Dear participants in the student seminar:

The financial crisis and its macroeconomic repercussions

The first meeting in the seminar series will be Thursday 2th of February 9.15-11.00 a.m. in

Seminar room 26.2.20 at Department of Economics, Building 26.

PLAN At this meeting we will fix the assignment of topics and roles as discussants. The deadline for uploading the finished papers will be the same for all, namely March 26th (that is Week 13). In the process of setting up a good question for your paper and the process of writing you may consult me.

In Week 14 the first paper will be presented and discussed in a two-hours session; in the following weeks the next two papers in the plan will be presented and discussed in two two-hours sessions per week. Time and weekdays for the sessions to be arranged at our first meeting, 2th of February.

Remember that you should be present at all sessions, including the first meeting. If you for some reason are unable to participate in a meeting, I should be informed in advance (the sooner the better). A good reason should be given. The maximum number of cancellations allowed is two.

That's the rules.

The **AGENDA** for our first meeting, 2th of February, is:

- 1. I will give a theoretical overview of the theme of the seminar series.
- 2. Final assignment of topics.
- 3. Assignment of the roles as discussants.
- 4. Plan for the dates and time of the seminar sessions.

In the meantime up to this meeting, please think about what topic you would prefer to write about. It is a good idea to make a co-authored paper together with a fellow student. Such cooperation is usually very productive and fruitful. And you could also share the role as a discussant with for instance the same fellow student.

I will in a couple of days send you a more precise **list with literature references**. This will just be suggestions. You are of course free to choose the literature you find useful.

It will be beneficial if you email me your preferred topic, with some literature references, as soon as possible. Then I will try to make a *preliminary list of assignments* before the first meeting. Although in principle "first come first served" will rule, overlap is not likely to be a problem in practice, since each topic can usually be subdivided many times.

Looking forward to see you,

best regards,

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