

rberg - the regensburg economics reading group

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purpose

In regular meetings (every 2-3 weeks) we review and discuss articles from (recent) economic literature. The group meets on

Wednesdays from 16:00 to 18:00 in RWL 4.01.

The articles to be discussed are organized in different series of 4-6 articles covering one broad common topic. Everyone interested is welcome to join the group either as listener, discussant or presenter. If you would like to present one of the papers or have suggestions on further papers or future topics, please write an [email](#).

A mailing list with regular announcements is managed by Achim Schmillen. If you want to be added please write an [email](#).

series 10: optimization in economic theory

date	paper	author	presenter
27.05.2009	Dynamic Economics: Optimization by the Lagrange Method , Oxford University Press: The Stochastic Lagrangian I - Theory	Gregory C. Chow	Philipp vom Berge
10.06.2009	special session: the current German Methodenstreit [http://www-personal.umich.edu/~rudib/methodology.htm]	various	Oke Röhe
24.06.2009	Dynamic Economics: Optimization by the Lagrange Method , Oxford University Press: The Stochastic Lagrangian II - Application	Gregory C. Chow	Carmen Wieselhuber
08.07.2009	Dynamic Programming: Theory (working title)	tba	tba
22.07.2009	Dynamic Programming: Application (working title)	tba	tba
05.08.2009	Optimal Control: Theory (working title)	tba	tba
19.08.2009	Optimal Control: Application (working title)	tba	tba

series 9: business cycle models

date	paper	author	presenter
18.11.2008	Interaction between the Multiplier Analysis and Principles of Acceleration , REStat 1939 // A Contribution to the Theory of the Trade Cycle , 1950	Paul Samuelson // John Hicks	Achim Schr
09.12.2008	The Nature and Stability of Inventory Cycles , REStat 1941	Lloyd A. Metzler	Oke Röhe

03.02.2009	The Political Business Cycle , RES 1975	William Nordhaus	Dimitri Migr
03.03.2009	Indivisible Labor and the Business Cycle , JME 1985	Gary D. Hansen	Oke Röhe

series 8: environmental economics

date	paper	author	presenter
17.04.2008	The Economics of Exhaustible Resources , JPE 1913	Harold Hotelling	Philipp vom Berge
08.05.2008	The Economic Theory of a Common-Property Resource: The Fishery , JPE 1954	H. Scott Gordon	Dimitri Migr
03.07.2008 17.07.2008	Economics of Production from Natural Resources , AER 1968	Vernon L. Smith	Oke Röhe
14.08.2008	The Problem of Social Cost , JLE 1960	Ronald H. Coase	Matthias Hildebrand Jörg Raum

series 7: mechanism design

date	paper	author	presenter
21.11.2007	Microeconomic Theory , Oxford University Press: chapter 23 , "Incentives and Mechanism Design" I	Andreu Mas-Colell, Michael D. Whinston, Jerry Green	Johannes Reeder
12.12.2007	Microeconomic Theory , Oxford University Press: chapter 23 , "Incentives and Mechanism Design" II	Andreu Mas-Colell, Michael D. Whinston, Jerry Green	Alexandra

series 6: public choice

date	paper	author	presenter
09.10.2007	Will democracy engender equality? , ET 2004	John E. Roemer	Achim Schr
09.08.07	A Difficulty in the Concept of Social Welfare , JPE 1950 // Welfare Economics and Social Choice Theory , chap. 10, 1982	Kenneth J. Arrow // Allan Feldman	Jan Schum
17.07.07	An economic model of representative democracy , QJE 1997	Timothy Besley and Stephen Coate	Andrea Sch
26.06.07	Stability in competition , EJ 1929 (a simple version is in Tirole 2000, pp.279-282, critical comments on equilibrium in d'Aspremont / Gabszewicz / Thisse 1979, <i>Econometrica</i>)	Harold Hotelling	Andreas Graichen

series 5: new trade theory

date	paper	author	presenter
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05.06.07	Multinational firms an the new trade theory , JIE 1998	James R. Markusen and Anthony J. Venables	Wolfgang Kornprobst
09.05.07 14.05.07	The impact of trade on intra-industry reallocations and aggregate industry productivity , Econometrica 2003	Marc Melitz	Christian Ba
25.04.07	National and International Returns to Scale in the Modern Theory of International Trade , AER 1982	Wilfred J. Ethier	Andreas Hagemann
21.03.07	Scale economies, product differentiation, and the pattern of trade , AER 1980	Paul Krugman	Johannes Reeder

series 4: optimal taxation

date	paper	author	presenter
08.03.07	Union strategy and optimal direct taxation , JPE 2006	Sebastian Kessing and Kai Konrad	Jörg Lingen
01.02.07	Self-selection and Pareto efficient taxation , JPE 1982	Joseph Stiglitz	Jan Schumä
11.01.07	Optimal taxation and public production I: production efficiency , AER 1971	Peter Diamond and James Mirrlees	Andrea Sch
07.12.06	The optimal linear income-tax , RES 1972	Eytan Sheshinski	Markus Mor

series 3: financial markets and asset pricing

date	paper	author	presenter
16.11.06	Theory of rational option pricing , Bell Journal of Economics and Management Science 1973	Robert Merton	Helke Simm
26.10.06	Capital asset prices: A theory of market equilibrium under conditions of risk , Journal of Finance 1964	William Sharpe	Hannes Gru
09.08.06	Asset Pricing Theory: Applying the basic model	John Cochrane	Barbara Ric
20.07.06	Asset Pricing Theory: Consumption-Based Model and Overview	John Cochrane	Helke Simm

series 2: economic growth and inequality

date	paper	author	presenter
28.06.06	Schumpeterian Entrepreneurs Meet Engel's Law: The Impact of Inequality on Innovation-Driven Growth , JEG, 2000	J. Zweimüller	Jörg Lingen
31.05.06	Factor Shares and Savings in Endogenous Growth , AER, 1993	G. Bertola	Andrea Sch
03.05.06	Political Equilibrium, Income Distribution, and Growth , RES 1993	R. Perotti	Paul Gaggl
05.04.06	'A First Course in Optimization Theory' , Chapter 11 (and 12), Cambridge University Press, 1996	R. K. Sundaram	Andreas Hagemann

series 1: search/matching models

The last paper in this series is not meant to be presented but it provides a nice survey of search theory from the 1970s to 2004.

date	paper	author	presenter
15.02.06	An Empirical Equilibrium Job Search Model With Search on the Job and Heterogeneous Workers and Firms , IER, 1999	Bontemps C., Robin J-M., Van den Berg G.	Barbara Ric
11.01.06	Job Creation and Job Destruction in the Theory of Unemployment , RES, 1994	D. Mortensen, C. Pissarides	Helke Simm
23.11.05	Short-run Equilibrium Dynamics of Unemployment, Vacancies, and Real Wages , AER, 1985	C. Pissarides	Jörg Lingen
02.11.05	Economics of Information and Job Search , QJE, 1970	J. McCall	Paul Gaggl
	Search-Theoretic Models of the Labor Market-A Survey , NBER, 2004	R. Rogerson, R. Shimer, R. Wright	