2023 - Africa Training Workshop in Computational macroeconomics (AFTW2-2023)

Title: Solving dynamic equilibrium models

Date: **December 13-15, 2023**

The workshop will present methods used to solve macroeconomic models. The lecture will focus on dynamic programming, the value function iteration and the perturbation method, with applications to a variety of topics, from the consumption-saving choice to the open-economy dynamic stochastic general equilibrium model. The workshop will cover also essential numerical tools (such as optimization and root-finding algorithms) and coding best practices. The lectures will feature many examples of codes in Julia (free computational software).

This is a graduate-level course for PhD students, scholars, and professionals (with at least a master's degree).

Organizers: Sophie Osotimehin (UQAM) and Prosper Dovonon (Concordia University)

Format: Fully remote

Registration fees: 100 USD

Instructors and topics

Solving dynamic equilibrium models

Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (University of Pennsylvania)

- Dynamic programming
- Value function iteration
- Applications to the consumption-saving choice and to a dynamic stochastic general equilibrium model

Essential numerical tools and perturbation analysis

Pablo Winant (ESCP Business School)

- Essential numerical methods
- Key coding skills
- Perturbation method
- Applications to trade and open-economy macroeconomic models.

Schedule

All times below are in Canada/USA Eastern Time.

| | Wednesday Dec 13 | Thursday Dec 14 | Friday Dec 15 |
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| 6:00am-9:00am Eastern time | | Essential numerical tools and perturbation analysis 1 (by Pablo Winant) | Essential numerical tools and perturbation analysis 2 (by Pablo Winant) |
| 10:00am-12:00pm Eastern time | Solving dynamic equilibrium models 1 (by Jesús Fernández-Villaverde) | Solving dynamic equilibrium models 2 (by Jesús Fernández-Villaverde) | Solving dynamic equilibrium models 3 (by Jesús Fernández-Villaverde) |