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EMPIRICAL STUDY AND FORECASTING (I)

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Friday 18:30-21:20

- Class Webpage: http://homepage.ntu.edu.tw/~luohm/metrics2007f_emea/metrics2007f_emea.htm
- Textbooks:
 - (**SW**) Stock and Watson (2007), *Introduction to Econometrics*, Addison Wesley, 2nd edition.
- Classes:

9/21, 29,
10/5, 12, 19, 26,
11/2, 9,
11/16, midterm
11/23, 30
12/7, 14, 21, 28
1/4, 11
1/18, final.
- Grade: problem sets 20%, midterm 35%, final 45%.
- Topics:
 1. Economic Questions and Data (**SW 1**)
 - Questions
 - Data
 2. Review of Probability (**SW 2**)
 - Distributions
 - Random Sampling and Distribution of the Sample Average
 - Large-Sample Approximations

3. Review of Statistics (**SW 3**)
 - Estimation of the Population Mean
 - Hypothesis Tests
 - Confidence Intervals
4. Bivariate Regression (**SW 4, SW 5**)
 - Probability Framework
 - Estimation and hypothesis testing
 - Homoskedasticity
5. Multiple Regression (**SW 6, SW 7**)
 - Omitted variable bias
 - Multiple regression model
6. Nonlinear Regression Models (**SW 8**)
 - Modeling nonlinear regression functions
 - Interactions between independent variables
7. Assessing Regression Studies (**SW 9**)
 - Internal and external validity
 - Threats to internal validity
8. Panel Data (**SW 10**)
 - Panel data with two periods
 - Fixed effects regression
9. Binary Dependent Variable Models (**SW 11**)
 - Linear Probability Model
 - Probit and Logit Models
10. Instrumental Variables Regression (**SW 12**)
 - General IV regression model
 - Checking instrument validity
 - Where do IV come from?
11. Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (**SW 13**)
 - Difference-in-difference estimator
 - Quasi-experiments
 - Average treatment effect