**Major Issues and Case Studies in International Finance**

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**Class hours: Tuesday 13:00-16:00**

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**Course Description:**

This course aims to study current issues highlighted in the world economy and deepen students’ understanding of them through case studies of major international financial events. While studying current issues and practical cases, this course also aims to guide students in their undertaking academic research and writing a thesis.

Since this course is designed to address various advanced issues in international finance, it is recommended for 3rd semester or higher students who are embarking on thesis writing and have some background with preliminary classes of international economics.

**Course Format:**

This course will combine students’ presentations with a few regular and special lectures. Students are expected to make several presentations: two individual presentations their research topics and one group presentation on current issues. Individual presentations are similar to thesis proposal or oral defence. Group presentations are debates on current issues between two groups. Students are required to submit the PPT files after each presentation.

Each week students are required to submit two-page weekly report before class, which includes a brief of reading materials related to their research and students’ own comments on the materials.

By the end of the semester, students are also required to submit a term paper, which is very close to a thesis proposal or a draft of the thesis.

**Course Materials:**

There will be no designated textbook but some reading materials in this class. Students are advised to refer to articles related to their research topics. Course reading materials will be posted on the website before class begins.

**Evaluation:**

* Class attendance and participation: (extra)
* Weekly reports: 30%
* Presentations and term-papers: 70%

**Course Schedule:**

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Lecture on current issues (topic TBA)

Week 3: Lecture on current issues (topic TBA)

Week 4: Lecture on current issues (topic TBA)

Week 5: Individual presentation of proposals

Week 6: Individual presentation of proposals

Week 7: Individual presentation of proposals

Week 8: Individual presentation of proposals

Week 9: Special lecture

Week 10: Individual presentation of research

Week 11: Individual presentation of research

Week 12: Individual presentation of research

Week 13: Individual presentation of research

Week 14: Group discussion on current issues

Week 15: Group discussion on current issues