Behavioral and Experimental Economics Reading Group

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Venue: WZB Berlin Room D112/113
Credits: 3 ECTS

Course Description

In this reading group, we will discuss current research in behavioral and experimental economics with a focus on developing own research ideas. Participants are expected to lead the discussion of an article 2-3 times per semester (depending on the number of participants) and are encouraged to relate the discussed papers to their own research and to identify open questions that they might work on in their future research. By joining the reading group, students can commit to read and discuss interesting research each week and benefit from a cooperative environment where we help each other to understand details and to identify the gist of a paper.

Required Materials

- We will discuss recently published work and current working papers. Readings will be communicated in advance. Discussion leaders are encouraged to suggest their own readings.

Prerequisites

The course is primarily aimed at PhD students with an interest in Behavioral Economics.

Course Objectives

The course is meant to give participants an overview of current research in Behavioral and Experimental Economics. By relating to discussions in different sub-fields, participants will get a deeper understanding of the variety of research methods in Behavioral Economics. This should help participants to identify strengths and weaknesses of different approaches, and will further help them to develop ideas for their own research. By emphasizing methodological aspects, we
hope that participants will improve their own research design and will be introduced to new experimental research methods.

Schedule

We will discuss papers related to different topics. Below is a list of suggested papers that can be discussed during the course.


Zimmermann, F. (2019). The Dynamics of Motivated Beliefs.