

**EE 439 Seminar in Monetary and Financial Economics
& EE 429 Seminar in Quantitative Economics**

Proposal Outline

Due date: February 20, 2016 in Class with 8-10 minutes Presentation

Number of Pages: 3-4 pages (not more than 2,000 words, not including references)

Structure of the Proposal:

1. *Introduction/Motivation/Literature Review:* This is where you introduce the topic of your interest. Think about why it interests you? Why it is important, especially to the reader? Basically, why should we care about this topic? Include a light literature review to make sure that you did not just come up with a funky topic that no one cares about.
2. *Objective/Question/Hypothesis:* In this part, you get a bit more specific with the topic you described above. What is it that you are trying to achieve? If you have a specific question, puts it here and clarify. Better yet, if you have a hypothesis to test, also suggest it here.
3. *A Sketch of Your Proposed Methodology:* Now that you have a topic and a question in mind, how would you plan to address it? Your paper could be either a theoretical, empirical, simulated, or structural investigation, depending on your topic and your academic strength. If you want to do theory, make sure you have a good background.
4. *Data:* Whether your paper is an empirical one or a theoretical one, you probably will need to make use of data. For theoretical paper, you should use data to help explain the stylized fact you are modeling. This section should describe briefly the data source, and the approximate periods of study to you expect use (e.g. monthly export-import data from MOC over 2007-2012).
5. *References:* Over different sections, you probably have cited some works and papers. Put full reference here so that we can trace where your ideas come from. Get the right formats for referencing. It's not hard and you will be marked down if not properly done.