

Seminar Methodology and Approach

This seminar focuses on issues in corporate governance and financial reforms with specific attention to the reforms of governance/executive compensation practices, linkage between finance and development, financial crisis, and corporate tax policy. *Journal articles* and recent working papers constitute the primary material for the seminar.

The readings list is by no means intended to be exhaustive. The list mentions important background or related articles, where applicable. The last section of the list includes recent survey articles and syntheses of some mainstream issues. Please note that the references in the papers presented are considered an integral part of the reading list. Articles can be retrieved or downloaded from *JSTOR* and various *websites*.

Grading for the course is determined by:

- (a) Oral presentations of articles and the corresponding written reports,
- (b) Class participation,
- (c) Report on recent corporate scandals: Incentives and Solution Mechanisms
- (d) Term project

The requirement for the **term project** may be satisfied by any of the following:*

- (a) A critique of an article on a significant issue
- (b) A replication of a significant empirical study
- (c) A literature survey on a specific topic, leading to a thesis proposal
- (d) An original piece of work

* *A two-page proposal for the term project is due on September 26.*