

Presentation Master Thesis

June 4, 2019

Format: slides-based presentation, questions allowed any time
Timing: about 2/3 into the 4-month period of the master thesis
Attendants: members of chair Financial Economics, other master students
Duration: 30 min

You are asked to send your slides to internationalfinance@uni-mainz.de the day before the presentation.

Notice: 30 min are short, especially when allowing for questions from audience. Be aware which information you want to convey and allocate your time. The presentation should not exceed a total of 15 slides.

Here are guidelines for structuring the presentation, with the expected content in grey

- **Title** (1 slide)
- **Research question and motivation** (1-2 slides)
Set focus and guiding the audience; highlighting importance of topic
- **Outline of the presentation** (1 slide)
Set expectations the presentation's chapters and content; guiding the audience
- **Related Literature** (1 slide)
Briefly overview related literature; possibly summarizing one or two of the most relevant work
- **Data** (2-3 slides)
Give: data sources, exact definition of variables, data coverage, summary statistics, limits and problems (coverage, quality?)
- **Methodology** (1-3 slides)
Empirics (if appropriate): Empirical model to test main hypothesis (definition, motivation and explanation, possibly with link to references)
Theory (if appropriate): The building blocks of the theory (standard theories and seminal papers)
- **Results** (2-4 slides)
Empirics (if appropriate): findings of baseline (regression table, figures), robustness checks, interpretation, open questions, potential problems
Theory (if appropriate): model setup and main assumptions (with references), outline of analytic derivations with difficulties and methods, central formulas and their interpretation.
- **Next steps** (1 slide)
Roadmap to finish the Master Thesis, potentially open questions and decisions to be taken
- **Conclusion** (1 slide)
Summary of research question with (preliminary and tentative) answer, method of analysis, possible follow-up research questions