

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

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### **Course Information**

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Class: Tue 9.10 – 11.00 (BA2155.), Thu 9.10 – 11.00 (BA2195; Apr 5: GB220)

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### **Description**

This course will cover models of decentralized trade in markets with information frictions.

### **Evaluation**

Your grade will be based on two homework assignments (10% each) and an exam (80%). The solution to each assignment will be discussed by the TA in a tutorial. Late submissions will therefore not be accepted. If acceptable reasons (such as medical ones) prevent you from handing in an assignment before or on the due date, the weight for that assignment will be re-assigned to the final exam. You need to contact me and provide a justification within a week of the deadline of the assignment.

### **Tentative Course Outline** (subject to change)

Class dates: February 28; March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29; April 3, and 5.

Exam: TBA

We will discuss some of the following papers:

- Efficiency Wages: Chapter 9.1-9.4 of Romer, Shapiro and Stiglitz (1984), Katz (1986), Summers (1988), Alexopoulos (2004).
- Search: Lucas and Prescott (1974), Pissarides (1985), Hosios (1990), Mortensen and Pissarides (1994), Burdett and Mortensen (1998), Alvarez and Veracierto (2000), Chapter 1 and 2 of Pissarides (2000), Rogerson et al. (2005), Nobel Committee (2010), Jovanovic (1987), Alvarez and Shimer (2011).
- Business Cycles / Unemployment-Volatility Puzzle: Shimer (2005), Hall (2005), Costain and Reiter (2008), Gertler and Trigari (2009), Hagedorn and Manovskii (2008), Haefke et al. (2007), Pissarides (2009), Menzio and Shi (2011), Rogerson and Shimer (2010).
- Asymmetric Information: Guerrieri (2008), Guerrieri et al. (2010)

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