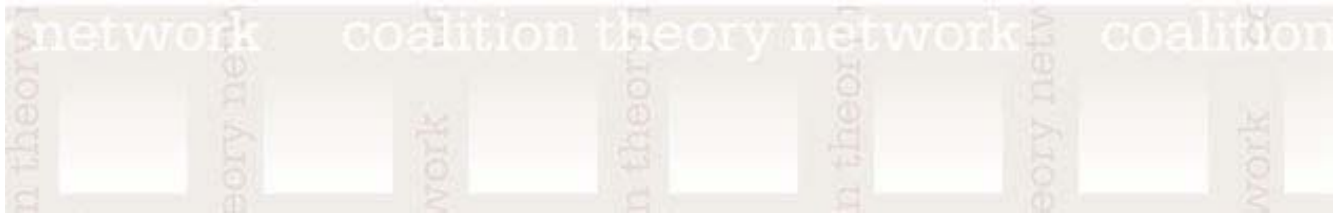


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Editorial

by Carlo Carraro

Dear CTN Members,

This issue of the CTN Newsletter contains a rich calendar of events, most importantly the 10th Coalition Theory Workshop, to be hosted by EUREQua, in Paris on 28th & 29th January, 2005. The scientific programme of our annual workshop can be found in this newsletter (see page 6). Additional information is available in the CTN website (www.feem.it/ctn).

The rapid development of our research field is marked also by other initiatives promoted or organised by CTN members. From the workshop series on Socio-Economic Dynamics, organised by the University of Warwick, to the Workshop on “Optimal Control and Dynamic Games: Applications in Finance, Management Science, and Economics” organised by GREQAM (see pages 8- 10), to the numerous exchanges of visits occurred during the whole year (see page 12).

Congratulations also to Myrna Wooders and Gabrielle Demange, whose new book will be published by Cambridge University Press next March. The table of contents is available on page 4.

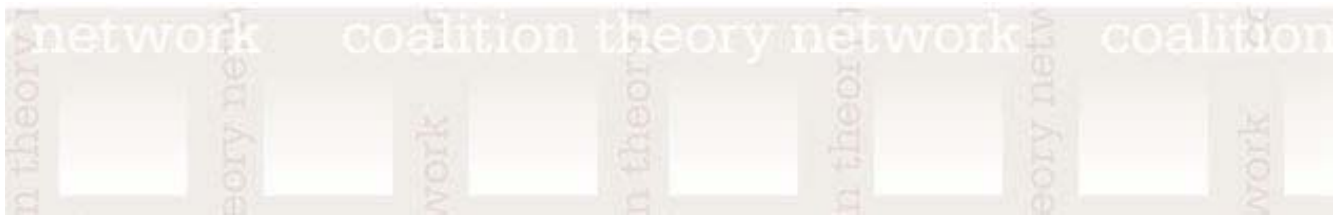
In this Newsletter, CTN members will find new information. In particular, a section devoted to job announcements and other news coming from the research community, thus expanding the services that we are able to provide to CTN members.

Let me thank all those who contributed to this issue of the Newsletter. Of course, more contributions are always welcome. In particular, research questions, ideas, comments, short papers could be disseminated through our newsletter. I do hope that the next issue will be even richer and more interesting.

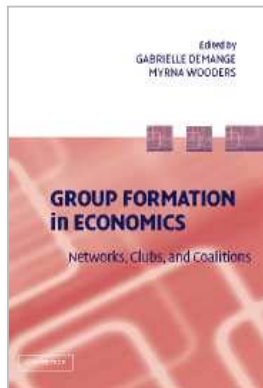
Finally, let me wish all of you a joyful end of 2004 and a very happy 2005.

Hope to meet many of you in Paris soon.

