

Dear all:

As in several past years, we will again have our public reading group. This Fall, it will be run by Winnie Van Dijk and me (Stefanie Stantcheva).

Who can join?

The group is open to all students interested in public Econ research (very broadly defined, we mix in political Econ, labor, macro,...), either in theory or empirics.

Goal?

The goal is for us to form a good peer group, where we can discuss our research ideas, get feedback on our projects, and solicit input for technical/data/modeling or other problems we may be facing from others in a relaxed, informal setting without any pressure. We can also talk about every day "research life" issues and share wisdom and tips. I think this will be a great setting for us to share ideas, know-how, and friendly discussions.

When?

We will meet weekly on **Tuesdays 5-6 pm ET on ZOOM** and have the hour divided in 20 or 10 mins slots. You will be able to sign up for these slots (or several of them over the course of the semester)

How does it work?

20 mins slots are for those who want to have some time to discuss a preliminary idea or set of ideas. No pressure to use slides, do it only if you find them useful.

10 mins slots are for those who have a short question. Possible questions (but don't limit yourself to those): i) an idea that is brief; ii) your current project; iii) a branch of the literature you have doubts about and want to discuss; iv) about some model or groups of models; v) some technical problem (where can I get this data? Has anyone else applied?); vi) "research life" (totally random examples: What do I do when I cannot find an idea? What do I do when I don't feel like working?)

.. and whatever else is on your mind!

In any case, all of us can respond and jump into the discussion, that's the point. On our side, in addition to answering questions and give feedback and input, we will moderate our sessions to make sure it's streamlined.

What you need to do now:

If you are interested in attending, you should put your name [HERE](#) by **September 5th**

You should also enroll formally in canvas, the course is ec2907.

We will send up sign up sheets as soon as we have the final count of attendees.

Looking forward to having many of you in the reading group and to a great semester of discussions!

Take care,

Stefanie and Winnie