

SUPERVISION PROFILE: JEPPE DRUEDAHL

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Office hours: Wednesdays, all day except 12-13.

CHOOSING THE TOPIC

- **My expertise:** I can supervise in a broad range of topics regarding theoretical and empirical macroeconomics. In particular, this includes consumption or investment behavior, business cycle fluctuations, and inequality. My own research interests lie in the intersection of macro-questions, micro-data and computational methods.
- **Your responsibility:** Write ½-1 page on the questions, methods and maybe potential data, you want to work with. Send this to me, and ask for an initial meeting in my office hours (see above). *You do not need to have a good idea, we can develop that together, but I need to know what your interests and skills are.*

HOW I SUPERVISE

You have about 7 (15) hours of supervision (per person) for a bachelor (master) thesis; this includes my preparation for our meetings and the exam. *I will tell you if your supervision account is running low, so do not worry beforehand.*

You are fully responsible for setting up meetings, and you are required to propose an agenda for each meeting. A full work day before each meeting, you should at a minimum send me:

1. A *table of contents* for your thesis with the number of pages per section, and a sentence or two about the (planned) content of each section.
2. Questions you want me to prepare for.

I can read some of your text, but I usually do not read more than a third in total. You decide which pages I should read; good choices are typically the introduction or central parts of the theoretical analysis or empirical methodology.

SOME GENERAL ADVICE

- **Groups:** *You should write your thesis in a group if you have the opportunity.*
- **Finding literature:** You should use *Google Scholar*.
- **Writing:** Be focused. Do not write everything you know. A clear structure and short precise meta-text is essential. Each paragraph should have a well-defined meaning of existence.
- **Data:** You should in general find it yourself (Statistikbanken.dk, FRED, OECD, WDI etc.). I can, however, help you with access to e.g. some US household survey data on income, consumption and wealth dynamics. For Danish micro-data you need to have access from your work place or use the public scrambled sample available for students.
- **Programming:** I have developed an [online MATLAB course](#) if you need it. For statistical analysis use a program you know such as STATA (or Python or R if you are familiar with them).