

Research Methodology Seminar

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Course information

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Course description

The course aims at getting the second year Ph.D. students familiar with the basics and subtleties of how the academic economic science works and how academic economists do research, publish academic papers, make academic presentations and find their jobs. We will also review resources available on the Internet and aspects of academic integrity.

Course contents

1. Academic economic science: structure of academics, peer review system, academic diversity, tenure track system, career paths, attractions and hardships, trends and evolution
2. PhD in economics: program ranking, coursework, proposal, dissertation, defense, advice for DPW
3. Job market for economists: organization, statistics, interviews-flyouts-offers, factors of success
4. Internet resources for economists: portals, e-Libraries, publishers, economic blogs, conference collections, data collections
5. Publications and journals: academic publishing, peer reviewing, predatory journals, economics journal rankings, publication requirements, co-authorship, steps in publishing, publication lags
6. Research and writing: research quality, research ideas, research grants, structure of economic article, paper titles, citations-n-references, write English, empirical reports, figures-n-tables, numerical precision
7. Making an academic presentation: types of talks, attire, beamer vs. PowerPoint, time control, structure of presentation slides, color and animation, good slides vs bad slides
8. Academic integrity: plagiarism, proper referencing, academic ethics, dress code, letters to colleagues and advisors, arrogance and ambitions, academic visibility