



BERLIN MACROECONOMICS NETWORK

Purpose:

- *Intention:*
 - platform for researchers in macro in the Berlin metropolitan area
 - source of information about macro research in Berlin

- *Goals:*
 - foster joint research projects across institutions
 - exchange of knowledge
 - increases visibility of Berlin-based macro research

Three pillar strategy:

- 1 annual macroeconomics workshop
- 2 in-house teaching
- 3 network activities

1. annual macroeconomics workshop

- *Framework:*
 - 4-day lecture held by internationally renowned academics
 - 1-day workshop

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 - BMN members present current research projects

2. in-house teaching

- one- or two-day lectures on well specified topics
 - one course per semester (at most two)
 - from network members for network members (and students)

- topics are chosen according to the following criteria:
 - (1) topics are not sufficiently covered by the courses of the BDPEMS
 - (2) topics are of high interest and importance to young researchers

- exemplary topics:
 - economics and mathematics software
 - labor market-, product market-, financial frictions, etc.
 - applied macroeconomics with DSGE models
 - numerical solution methods for DSGE models

3. network activities

- *website with internet message board*
 - connect all active members of the BMN on one platform
 - post question for problems with current research
 - share information about conferences, seminars, summer schools
- *regular seminar series*
 - once a month in the premises of Humboldt University
 - opportunity to present and discuss own research
- reading group,
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 - present recent papers which are considered particularly important
 - 60 minutes presentations plus 30 minutes discussion
 - should **not** be internal research.

achievements so far...

- *1st Annual Macroeconomics Workshop*
 - from March 17-21, 2014
 - entitled: "Solving and estimating DSGE models"
 - held by Fabio Canova
 - two morning sessions + practice tutorial in the afternoon
 - jointly organized by BMN, CRC 649, BDPEMS
 - financed by CRC 649, BDPEMS, WWG
 - hosted by the European School of Management and Technology
 - approx. 30 participants from Berlin based institutions
 - solution and (classical & Bayesian) estimation of RBC and NKM
 - 6 presentations of Berlin based PhD students and Postdocs

events in preparation...

- *Berlin Macroeconomics Fall Workshop*
 - 1-day workshop
 - follow-up to the annual macroeconomics workshop
 - premises of Humboldt University
 - planned for late October 2014

- *in-house-teaching*
 - 1-day workshop
 - "Perturbation in DSGE"
 - held by Alexander Meyer-Gohde
 - premises of Humboldt University
 - planned for first half of winter term 2014/15

- *reading group*
 - starts in winter term 2014
 - theme: to be discussed in Motzen