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## Master's thesis on "SNB announcements and interest rates"

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### SNB announcements and interest rates

*What is the impact of SNB announcements (e.g., interest rate decisions, press releases, speeches and/or important monetary policy data) on short- and longer-term Swiss franc interest rates?*

The thesis could tackle the following:

- Derivation of a surprise announcement component, for instance, by comparing (market implied) interest rate expectations to actual interest rate realizations
- Decomposition of the yield curve into short- and long-term drivers or into level, slope and curvature components, for instance, on the basis of a PCA or Nelson-Siegel
- Empirical analysis of interaction between interest rate (component) movements and surprise announcements
- Did the announcement effect change during the negative interest rate regime?

### Requirements:

- The thesis requires a solid background in econometrics and a flair for programming (Matlab). Quantitative specialization is of advantage.
- Strong English skills

**Start date:** Feb / March 2017 (negotiable)

**Collaboration:** Master's thesis coaching (no internship will be offered).

### Interested?

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