Director: Alberto Martin	CREI - Macroeconomics (ME)
General Summer School Description	The Barcelona CREI Macroeconomics Summer School offers an overview of the current state of research in key areas of macroeconomics.
	The courses are taught by leading experts in their fields. They cover recent developments in different areas of macroeconomics, including international macroeconomics, asset and credit bubbles, sovereign debt crises, numerical methods, firms and finance, and econometrics for policy evaluation.
	A key benefit of attending this summer school is that courses provide both technical tools and "big picture" ideas on macroeconomics and finance, so that they can be useful for advanced students and practitioners alike. Moreover, faculty are accessible to summer school participants for lively discussions on research and – more generally – on course contents.
	This Summer School is jointly organized by the Barcelona School of Economics and the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI), a research institute sponsored by the Generalitat de Catalunya and Universitat Pompeu Fabra, in fulfilment of its aim to promote the dissemination of research in macroeconomics and related areas.
Participant Profile	The courses are aimed at advanced undergraduate and graduate students, as well as more senior researchers and practitioners willing to brush up their knowledge and expose themselves to the latest advances in macroeconomics knowledge.
Prerequisites or other specific criteria for this program	Familiarity with basic modeling and econometric tools is recommended to take full advantage of course materials.

## **CREI Summer School Offer 2023**

## Course list for 2023

Code	Course	Professor	Time	Start	End
23ME07	Sovereign Debt Crises: Theory, Evidence and Policy	Fernando Broner	9.00-11.00	26-Jun	30-Jun
	The Macroeconomics of Credit and Asset Bubble	Alberto Martin	11.30-13.30	26-Jun	30-Jun
23ME02	Numerical Methods for Fiscal and Monetary Policy Analysis	Davide Debortoli	14.30-16.30	26-Jun	30-Jun
23ME02P	Numerical Methods: Computer Lab Practicals	Davide Debortoli	17.00-18.00	26-Jun	30-Jun
23ME09	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	Luca Fornaro	9.00-11.00	3-Jul	7-Jul
23ME05	Firms in Macro-Finance: Tools and Applications	Andrea Caggesse	11.30-13.30	3-Jul	7-Jul
23ME05P	Firms in Macro-Finance: Tools and Applications: Lab Practicals	Andrea Caggesse	16.45-17.45	3-Jul	7-Jul
23ME12	Policy-Metrics: Econometrics for Macroeconomic Policy Making	Geert Mesters	14.30-16.30	3-Jul	7-Jul
23ME12P	Policy-Metrics: Econometrics for Macroeconomic Policy Making	Geert Mesters	18.00-19.00	3-Jul	7-Jul

Week of June 26 - 30, 2023 (Face-to-face)

- Sovereign Debt Crises: Theory, Evidence and Policy Instructor: Fernando Broner
- The Macroeconomics of Credit and Asset Bubble Instructor: Alberto Martin
- Numerical Methods for Fiscal and Monetary Policy Analysis Instructor: Davide Debortoli

Week of July 3 - July 7, 2023 (Face-to-face)

- Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy
  Instructor: Luca Fornaro
- Firms in Macro-Finance: Tools and Applications Instructor: Andrea Caggesse
- Policy-Metrics: Econometrics for Macroeconomic Policy Making Instructor: Geert Mesters

