**Econ 494, Seminar in Applied International Economics**

**Seminar Topic: Finance**

**Assignment 5: Complete Draft / slides / presentation**

**Due: 2 pm the day of your assigned presentation**

**20 points total (15 draft / 5 presentation)**

**Please note with respect to due date: I allow you to submit all materials by 2pm the day of your presentation. Updates after 2pm will not be accepted as I expect you to focus on your classmates’ presentations. I have tried to put students who are further along in their projects earlier in the presentation schedule.**

*Paper Draft*

You are to produce a “complete” draft of your course paper. You will still have an opportunity for a major revision and feedback from this assignment, with the final paper due on the last day of the final exam period (April 28), but in this complete draft submission I expect something that is starting to look like a finished product, even if rough or draft or incomplete in places. Previous instructions regarding paper format and length should be followed, with the following additional comments / reminders:

* Please make sure to have a title page and title for your project, including an abstract of no more than 100 words.
* All section headings should be consecutively numbered, formatted so that the section headings are clear (e.g., different font)
* Number Tables and Figures consecutively, e.g., Table 1, Table 2…. Every table or figure must have a title and complete description in a caption. Tables and Figures may have subpanels, but should fit in a single page. See journal articles for examples. You should have 3-8 exhibits. You may place all figures or tables at the end or the paper, or inline, whatever you think looks best.
* Paper length: I would expect in the range of 15-25 pages including figures and tables, or 12-20 pages of text without exhibits (excluding references in both cases). This length is not ironclad, but I expect this is the length most of you will need in order to fully develop your thesis. It is ok to go longer but please make sure if you do that your writing is efficient.
* You must provide a complete reference list, formatted in journal style.
* This submission is still a draft, and you will have the opportunity to further develop your arguments before submitting the final thesis. The emphasis at this point should not be on length, but on clearly developing the structure of your arguments. It is ok if there are still parts of your draft that are incomplete or unpolished (particularly for example robustness, extensions, conclusions, and to some degree interpretation), but at this point I would like to see your primary methodology and results coming into shape, and your aim should be to produce as complete a draft as possible.

*Presentation*

Presentations are allocated 15 minutes each including questions and turnover, so aim for 8 minutes with your presentation, leaving 5 minutes for questions.  The primary objective is for you to communicate your project and main results, and to get helpful feedback that will allow you to improve your thesis.  Help your classmates by giving comments! The presentations should be fun and informative.

The presentations will be live in class, and attendance is expected from everyone for all presentations during regular class hours unless you have an academic concession.  The schedule will be posted on the front page of Canvas.

Please bring a laptop with your presentation loaded to class to facilitate presentations.  If you are not able to, please let me know in advance.

I suggest a maximum of eight slides, organized as follows:

**Motivation and Literature:** what is the question you want to answer, why is it important, and what prior literature has tried to answer similar questions (1-2 slides)

**Data and Methods:** What data and empirical methods will you use. How do you know the data and methods are appropriate (used in prior literature, etc.) (1-2 slides)

**Main Results:** What did you find? Present your main results only. Think about what your most important table / figure is, and maybe your second most important (1-2 slides)

**Other results and open questions:** What other things would you like the audience to know about your paper, and what remaining questions do you have for feedback (1 slide)

**Conclusion:** What do you conclude?