Carlo Carraro



New book



Group Formation in Economics Networks, Clubs, and Coalitions

edited by Gabrielle Demange and Myrna Wooders

Cambridge University Press, 2005

Broad and diverse ranges of activities are conducted within and by organised groups of individuals, including political, economic and social activities. These activities have recently become a subject of intense interest in economics and game theory. Some of the topics investigated in this collection are models of networks of power and privilege, trade networks, co-authorship networks, buyer-seller networks with differentiated products, and networks of medical innovation and the adaptation of new information. Other topics are social norms on punctuality, clubs and the

provision of club goods and public goods, research and development and collusive alliances among corporations, and international alliances and trading agreements. While relatively recent, the literature on game theoretic studies of group formation in economics is already vast. This volume provides an introduction to this important literature on game-theoretic treatments of situations with networks, clubs, and coalitions, including some applications.

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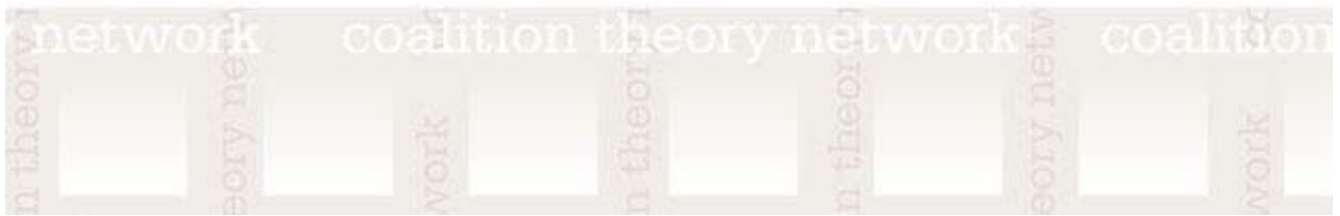
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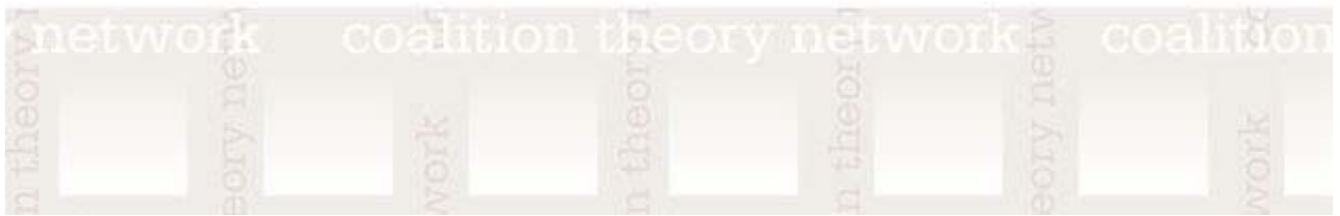
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EUREQua Working Papers

- ❑ August 2004 - [Do workers really benefit from their social networks?](#)
François Fontaine
- ❑ October 2004 - [Why are similar workers paid differently? The role of social networks](#)
François Fontaine
- ❑ 14.2004 CREST Documents de Travail - [Coping with Imprecise Information: a Decision Theoretic Approach](#)
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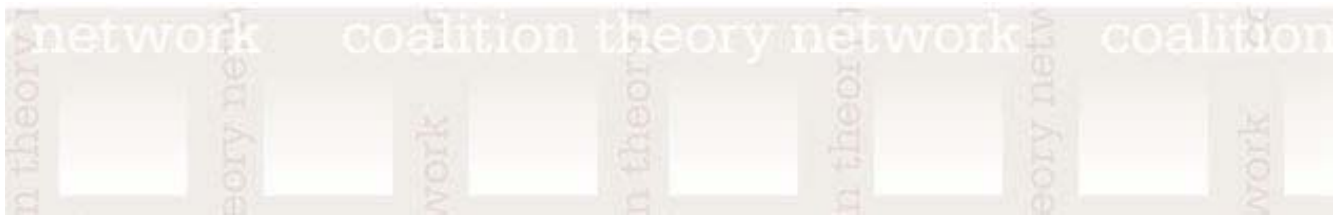
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Luca di Gennaro
- ❑ [Enemies and friends in hedonic games: individual deviations, stability and manipulation](#)
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- ❑ [Bilateral Bargaining with Externalities](#)
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- ❑ [Cost-reducing alliances and local spillovers](#)
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Forthcoming events

