

Research Seminar: Behavioral Finance (Winter Term 22/23; Master Economics; English)

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The seminar aims to study current directions in behavioral finance. Participants will present and discuss either own research (doctoral students) or recently published articles in leading academic journals (advanced master students).

Seminar procedures

The seminar will be held as a weekly in-person in-class seminar (Thursdays 12.00-13.30, Room 01.030, Bergheimer Strasse 58), and attendance is required during all meetings. Master students select an article that they want to present during the seminar. Articles can be selected from the following journals and should be published after 2019, including forthcoming articles: Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, or Review of Economic Studies. The article should relate to issues in behavioral finance, broadly defined. The article selection needs to be confirmed with the lecturer (see Application Procedures).

Each seminar participant will (i) present his or her article during the seminar, and (ii) write a critical review report discussing one of the other articles or research papers presented during the seminar. Both contributions count equally towards the final grade (50% presentation plus participation during seminar, and 50% review paper). The review paper is due on February 17, 2023.

Application procedures

The seminar is open to students in the Master of Economics program who have successfully completed all compulsory courses of their track. Prospective participants apply for the seminar by sending an email to Stefan Trautmann (trautmann@uni-hd.de) before Thursday October 13th, 2022, 11.00am. They should indicate their student number and study year, confirm that their compulsory courses are completed, and submit three suggestions for articles that they would be interested to present during the seminar (submit as pdfs). They will receive feedback on which article was selected by the lecturer until Monday October 17th, 2022. They will also receive detailed information on the seminar program then. The number of participants is restricted. If there are more applications than we can accommodate, a selection will be made on the basis of the seniority of the applicants.