COURSE TITLE	Firms in Macro-Finance: Tools and Applications
Overview and Objectives	Firm behavior– the process of entry, innovation and growth – shapes aggregate productivity, employment, and output. This course presents a rigorous analysis on the mapping from firm level frictions and shocks, to firm decisions, to industry-level and aggregate outcomes. We will illustrate the analytical tools necessary to solve and analyze firm dynamics models with frictions and misallocation, and the empirical tools to test their predictions.
	A special emphasis will be placed on financial frictions, and the course will answer questions such as: How do we detect firm-level financial frictions? What are their real effects? Are they important to explain cross country differences in productivity and output? Do financial shocks drive business cycles? Do financial frictions amplify the cyclical effects of other shocks?
	Lab Practicals:
	Selected tools and applications (both simulating the models as well as some empirical applications) will be illustrated in detail during the practical sessions.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	NA
Course Outline	Session 1: Stylised facts on firm dynamics and introduction to misallocation
	Lab practical session: Introducing Stata code to compute productivity and misallocation
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Software / Hardware Needed	Stata and Matlab
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COURSE TITLE	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy
Overview and Objectives	This course introduces state-of-the-art models and empirical methods to analyze key macroeconomic policy challenges confronting the world economy. We will consider monetary and fiscal policy in open economies, capital flows and international financial crises, macroprudential policies and capital controls, exchange rate policy, financial globalization and international macroeconomic dependence. Substantial attention will be devoted to current policy debates, such as global imbalances and the 2008 global financial crisis, the past and future of the euro area, secular stagnation, the emergence of China as a global player and the global productivity slowdown.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	NA
Course Outline	<ul> <li>Monetary and fiscal policy in open economies.</li> <li>Capital flows and international financial crises: lessons from the 2008 global financial crisis.</li> <li>The economics of monetary unions: implications for the euro area.</li> <li>Global imbalances, the emergence of China and the global productivity slowdown.</li> </ul>
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Software / Hardware Needed	NA
About the Instructors	Luca Fornaro is a Senior Researcher at CREI, Adjunct Professor at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), and Research Professor at the BSE. He is also a Research Affiliate at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London, and has been a Visiting Scholar at the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics. He has been awarded the Klaus Liebscher Award from the Austrian Central Bank, the Lamfalussy Fellowship and the Duisenberg Fellowship from the ECB, and a Starting Grant from the European Research Council. His research has been published in the <i>American Economic Review</i> , the <i>Review</i> <i>of Economics</i> Studies, the Journal of the European Economic Association and the Journal of International Economics. His research interests include international macroeconomics, monetary economics and economic growth.

COURSE TITLE	Numerical Methods for Fiscal and Monetary Policy Analysis
Overview and Objectives	This course will cover state-of-the-art techniques to solve and simulate modern macroeconomic models, with specific applications to models used for fiscal and monetary policy analysis. Through a combination of theory classes and lab sessions, participants will learn the main methodologies, their pros and cons, and how to implement them in specific applications. Some examples are models to study the role of a zero-lower bound constraints on the nominal interest rate and forward-guidance policies, sovereign debt models, models with financial frictions, and heterogeneous agent models.
	The course is designed for graduate students, researchers and practitioners in policy institutions who would like to upgrade their toolbox for solving and analyzing modern macroeconomic models, and for studying their policy implications.
	Computer Lab Practicals
	The course includes 5 hours of practical sessions to give participants the opportunity to familiarize with the different routines described in class, and will demonstrate their advantages and disadvantages in terms of accuracy and efficiency.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	No previous knowledge of numerical methods is required, but a basic knowledge of MATLAB (or another programming language) would be very helpful.
Course Outline	<ul> <li>Introduction to Local Solution Methods (Perturbation)</li> </ul>
	Basic principles about solving and simulating dynamic models; linear and higher-order approximation of stochastic models (the perturbation method);
	• Fiscal and Monetary Policy Rules
	simple rules; regime-switches; the zero-lower bound.

	Optimal Fiscal and Monetary Policy
	the welfare criterion; optimal simple rules; optimal Ramsey policy; commitment vs. discretion.
	<ul> <li>Solving models with Global Approximations</li> </ul>
	models with borrowing constraints; sovereign default models.
	Heterogeneous Agent Models
	how to deal with idiosyncratic and aggregate uncertainty; solution with perturbation methods; solution with sequence-space Jacobian.
List of References	Main references (additional references will be provided during the course)
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Software / Hardware Needed	Sample codes and exercises will be provided in MATLAB.
About the Instructors	Davide Debortoli is Professor of Economics at UPF, Research Associate at CREI, Affiliated Professor at the BSE and a Research Fellow at the CEPR. He has held an academic position at the University of California San Diego, and visiting positions at the Norges Bank and Bocconi University. He has been awarded a

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the European Central Bank (2020). His research interests include Macroeconomics, Fiscal Policy and
Monetary Policy.

