EC 210

Mini Project 3

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INSTRUCTIONS: You made it to the end! Congratulations!

Now it is time to apply, in a creative way, all you have learned throughout our *macro* journey. Hopefully, your experience the last two Mini Project assignments will help you to be even more successful in this last piece.

For your final assignment, you will `choose` a macroeconomic event/statistic/story—it's your choice, as long as it concerns *macroeconomic* issues—, and you will tell what `story` (or stories) lie(s) behind the variable, the time period, and the country/group of countries/city/state/region you have chosen.

In other words, given the problem you have chosen, what is there to tell everyone? Try your best to combine it with what we've explored over the semester, in terms of macroeconomic concepts.

FORMAT: For this *Mini Project*, you may work `individually`, with a `partner`, or in `groups of 3`. The `format` choice, once again, is up to you. Similar guidelines from *Mini Project 2* apply:

- `Video`: max. 10 minutes;
- `Podcast`: max. 15 minutes;
- `Essay`: 5—10 pages, double-spaced.

One **mandatory** thing for your projects, regardless of format, is to show some *data* to support your project. Wrap your story around *empirical evidence*!

If you come up with a different way of presenting your work from the ones suggested here, feel free to talk about it in class.

On `Canvas`, under `Files`, you will find a folder called `MP3 Inspo`, where you can find submissions from previous semesters to get some inspiration.

- After all submissions are uploaded, I will make the projects available on `Canvas`, and **each student** must submit a feedback on **2** projects. This means that, even if you work in groups, `feedback must be submitted individually`. This way, you will help me with the grading process. Feedback submissions are due **December 10th (Tuesday), before class**. Failure to submit feedback and/or late submissions will imply point deductions.

→ **Project submissions due December 5th (Thursday), before class**.
→ **Feedback submissions due December 10th (Tuesday), before class**.
→ **Points Possible: 50**

- Some **suggested** databases to look for macroeconomic data:

  - `US FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Database)`;

  - `World Bank Data`;

  - `Our World in Data`;

  - `OECD (organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Database`.

`QUICK RUBRIC`:

- Clear presentation of the macroeconomic issue at hand (be that written, spoken, or visual): `10` points
- Presenting data (in any form) to support your project: `10` points
- Presenting a clear motivation on *why* that particular data/country/region was chosen, as well as providing potential explanations on why that event has happened (i.e., what is the story behind the event?): `20` points
- Creativity points: presentation, motivation, and effort to provide a good presentation: `10` points