapter 3.  
De Jong and Dave, Chapter 3.  
Enders, Chapter 3.

b. Applications

Nelson, Charles and Charles Plosser. 1982. "Trends and Random Walks in Macroeconomic Time Series: Some Evidence and Implications." *JME* 10(2): 139–162.

\* Newey, Whitney K., and Kenneth D. West. 1987. "A Simple, Positive Semi-definite, Heteroskedasticity and Autocorrelation Consistent Covariance Matrix." *ECTA* 55(3): 703-708.

Perron, Pierre, 1989. "The Great Crash, the Oil Price Shock, and the Unit Root Hypothesis." *Econometrica* 57 (6): 1361-1401.

Andrews, Donald W. K., and J. Christopher Monahan. 1992. "An improved heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent covariance matrix estimator." *ECTA*: 953-966.

Driscoll, John C., and Aart C. Kraay. 1998. "Consistent covariance matrix estimation with spatially dependent panel data." *REStat* 80(4): 549-560.

Baxter, Marianne and Robert King. 1999. "Measuring Business Cycles: Approximate Bandpass Filters for Economic Time Series," *REStat* 81(4): 575–593.

Harvey, Andrew and A. Jaeger. 1993. "Detrending, Stylized Factors, and the Business Cycle." *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 8(3): 231–247.

\* Cogley, Timothy and James Nason. 1995. "Effects of the Hodrick-Prescott Filter on Trend and Difference Stationary Time Series: Implications for Business Cycle Research." *JEDC* 19(1-2): 253–278.

\* Stock, James and Mark Watson. 1999. "Business Cycle Fluctuations in U.S. Macroeconomic Time Series." *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, Chapter 1.

Coibion, Olivier and Yuriy Gorodnichenko. 2015. "Information Rigidity and the Expectations Formation Process: A Simple Framework and New Facts." *AER* 105(8), 2644–2678.

Hamilton, James D. 2018. "Why you should never use the Hodrick-Prescott filter." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 100(5): 831-843.

Lazarus, Eben et al. 2018. "HAR Inference: Recommendations for Practice." *JBES* 36(4): 541-559.

Coibion, Olivier, Yuriy Gorodnichenko, and Mauricio Ulate. 2018. "The Cyclical Sensitivity in Estimates of Potential Output." *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*: 343-442.

Adrian, Tobias, Nina Boyarchenko, and Domenico Giannone. 2019. "Vulnerable Growth." *AER* 109(4): 1263-1289.

2. VAR

a. Theory

Canova, Chapter 4.

Hamilton, Chapters 10, 11, 19, and 20.

Kilian and Lutkepohl, Chapters 2, 4, 8, and 10.

Favero, Chapter 6.

Lutkepohl, Chapters 2, 3 and 4.

Enders, Chapters 5 and 6.

b. Applications

- Christopher Sims, 1980. "Macroeconomics and reality." *Econometrica* 48(1): 1-48.
- \* Blanchard, Olivier and Danny Quah. 1988. "The Dynamic Effects of Aggregate Demand and Supply Disturbances." *AER* 79(4): 655-673.
- Christopher A. Sims. 1992. "Interpreting the Macroeconomic Time Series Facts: The Effects of Monetary Policy," *EER* 36(5): 975-1000.
- \* Bernanke, Ben and Ilian Mihov. 1998. "Measuring Monetary Policy." *QJE* 113(3): 869-902.
- Faust, Jon. 1998. "The robustness of identified VAR conclusions about money." *Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy*. Vol. 49. North-Holland.
- \* Christiano, Lawrence J., Martin Eichenbaum and Charles L. Evans. 1999. "Monetary policy shocks: What have we learned and to what end?" *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, 65-148.
- Gali, Jordi. 1999. "Technology, Employment, and the Business Cycle: Do Technology Shocks Explain Aggregate Fluctuations?" *AER* 89(1): 249-271.
- Kilian, Lutz. 1999. "Small sample confidence intervals for impulse response functions," *REStat* 80(2): 218-230.
- Auerbach, Alan J., and Yuriy Gorodnichenko. 2012. "Measuring the output responses to fiscal policy." *AEJ: Economic Policy* 4(2): 1-27.
- Blanchard, Olivier, and Roberto Perotti. 2002. "An empirical characterization of the dynamic effects of changes in government spending and taxes on output." *QJE* 117(4): 1329-1368.
- Faust, Jon and John H. Rogers. 2003. "Monetary policy's role in exchange rate behavior," *JME* 50(7): 1403-1424.
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- Rigobon, Roberto, and Brian Sack. 2003. "Measuring the reaction of monetary policy to the stock market." *QJE* 118(2): 639-669.
- \* Bernanke, Ben, Jean Boivin, and Piotr Elias, 2005. "Measuring the effects of monetary policy: A factor-augmented vector autoregressive (FAVAR) approach," *QJE* 120(1), 387-422.
- Beaudry, Paul and Franck Portier. 2006. "Stock Prices, News, and Economic Fluctuations," *AER* 96(4): 1293-1307.
- Christiano, Lawrence, Martin Eichenbaum and Robert Vigfusson. 2006. "Assessing Structural VARs." *NBER Macroeconomics Annual*, Vol. 21.
- Chari, Varadarajan V., Patrick J. Kehoe, and Ellen R. McGrattan. 2008. "Are structural VARs with long-run restrictions useful in developing business cycle theory?" *JME* 55(8): 1337-1352.
- Kilian, Lutz. 2009. "Not all oil price shocks are alike: Disentangling demand and supply shocks in the crude oil market." *AER* 99(3): 1053-69.
- Barsky, Robert B., and Eric R. Sims. 2011. "News shocks and business cycles." *JME* 58(3): 273-289.
- Gilchrist, Simon, and Egon Zakrajšek. 2012. "Credit spreads and business cycle fluctuations." *AER* 102(4): 1692-1720.
- Wright, Jonathan H. 2012. "What does monetary policy do to long-term interest rates at the zero lower bound?" *Economic Journal* 122(564): F447-F466.

