

# BAYESIAN METHODS FOR EMPIRICAL MACROECONOMICS

Period	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>9am to 12:15pm</b>  <b>(15 minute break)</b>	<b>Overview of Bayesian Econometrics</b>  Prior specification, posterior inference and predictive analysis  Model criticism and model comparison  Bayesian model averaging	<b>Bayesian Computation</b>  Monte Carlo integration and simulation  Markov chain Monte Carlo schemes	<b>Dynamic Models</b>  Kalman filter and Kalman smoother  Posterior inference via forward-filtering backward-sampling algorithm	<b>Bayesian VARs</b>  Prior specification  Posterior inference in BVARs  Posterior inference in BVARs with time-varying parameters	<b>Extensions</b>  Large BVARs  Parsimony and sparsity  Connections to factor analysis
<b>12:15pm to 2pm</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>2pm to 5:15pm</b>  <b>(15 minute break)</b>	<b>Computer activities</b>  Motivating example: Standard linear regression model	<b>Computer activities</b>  Motivating example: Linear regression with Student-t errors	<b>Computer activities</b>  Motivating example: Normal dynamic linear model (NDLM)	2pm to 4pm Meeting with DEPEP's researchers  4:30pm to 5:30pm Seminar on <i>Bayesian Instrumental Variables: likelihoods and Priors</i>	