NBER Behavioral Macroeconomics Research Boot Camp

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Lecture 1: Measuring Macroeconomic Expectations and Their Causal Effects

Designing Survey Experiments:

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Perceived Uncertainty

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Lecture 2: Measuring Narratives about the Macroeconomy

Narratives and Mental Models

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Connecting survey data to macroeconomic models

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