Microeconomics

Group Paper Presentation Guidelines

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Overview and deadlines:

In groups, you present one paper from the course reading list on Thursday 19 November. The presentation is worth 20% of your course grade.

- **Thursday 29 October, midnight:** register your group and send your three paper choices. One student should send the email and all other students in the group should be CC'ed.
- **After 29 October:** I assign the papers and notify you by email.
- **Thursday 19 November, 12:00:** email your slides. One student should send the email and all other students in the group should be CC'ed.
- **Thursday 19 November, 18:00–23:00:** presentations in class.

Groups and paper choice:

Groups must have 4 to 5 students. Send one email per group to cappelletti@iseg.ulisboa.pt by midnight on 29 October, with the course name in the subject line. One student should send the email and all other students in the group should be CC'ed.

The email must contain:

- the names of all group members;
- three papers in order of preference, so that groups do not overlap. They come from the reading list.
    - One of the papers may be a paper of your own choice (see below for criteria).

Based on your preferences, I will assign one paper to each group.

Notes on the papers:

The reading list is in the syllabus and on the course page.

You may include one paper of your own choice among your three choices. It must present a theoretical model or framework and test its predictions in an empirical setting. It must be published in one of the journals listed below. I decide whether it is approved.

Accepted journals: American Economic Review (AER), Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy (JPE), Quarterly Journal of Economics (QJE), Review of Economic Studies (ReStud), Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA), Review of Economics and Statistics (ReStat), American Economic Journal (Applied, Micro, Macro, Policy), Economic Journal, Journal of Finance (JF), Journal of Financial Economics (JFE), Review of Financial Studies (RFS), Journal of Public Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Economics.

Format and timing:

Each presentation lasts 15–20 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A. This replaces the length stated in the syllabus.

- Every group member must speak. Divide the speaking time as evenly as possible.
- Present 8–9 slides in total.
- Keep to the time limit. Time management counts toward your grade.
- I encourage you to use LaTeX through Overleaf to prepare the slides.

Required content:

Your slides should cover the following, in this order:

1. Introduction: the research question and its motivation (1 slide).
2. Theoretical model of the paper and why it is needed (1–2 slides).
3. Data sources (1 slide).
4. Estimated model and empirical strategy (1 slide).
5. Results (1 slide).
6. Conclusion (1 slide).
7. Critical discussion of the paper (1 slide).
8. Reflection on how this course helped you understand the paper (1 slide).
9. Disclosure on AI use (1 slide, this will not be presented).

Submission and attendance:

Email your slides to cappelletti@iseg.ulisboa.pt by 12:00 on 19 November, with the course name in the subject line. Always send a PDF version as well, to avoid format problems. One student should send the email and all other students in the group should be CC'ed.

You are expected to attend all presentations on 19 November, not only your own. Attendance counts toward your grade.