

Syllabus

Mini Course on Experimental Economics Methods

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1 Course Description

The intention of this mini-lecture is to familiarize the participant with the basics of experimental economics. The lecture is not intended to be a complete course in experimental economics. The participant should expect to take away (at most) some basic knowledge of why and how researchers conduct experiments.

2 Course Requirements and Prerequisites

The course will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at University of Hohenheim (490A). The only requirement for the course is attendance. A basic familiarity with theories of games, economic behavior and uncertainty are useful.

3 Course Reading

Reading for the course was provided previously (see the lecture note "On Experimental Economics Methods" by Viceisza, 2008). In addition, it would be useful if the participant reads the following papers:

- Duflo, E. (2006). Field Experiments in Development Economics. In R. Blundell, W. Newey, and T. Persson (Eds.), *Advancements in Economic Theory and Econometrics*, Volume 2. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Harrison, G. W. and J. A. List (2004). Field Experiments. *Journal of Economic Literature* 42 (4), 1009-1055.
- Levitt, S. D. and J. A. List (2008). Field Experiments in Economics: The Past, The Present, and The Future. *NBER Working Paper* 14356.

4 Schedule

In principle, we will follow this schedule:

- 09:00-09:45 Brief Introduction to Experiments
- 09:45-10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:00-12:00 An Experiment on Signaling
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30-14:45 Discussion of Experiment
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-17:00 Discussion of Common Types of Experiments