Macro BP204A: Fall Proposal Final Assignment

Choose one of the eight different papers listed on the following page and write a 2-page proposal (not including figures and citations) that describes a new avenue of research based on the chosen paper. The proposal should be something that will yield an advance in understanding an important issue, and should not be of the kind where a negative result could lead to a dead end. The proposal should build from topics covered in the first quarter of this course. Your proposal should be laid out like an NSF application, with a section for background, specific aims, methods to resolve the aims, analysis of the possible outcomes and the potential impact of your research.

Our whole goal with this assignment is to prepare you for a practice oral examination at the end of the Winter quarter, for which you'll have to produce an original proposal and defend it in front of a panel of two professors. Towards that end, a professor, with whom you should meet to discuss and refine your proposal, is assigned for each paper. Meeting with faculty is an integral part of preparing for both your practice and real oral exams, so please take advantage of this opportunity.

Deadlines:
1. E-mail Andrew with your paper selection by 11:59PM PST on Saturday, November 24 (20% grade deduction for late responses)
2. Submit your final proposal to Sara or Andrew by 11:59PM PST on Friday, December 14 (we will not accept any late submissions)

Note: Professor assignments to papers will be communicated by Monday, November 26. Please meet with them at least once before turning in your proposal. Given the scheduling demands of professors, teaching assistants can be an additional resource for more frequent guidance.
Paper Choices:


