

Research seminar I: Professor seminar

M2 Economic Analysis

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Number of credits: 1

Objective: The goal of the “Professor seminar” is to develop critical thinking skills through both seminar participation and writing of referee reports.

- Starting from April, **you have to attend** the Economic Analysis, Econometrics and Finance Seminars which take place at THEMA (usually) on Thursday at 2:00pm and the ThEMA (lunch) seminar that takes place on Tuesday at 12:30.

<https://thema.u-cergy.fr/evenements/seminaire-aeef-analyse-economique-econometrie-et-finance/>

<https://thema.u-cergy.fr/evenements/seminaire-theorie/?lang=en>

- **You will have to read** Berk J.B., Campbell R. H., Hirshleifer D., “How to Write an Effective Referee Report and Improve the Scientific Review Process”, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 31(1), 231–244. [link](#)
- **You will have to write a referee report (and a cover letter)** on one of the papers presented in this seminar. By the end of the term, you will have learned how to read a research paper, how to replace it in the literature, how to identify its strengths and weaknesses and how to write an effective referee report. **Deadline to send you referee report: June 15th at 11:59pm** (laurence.jacquet@cyu.fr).

You can choose a paper that is presented during the Economic Analysis, Econometrics and Finance Seminars or the ThEMA Tuesday seminar or from one of the seminars in the list below:

1) Webinar in gender and family economics:

https://stefaniamarcassa.webstarts.com/webinar_in_gender_and_family_economics.html

2) Paris Taxation Workshop:

<https://sites.google.com/view/gteconomiefiscalite/accueil>

3) Transport and Urban Economics:

<https://thema.u-cergy.fr/evenements/transport-and-urban-seminar-affinite/>

If you plan to review a paper that was not presented in the Economic Analysis, Econometrics and Finance Seminars, you need first to check with me if the paper fits the requirements for the exercise. Among other criteria, the paper cannot be already published in an academic journal but needs to be polished enough (e.g. to appear in a Working Paper series) so that one can imagine it has been submitted to a journal. You need to send the research paper to me and to get my approval before starting reviewing it!

Compulsory reference: Berk J.B., Campbell R. H., Hirshleifer D., How to Write an Effective Referee Report and Improve the Scientific Review Process, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 31(1), 231–244. [link](#)