CTN EVENT

X Coalition Theory Network Workshop
Paris, France, January 28-29, 2005

<http://eurequa.univ-paris1.fr/CTN-2005.htm>
<http://www.feem-web.it/ctn/events/ctn010pr.html>

EUREQua, on behalf of the Coalition Theory Network formed by CODE, CORE, EUREQua, FEEM, GREQAM and the University of Warwick, is organising the 10th Coalition Theory Network Workshop. This network encourages the development and the circulation of new research in the coalition theory and the formation of groups. Straightforward application of such theories are important in both economical and political areas, for example: the study of international negotiations, the analysis of coalition formation in parliaments and the cabinet formation, the cartel stability in various industries and finally, group formation in various sociological environments.

As in previous editions, the leading researchers in the field of coalition formation theory will survey their latest results and present their current direction of research.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday, January 28th, 2005

8.45 – 9.40 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

SESSION 1

9.40 – 10.20 *Eric Maskin (Princeton University, USA)*
Bargaining, Coalitions and Externalities.

10.20 – 11.00 break

11.00 – 11.40 *Frank Page and Myrna Wooders (Alabama and Warwick and Vanderbilt)*
Strategic Basins of Attraction, the Farsighted Core, and Network Formation Games

11.40 – 12.20 *Fan-chin Kung (Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)*
An Algorithm for Stable and Equitable Coalition Structures with Public Goods

12.20 – 14.00 lunch

SESSION 2

14.00 – 14.40 *Aart de Zeeuw (Tilburg University)*
Dynamic Effects on the Stability of International Environmental Agreements

14.40 – 15.20 *Johan Eyckmans and Michael Finus (University of Brussels and University of Leuven)*
An Almost Ideal Sharing Scheme for Coalition Games with Externalities

15.20 – 16.00 *Rajiv Vohra (Brown University) (joint with Roberto Serrano)*
Information Transmission in Coalitional Voting Games

16.00 – 16.40 break

16.40 – 17.00 *A. Casella (Columbia University)*
TBA

17.20 – 18.00 *Sylvie Thoron (GREQAM)*
Sign, Then Ratify :Negotiating with Thresholds

Saturday, January 29th, 2005

SESSION 3

9.00 – 9.40 *Shlomo Weber (CORE)*
Stable partitions in the spatial setting

9.40 – 10.20 *Hubert Kempf and Fabien Moizéau (EUREQua and Toulouse)*
On the joint dynamics of inequality and growth

10.20 – 11.00 break

11.20 – 11.40 *Matthew O. Jackson and Alison Watts (CalTech)*
Matching and Playing Games

11.40 – 12.20 *Hedy Attouch and Antoine Soubeyran (GREQAM)*
Towards Stable Routines Within a Group: Improving and Satisficing by Exploration-Exploitation on an Unknown Landscape

12.20 – 14.00 lunch

SESSION 4

14.00 – 14.40 *Francesco Feri (University of Venice)*
Network Formation With Endogenous Decay

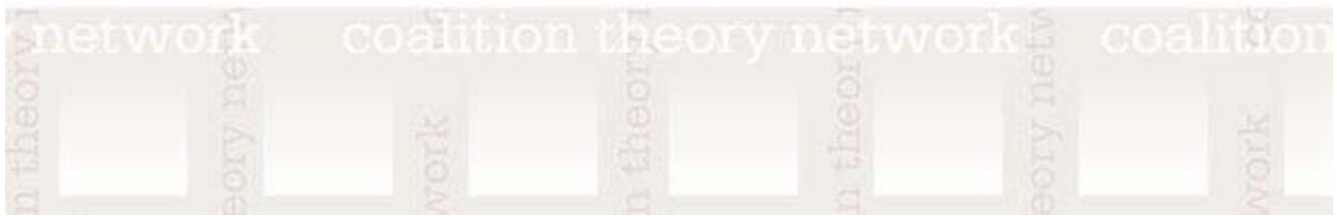
14.40 – 15.20 *Antoni Calvo-Armengol and Rabmi Ikilic (Universitat Autònoma Barcelona)*
Pairwise-Stability and Nash Equilibria in Network Formation

