

IEF Courses

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Behavioral Finance

Course: We will start with exploring the basics of behavioral economics along with heuristics and biases in decision making, starting from the academic literature. The course will then move to behavioral investing and will conclude with career advice for those who wish to pursue a career in the investment world.



Professor: Martin Burda is cofounder and chairman of Sirius Investments, which is specialized in global alternative investments. He previously served as CEO of ISCS, the largest investment company in the Czech Republic.

Labor Markets in the EU

Course: We will take an empirical view on key labor market issues such as wage determination, skill formation and migration within the context of EU markets, institutions and policies. We will particularly focus on policy questions such as minimum wages, unemployment benefits, education programs, family policies, retirement or immigration and integration policies.



Professor: Mariola Pytliková, PhD, is assistant professor of economics at CERGE-EI. She graduated from Aarhus University and has also spent time at the University of Illinois (Chicago) and Princeton University.

Digital Currencies and Cryptocurrencies

Course: We will consider central bank digital currencies and stablecoin initiatives as well as cryptocurrencies, and will discuss their implications for monetary policy and financial stability.



Professor: Branislav Saxa, PhD, is principal economist in the monetary department at the Czech National Bank. He graduated from CERGE-EI and has also spent time at the University of Pennsylvania and the European Central Bank.

Economic History of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

Course: We will work towards a broad understanding of economic development including classical measures like GDP as well as “softer” variables like culture or political attitudes. We will focus on topics from the last 200 years, including the late industrialization of CEE, the collapse of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, World War II and its consequences, centrally planned economies between 1945 and 1990, and the subsequent transition towards market economies.



Professor: Christian Ochsner, PhD, is assistant professor of economics at CERGE-EI. He graduated from Dresden University of Technology and was previously employed as junior economist at the ifo Institute for Economic Research and at the University of Zurich.

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- ✓ Central and Eastern European Economic Growth and Development
- ✓ Economics of Transition
- ✓ Environmental Economics in the Central European Context
- ✓ The Housing Market in a Central European Context
- ✓ and up to one UPCES humanities course [link](#)