COURSE TITLE	Sovereign Debt Crises: Theory, Evidence and Policy
Overview and Objectives	This course provides an overview of sovereign debt crises from theoretical, empirical and policy points of view. It covers both traditional and new theories that emphasize the interplay between international and domestic financial markets, and the relevant empirical evidence. It discusses the distinction between liquidity and solvency crises and the appropriate policy responses. The last part of the course is devoted to an analysis of the European crisis. The course is aimed at both students and practitioners. It provides a formal analysis of some of the main theoretical models and empirical studies in the sovereign debt academic literature. At the same time, the presentation is accessible as it emphasizes conceptual understanding and policy implications.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	NA
Course Outline	<ol> <li>What are the costs of sovereign default? Reputation and sanctions</li> <li>Market structure and defaults: Secondary markets and collateral damage</li> <li>Rollover crises: Lender of last resort and moral hazard</li> <li>Solvency crises: Debt overhang, buybacks and restructuring</li> </ol>

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Software / Hardware Needed	NA
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COURSE TITLE	The Macroeconomics of Credit and Asset Bubbles
Overview and Objectives	What are bubbles? What are their effects on the economy? How should policymakers deal with them? In this course, we address these questions from a macroeconomic perspective. We first review the stylized evidence on credit and asset bubbles. We then develop a workhorse model to think about bubbles and their macroeconomic effects. In particular, we focus on the effects of credit and asset bubbles on business cycle models. We conclude by using the model to shed light two key debates regarding bubbles: (i) How should monetary policy respond to asset bubbles?; (ii) What roles do bubbles play in driving credit booms and busts? This course is intended for students, researchers and practitioners who want to become familiar with the state of knowledge on the origins and macroeconomic effects of bubbles.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	Basic knowledge of dynamic models is recommended.
Course Outline	<ul> <li>A review of the empirical evidence on bubbles</li> <li>Introduction to the theory of rational bubbles</li> <li>Credit and asset bubbles in business cycle models</li> </ul>

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Software / Hardware Needed	ΝΑ
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COURSE TITLE	Policy-Metrics: Econometrics for Macroeconomic Policy Making
Overview and Objectives	Real world policy decisions often result from analyzing different models and making judgment calls. This practical approach has benefits in terms of robustness, but a major downside is that it can be difficult to identify the most appropriate course of policy. For instance, using such an approach, how do

	we determine that the magnitude and timing of a fiscal package is well calibrated? or that the monetary stance is appropriate, e.g., in a range that best balances inflation and unemployment?
	In this course, participants will learn how modern econometric methods, in particular methods for impulse response estimation and forecasting, can be used as building blocks to evaluate and improve practical macroeconomic policy decisions. The methodology allows participants to combine insights from multiple economic models, qualitative evidence, and judgment to reach optimal policy decisions in complex and data rich macroeconomic environments. The course is designed for monetary and fiscal policy makers, their staff members, and researchers and PhD students interested in the econometrics of policy making.
Prerequisites to Enroll (Skills / Knowledge / Readings)*	Participants should be familiar with basic macroeconometric models and methods. In case of doubt please contact the instructor directly.
Course Outline	The course provides a bottom-up approach to explain the econometrics of policy making.
	After a review of the state of the art techniques for causal inference and forecasting in macroeconomics, the course will cover modern methods for (i) testing the optimality of policy decisions, (ii) optimizing policy decisions, (iii) communicating policy decisions (either internally to fellow decision makers or externally to the general public) and (iv) evaluating and ranking the systematic conduct of policy, i.e., formally evaluating the performance of policy makers.
	Participants will be exposed to a variety of real time policy problems and learn how to analyze policy decisions using minimal assumptions. Implementation material is provided for all methods and practical assignments allow to develop a quick understanding for implementing.
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Software / Hardware Needed	Empirical implementation code is provided in Matlab and R.
About the Instructors	<u>Geert Mesters</u> is an Associate Professor at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Research Professor at the BSE and an Associate Researcher at CREI. He holds a PhD from the Tinbergen Institute and VU Amsterdam. He has been awarded a Starting Grant from the European Research Council, a VENI research grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Science and a Ramon y Cajal fellowship from the Spanish Ministry of Science. He received the Arnold Zelner thesis award from the American Statistical Association and the Christian Huygens award. His research has been published in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Econometrics, The Review of Economics and Statistics and the Journal of Monetary Economics. His research interests include macroeconomics, econometrics and statistics.