15.20 – 16.00 *Joan de Marty Beltran (Universitat Autònoma Barcelona)*
Social Networks and Interdependent Utilities : Peer Effects, Efficiency and Distributional Conflicts

16.00 – 16.40 break

16.40 – 17.20 *Sanjeev Goyal and Fernando Vega-Redondo (Essex and Alicante)*
Structural holes in social networks

17.20 – 18.00 *Ana Mauleon, José Sempere-Monerris and Vincent J. Vannetelbosch (CORE)*
R&D Networks among Unionized Firms



▣ **Eleventh International Symposium on Dynamic Games and Applications**
Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona, 18-21 December, 2004

<http://www.ame.arizona.edu/isdg/>

The International Symposium on Dynamic Games and Applications is a biennial professional event. The first one was held in 1984 in Haifa, Israel. It was followed by meetings in Williamsburg, USA (1986), Antibes, France (1988), Espoo, Finland (1990), Grimentz, Switzerland (1992), St. Jovite, Canada (1994), Kanagawa, Japan (1996), Maastricht, The Netherlands (1998), Adelaide, South Australia (2000), and St. Petersburg Russia (2002).

This symposium has been scheduled in the week following CDC Conference at Paradise Island, The Bahamas, December 14-17, 2004.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear state-of-the-art lectures on a wide range of game-theoretic models and applications including Evolutionary Game Theory.

▣ **Seminar on: Complexity in Social Dynamics**
University of Warwick, UK, 24 January 2005

http://www.maths.warwick.ac.uk/miraw/miraw_days_2004_2005_t2/2005_01_24_prog.html

This is the fifth in an ESRC and MIR@W-supported series on Socio-Dynamics, whose aim is to cross-fertilise between social sciences and mathematics (including statistics and physics), especially in the area of dynamic self-organising systems. The purpose this time is to enlarge the debate from economics, business and finance to sociology, social policy, politics and geography. We hope that the workshop will be interactive and informal with comment and discussion interspersed. To establish some common ground, Philip Ball's article "Utopia Theory" (Physics World, October 2003, pp.29-33, is recommended as prior reading. A final conference will take place in London 9-11 May 2005 (details and a call for papers will appear on the web site above).

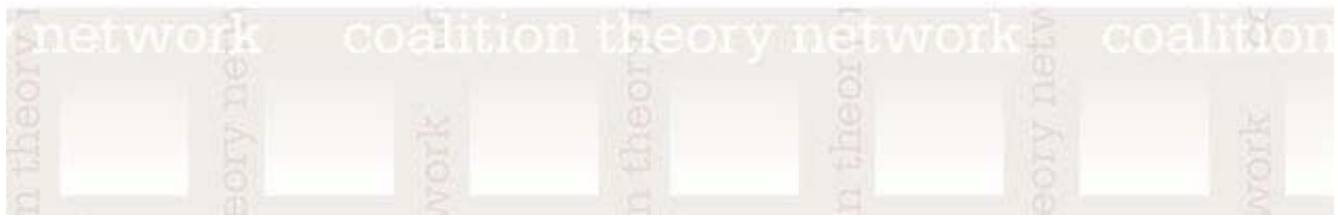
All members of the CTN are welcome to attend.

