ECON 822-11: Topics in Monetary Economics

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Description

This is a second-year economics Ph.D. module. We will think about two fundamental issues in monetary economics: price level determination and the real effects of nominal disturbances.

Evaluation

Class participation and weekly problem sets (50%), and a final exam (50%).

Textbook


Topics

1. Money and inflation
   b. IP Chapter 2, Section 3, “Price-Level Determination with Monetary Frictions.”

2. Interest-rate rules
a. IP Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2, “Price-Level Determination in a Cashless Economy” and “Alternative Interest-Rate Rules.”
b. IP Chapter 2, Section 4, “Self-Fulfilling Inflations and Deflations.”

3. Fiscal theory of the price level

4. Sticky prices
   a. IP Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 2, “A Basic Sticky Price Model,” and “Inflation Dynamics with Staggered Price Setting.”

5. Information frictions

6. Zero lower bound

7. Neo-Fisherian theory