

PhD Workshops:
Topic in Economic Theory
and
Experimental Economics

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Topics in Economic Theory

Part 1: Duarte Gonçalves

Term 1: 29 September – 8 December 2025. Monday 9:00-11:00

Stopping, Searching, and Learning

Part 2: Ran Spiegler

Term 2: 14 January – 11 February 2026. Wednesday 9:00-11:00

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IO: Browsing (and implications for pricing). Regulation with naive consumers.

Macro: Job search.

Finance: Herd behaviour.

Econometrics: Discretionarily stopping data collection & implications on inference.

More: dynamics of strategic interaction (firms pricing, fund managers investing, ...)

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For whom? Anyone interested in

- doing theory (micro, macro, metrics) or experimental;
- importing insights from theory to empirical or experimental work.

Term 1 only: Weekly (randomly assigned) paper presentations. Term project.

Go to one or both terms.

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Term 1: Tuesday 13:30-15:15 (TBC)

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Both term 1 and 2: project presentations.

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