Syllabus

PART I – An Introduction to the History of Macroeconomic Facts, Ideas and Models

- The IS-LM model
- The rational expectations revolution
- The supply side economics and RBC models
- The pre-crisis consensus: The New-Keynesian Model

PART II – The New Keynesian Paradigm: Basic Models

- Classic monetary models
- The basic New Keynesian model
- Monetary Policy Design in the New Keynesian Model
- Fiscal Policy in New Keynesian Model

PART III – Topics: the legacy of the crisis

- The Zero/Effective Lower Bound and QE
- Financial Frictions and debt levels
- The Phillips curve: still holds?
- Unemployment and the output gap: disconnect?
- The macro effects of fiscal policy

Main references

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