



**Subject:** Econometrics

## SYLLABUS

### **Topic 1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. Data structures in econometrics
- 1.2. Random variable, vector of random variables
- 1.3. Conditional expectations: properties, partial effect, elasticities
- 1.4. Linear projections
- 1.5. Asymptotic theory: convergence in probability/ in distribution
- 1.6. Law of large numbers, central limit theorem
- 1.7. Asymptotic properties of estimators
- 1.8. Introduction to econometric software: Stata, R, Eviews.

### **Topic 2. The single equation linear model**

- 2.1. Ordinary least squares estimation (OLS): assumptions
- 2.2. Asymptotic properties and inference using OLS
- 2.2. Instrumental variables estimation: motivation, solutions
- 2.3. Two-stage least squares estimator
- 2.4. Solutions to omitted variables problem.

### **Topic 3. Specification tests in single equation linear model**

- 3.1. Testing linear restrictions on coefficients, Wald statistic, LM tests
- 3.2. Testing functional form
- 3.3. Hausman test for endogeneity
- 3.4. Tests for heteroskedasticity.

### **Topic 4. Nonlinear econometric models**

- 4.1. M-estimation methods, assumptions, properties
- 4.2. Hypothesis Testing: Wald tests, LR test, Score/LM tests
- 4.3. Maximum likelihood estimation
- 4.4. Discrete/ Counts response models
- 4.5. Generalized linear models
- 4.6. Duration models.

### **Topic 5. Panel data econometrics-introduction**

- 5.1. Assumptions for pooled OLS
- 5.2. Linear unobserved effects models
- 5.3. Random/ Fixed effects methods.

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