- Jurado, Kyle, Sydney C. Ludvigson, and Serena Ng. 2015. "Measuring Uncertainty." *AER* 105(3): 1177-1216.
- Baumeister, Christiane, and James D. Hamilton. 2018. "Inference in structural vector autoregressions when the identifying assumptions are not fully believed: Re-evaluating the role of monetary policy in economic fluctuations." *JME* 100: 48-65.
- Miescu, Mirela S., and Haroon Mumtaz. 2020. "Financial shocks and economic activity. A high frequency approach." *Manuscript*.
- Wolf, Christian. 2020. "SVAR (Mis)Identification and the Real Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks." *AEJ:Macro* 12(4): 1-32.
- Aruoba, S. et al. 2021. "SVARs with Occasionally-Binding Constraints." *Working paper*.
- Mavroeidis, S. 2021. "Identification at the Zero Lower Bound." *Econometrica* 89(6): 2855-2885.
- Bergholt, D., F. Furlanetto, and N. Maffei-Facciolo. 2022. "The Decline of the Labor Share: New Empirical Evidence." *AEJ:Macro* 14(3): 163-198.
- Caldara, Dario and Matteo Iacoviello. 2022, "Measuring Geopolitical Risk." *AER* 112(4): 1194-1225.

### 3. Identified shocks and single equation methods

#### a. Theory

- Jordà, Òscar. 2005. "Estimation and inference of impulse responses by local projections." *AER* 95(1): 161-182.
- Stock, James H., and Mark W. Watson. 2018. "Identification and estimation of dynamic causal effects in macroeconomics using external instruments." *Economic Journal* 128: 917-948.
- Plagborg-Møller, Mikkel, and Christian K. Wolf. 2019. "Instrumental Variable Identification of Dynamic Variance Decompositions." *Manuscript*.

#### b. Applications

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- Basu, Susanto, John G. Fernald, and Miles S. Kimball. 2006. "Are technology improvements contractionary?" *AER* 96(5): 1418-1448.
- Cerra, Valerie, and Sweta Chaman Saxena. 2008. "Growth dynamics: the myth of economic recovery." *AER* 98(1): 439-57.
- Romer, Christina D., and David H. Romer. 2010. "The macroeconomic effects of tax changes: estimates based on a new measure of fiscal shocks." *AER* 100(3): 763-801.
- Mertens, Karel, and Morten O. Ravn. 2013. "The dynamic effects of personal and corporate income tax changes in the United States." *AER* 103(4): 1212-47.
- \* Nakamura, Emi, and Jon Steinsson. 2014. "Fiscal stimulus in a monetary union: Evidence from US regions." *AER* 104(3): 753-92.
- \* Gertler, Mark, and Peter Karadi. 2015. "Monetary policy surprises, credit costs, and economic activity." *AEJ: Macroeconomics* 7(1): 44-76.
- Arezki, Rabah, Valerie A. Ramey, and Liugang Sheng. 2017. "News shocks in open economies: Evidence from giant oil discoveries." *QJE* 132(1): 103-155.

