Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics: Behavioral Economics

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Class time: July 28 – August 1, 2025

Sunday, July 27, 2025

19:00 Welcome Meeting/Dinner

Monday, July 28, 2025

9:00-10:30 First lecture: Preferences

10:30-11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00-12:30 Second lecture: Measurement

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Problem set

15:30-16:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:00-17:30 Discussion of problem set and review

19:00 *Dinner*

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

9:00-10:30 First lecture: Beliefs

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea break

11:00-12:30 Second lecture: Social Beliefs

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 Referee report for paper

15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea break

16:00-17:30 Discussion of the referee report

19:00 *Dinner*

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

9:00-10:30 First lecture: Games

10:30-11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00-12:30 Second lecture: Behavioral Game Theory

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 Problem set

15:30-16:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:00-17:30 Discussion of problem set and review

19:00 *Dinner*

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Thursday, July 31, 2025

9:00-10:30 First lecture: Markets and Auctions

10:30-11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00-12:30 Second lecture: Political Economy

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 research proposal

15:30-16:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:00-17:30 Discussion of the research proposal

19:00 *Dinner*

Friday, August 1, 2025

9:00-10:30 First lecture: Process data and neuroeconomics

10:30-11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00-12:30 Second lecture: AI Behavioral Science

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Final discussion

Assessment There will be an open-book exam (90 minutes) on August 14 at your home universities.

Mock referee report: Instructors will provide a list of papers with a theme, and each student will be able to choose a paper to review. The mock referee report should follow good practice in terms of reviewing, e.g., providing constructive and respectful feedback.

Research proposal: Each student will submit a short proposal for a novel research project. The proposal should have a clear research question(s), a strong motivation for the importance of the question, a model and/or testable hypotheses, and a detailed experimental design that will test these hypotheses.

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