

Behavioral Economics, Q? 2017/18

Description

Behavioral economists try to improve on existing economic models by incorporating insights from psychology into economics. The main focus is departures from, and alternatives to, the traditional assumptions that human beings are rational and self-interested. This course provides a broad introduction to some of the main themes within behavioral economics, for example topics such as social preferences, identity and in-group bias, time-inconsistent preferences, limited attention, heuristics and biases under choice of uncertainty, reference-dependent preferences and behavioral game theory. The course will cover both empirical evidence as well as theoretical models, and a prerequisite for taking the course is that you have attended first-year PhD courses in Microeconomics.

Examination

Course examination will be based on problem sets, a written exam and/or a term paper.

Teaching

The course consists lectures taught at Stockholm University by Ingvild Almås, Jonathan de Quidt and Robert Östling. Contact person is Robert Östling (robert.ostling@iies.su.se).

Readings

The reading list for the course will mainly consist of articles and will be announced at the beginning of the course.

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