

Topics in the Microeconomic Foundations of Macroeconomics

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This set of 8 lectures (2 hours each) is aimed at 2nd year Ph.D. students and is intended to present them with the basic ideas and methods of a few research programs related to the “microeconomic foundations” of macroeconomics. Topics covered will include the following.

1. Distributions of heterogeneous individual characteristics and macroeconomic aggregates

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