ECON-UN3412: Econometrics

Recitation 1: Introduction and Logistics

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About me

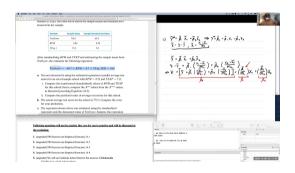
- From Southeast Asia (Manila, Jakarta, Ho Chi Minh City)
- Undergrad: NYU Stern (New York, London, Shanghai)
- Work: Stanford (Earth Systems Science Department)
- ► Grad School:
 - Oxford (MPhil, economics)
 - Columbia (PhD, economics)
 - Teaching: Intro to Econometrics (x4), Intermediate Micro (x2), The Global Economy
 - Research: climate change, inequality, development, political economy

Recitations: on Zoom, usually Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30pm

- Structure
 - Introduce new R commands
 - Practice problems in next problem set
 - Go over exam questions
 - If time remains, some bonus office hours
- Attendance
 - Cameras on as much as possible
 - Interrupt with questions at any time
- Courseworks folder: Files/Recitations
 - Textbook pdf
 - Problem Set R Notebook Template
 - Recitation materials (e.g., Notebooks and iPad work)
 - Recitation recordings
 - iPad work from office hours

Office Hours: on Zoom, the day before pset due dates

- Help with coding, psets, or general course material
- Advice: course selection, economics, grad school, research, etc.
- Feedback: pace of course, homework difficulty, recitation structure, general venting
- First hour: individual appointments booked through Calendly
- Second hour: regular walk-in appointments
- Weekly schedule in previous email



Other resources

- Ed Discussion
 - Email me for individual-specific matters. Otherwise, Ed Discussion.
 - ▶ Will keep tabs but also please feel free to help your classmates as well
 - All questions on course material, problem sets, exams, etc.
- Gradescope
 - Problem sets submitted as pdfs (e.g., R Notebooks for empirical questions)
 - ▶ Please tag your problem sets correctly (match all relevant pages to each question)
 - Regrade requests open after psets are graded
- Coding help
 - ► I'll share external links as we go along
 - Google and StackOverflow
 - ChatGPT
 - Self-organization (e.g., study groups, student WhatsApp)

Plan for today

- 1. Introduction to R, RStudio and R Notebooks
 - File management
 - Commands needed for pset 1
 - ► How to create problem set submissions
- 2. Practice problems for pset 1
- 3. Remaining time: questions?