- Miyamoto, Wataru, Thuy Lan Nguyen, and Dmitriy Sergeyev. 2018. "Government spending multipliers under the zero lower bound: Evidence from Japan." *AEJ: Macroeconomics* 10(3): 247-77.
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- Plagborg-Møller, Mikkel, and Christian K. Wolf. 2021. "Local projections and VARs estimate the same impulse responses." *Econometrica* 89(2): 955-980.
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- Baek, ChaeWon and Byoungchan Lee. 2022. "A Guide to Autoregressive Distributed Lag Models for Impulse Response Estimations." *OBES*: 0305-9049.
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- Natoli, Filippo. 2022. "The macroeconomic effects of temperature surprise shocks." *Manuscript*.
- Rüdiger Bachmann, Isabel Gödl-Hanisch, and Eric R. Sims. 2022. "Identifying monetary policy shocks using the central bank's information set." *JEDC* 145: 104555.
- Michael Bauer and Eric. T. Swanson. 2022. "A Reassessment of Monetary Policy Surprises and High-Frequency Identification." *Manuscript*.
- Michael Bauer and Eric. T. Swanson. 2023. "An Alternative Explanation for the "Fed Information Effect"." *AER* 113(3):664-700.

#### 4. State-space models

##### a. Theory

Hamilton, Chapter 13.

Canova, Chapters 6.1 and 11.1.

Stock, James H., and Mark W. Watson. 2016. "Dynamic factor models, factor-augmented vector autoregressions, and structural vector autoregressions in macroeconomics." *Handbook of Macroeconomics*. Vol. 2. Elsevier, 415-525.

##### b. Applications

\* Robert Townsend, 1983. "Forecasting the Forecasts of Others," *JPE* 91(4), 546-588.

Stock, James and Mark Watson. 1989. "New Indexes of Coincident and Leading Economic Indicators." *NBER Macroeconomics Annual*.

Forni, Mario, Marc Hallin, Marco Lippi, and Lucrezia Reichlin. 2000. "The Generalized Dynamic Factor Model: Identification and Estimation," *REStat* 82(4), 540-554.

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- \* Michael Woodford, 2002, "Imperfect Common Knowledge and the Effects of Monetary Policy," in P. Aghion, R. Frydman, J. Stiglitz, and M. Woodford, eds., *Knowledge, Information, and Expectations in Modern Macroeconomics: In Honour of Edmund S. Phelps*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
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- \* Kose, Ayhan, Christopher Otrok, and Charles Whiteman, 2003. "International Business Cycles: World, Region, and Country-Specific Factors," *AER* 93(4), 1216-1239.
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- Ductor, Lorenzo, and Danilo Leiva-Leon. 2016. "Dynamics of global business cycle interdependence." *Journal of International Economics* 102: 110-127.
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- \* Fernald, John et al. 2017. "The Disappointing Recovery of Output after 2009." *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*.
- Miranda-Agrippino and Rey. 2020. "US Monetary Policy and the Global Financial Cycle." *REStud* forthcoming.

## 5. DSGE

### a. Theory

Heer and Maussner, Chapter 2.

Canova, Chapter 2.

Favero, Chapter 8.

DeJong and Dave, Chapter 2.

\* Blanchard, Olivier Jean, and Charles M. Kahn. 1980. "The solution of linear difference models under rational expectations." *Econometrica*: 1305-1311.

Schmitt-Grohé, Stephanie, and Martin Uribe. 2004. "Solving dynamic general equilibrium models using a second-order approximation to the policy function." *JEDC* 28(4): 755-775.

Guerrieri, Luca, and Matteo Iacoviello. 2015. "OccBin: A toolkit for solving dynamic models with occasionally binding constraints easily." *JME* 70: 22-38.

Andreasen, Martin M., Jesús Fernández-Villaverde, and Juan F. Rubio-Ramírez. 2018. "The pruned state-space system for non-linear DSGE models: Theory and empirical applications." *ReStud* 85(1): 1-49.



b. Estimation and Inference

Canova, Chapters 5.4, 6.4, and 7.

Herbst and Schorfheide.

De Jong and Dave, Chapters 6, 7, and 8.

c. Applications

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Craig Burnside, Martin Eichenbaum and Sergio Rebelo, 1993. "Labor Hoarding and the Business Cycle," *JPE* 101, 245-273.

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6. Dynamic programming

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Heer and Maussner, Chapter 4.

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\* Carroll, Christopher D. 2006. "The method of endogenous gridpoints for solving dynamic stochastic optimization problems." *Economics Letters* 91(3): 312-320.

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