

**University of Colorado Boulder**

**ECON 8209 – Research Methods Workshop I  
Fall 2023**

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**Lectures:** Monday and Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 ECON 5

**Office hours:** Monday and Wednesday 12:30-2:00 (and as need be, just ask!)

**Course Description:** This is the first course in a two-course sequence designed to transition you to the research and scholarship phase of your doctoral program. The primary goal of the fall workshop is to develop a research proposal that at a minimum features a clear research question, a review of the literature, a clear explanation of the contribution of the proposed work, and a proposed methodology. Given that students to-date have demonstrated that they can be consumers of knowledge, this course focuses on becoming producers of knowledge.

**Course Organization:** The course will feature several key components designed to build up to the research proposal.

**1) Introductory**

**Grading:** The primary assessment for this workshop is the quality of the research proposal. Doing well on the earlier aspects of the workshop (literature review, methodology proposal) is encouraged, as it will strengthen the research proposal. Thoughtful and constructive peer feedback is also considered.

### **Tentative Workshop Schedule**

- I. Introductory material
  - A. Starting the research process and the Culture of Research (Week 1)
  - B. Writing introductions and key ingredients what is this paper about? (Week 2)
  
- II. Refining research questions
  - A. Individual meetings on



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