



Getting a supervisor and defining your topic

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Scedule today

- 16:15-16:30: General info
- 16:30-17:00: Presentation of internal topics/project
- 17:00-17:30: External institutions
- 17:30-18:00: You may discuss with the (external) presenters



Timeline

- February 8th, 2012, this meeting
- March 1st, 2012: Deadline for suggestions
- Hopefully before Eastern, 2012: Supervisor appointed
- 15. October, 2012: A plan for the master thesis
- May 2013: Deadline for final thesis.



Suggestions

- Suggestions are not mandatory
 - But you have an opportunity to influence
- What can you suggest
 - Problem you want to write about
 - Subject area
 - Wide like: Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Micro
 - Narrow : Climate change, Pension system
 - Supervisor
 - You may make a deal with the supervisor
 - Or just suggest one and hope that works out



Research at the department

- Demography
- Econometrics
- Behavioral Economics
- Information and Strategies
- Economics
- Economic Policy
- Growth and Development
- Income Work and Welfare
- Industry Markets and Competition
- International Economics
- Money Credit and Finance
- Resources Energy and Environment



More details available (in Norwegian) Demography as example

Hvorfor føder dagens norsk kvinner færre barn enn det som var vanlig for noen tiår siden? Hvorfor er barnetallet enda lavere i de fleste andre rike land? Lever gifte mennesker lenger enn ugifte? Hva betyr folks utdanning og inntekt for deres levealder? Hemmer den store befolkningsveksten i mange fattige land den økonomiske utviklingen, og hva er konsekvensene for miljøet? Hvilke tiltak kan settes inn for å redusere barnetallet i disse delene av verden?



I can not promise to satisfy all wishes

- Too many may want the same supervisor
 - Go see your first choice and make a deal
- Too many may want the same topic
 - Again: make a deal early
 - Or suggest alternatives



Assigning supervisor

- The master committee will assign a supervisor.
- If you want an influence, your time window is prior to March 1st.



Go see your supervisor!

- Do not wait for the supervisor to contact you!
- You still have responsibilities for finding the exact topic for your thesis.
- Don't think too large – Why are some countries poor and some rich
 - Earn your Nobel price later
- You find appropriate topics in the details



Your topic

- Read newspaper
 - Aftenposten:
 - Nudges or stricter regulation to protect households from severe financial stress due to credit cards.
 - Bonuses on domestic flights.
 - Crisis in the Euro-zone in newspaper every day, but don't expect to solve the crisis in your master thesis..
- See existing thesis at: duo.uio.no



The time until October 15th

- If possible, meet with the supervisor before summer
- In collaboration with the supervisor you should work out a plan for the thesis
 - Details on the plan next page
- The plan has to be approved
 - If revisions are needed a new deadline will be given
 - Deadline not yet set, but likely late november.



The Project plan

- A detailed plan for the entire thesis
- The chapters of the thesis
- You should have verified that data are available, and in what form.
- The plan must specify methods
- What do we currently know, and what is your contribution.
- More information will be made available online



After the project plan is approved

- The main work on the master thesis is expected to be the spring 2013.
- The project plan should give you a clear direction for how to approach the problems
 - Research unpredictable, so plans changes