▣ **Fourth International Conference on System Identification and Control Problems**
Moscow, Russia, 25-28 January, 2005

http://sicpro.org/sicpro05/code/e05_01.htm

The IV International Conference on System Identification and Control Problems as well as the two preceding ones pursues the aim of providing a major forum for scientists, engineers and practitioners throughout the world to present the latest research, results and ideas in the area of identification and control. The central theme of the Conference is the interaction between a certain complex of ideas in identification on one hand, and its attendant applications in control and modelling on the other. SICPRO '05 covers a number of topics relevant to theory and practical implementation of identification and control. Topics of interest include but are not limited to modelling and advance simulation, fault detection, structural identification and model validation, control systems with the identifier, parametric and non-parametric identification, neural nets and fuzzy systems identifications. A further objective is to highlight unsolved problems and new application areas in which the underlying identification mathematical techniques in question seem destined to play an important role. These topics include social and economic system modelling, simulation problems of intellectual activity of a person, interactive (man-machine) structural identification and interaction for control and identification between software, hardware and brainware.

The official languages of the conference are Russian and English.



▣ **Sunbelt XXV -International Sunbelt Social Network International Conference
"Network for Social Network Analysis"**

Redondo Beach, CA, 16-20 February , 2005

<http://www.socsci.uci.edu/%7Essnconf/>

The International Sunbelt Social Network Conference is the official conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Located in scenic Redondo Beach, CA, Sunbelt XXV will provide an interdisciplinary venue for social scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists, ethnologists, and others to present current work in the area of social networks. Workshops and conference sessions will allow individuals interested in theory, methods, or applications of social network analysis to share ideas and explore common interests.

▣ **School and Workshop on Structure and Function of Complex Networks
Trieste, Italy, 16-28 May, 2005**

<http://agenda.ictp.trieste.it/agenda/current/fullAgenda.php?ida=a04190>

Lately the characterisation of networks has been the object of intense research in economics, physics and computer science disciplines. One relevant aspect is that some general characteristics of these networks are shared in economic, technological but also in biological networks as the network of proteins interactions in a cell. This means that some characteristic structure which generally are not designed a priori for their task emerges spontaneously both in man made networks as the technological networks and in the natural occurring ones. On the other side it is also relevant to find some special features of these networks which are specific of a certain systems and maybe are a signature of their different functions.

This new interest in the field of networks, common to different disciplines has already provided a wide range of new results and the formulation of a new terminology and new techniques. To promote interdisciplinary debate on network research a School and Workshop on Structure and Function of Complex Networks will be held in ICTP, Trieste, Italy from the 16th to the 28th of May (with a first week of school and the second week of workshop). Special sections will be devoted to economic, technological and biological networks.

▣ **Optimal Control and Dynamic Games: Applications in Finance, Management Science, and Economics
Aix en Provence, France, 2-6 June, 2005**

<http://www.univie.ac.at/bwl/prod/EVENTS/Sethi60>

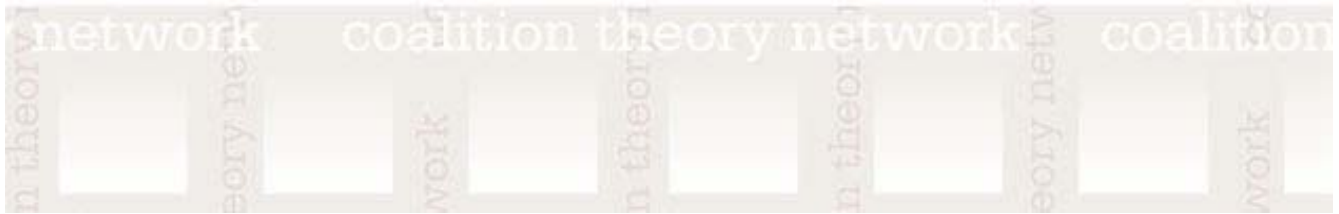
The workshop will bring together, in a setting suitable for extensive exchanges, some forty internationally recognised experts in optimal control and dynamic games and their applications to Finance, Management Science, Economics, and Operations Research.

The event is organised by Christophe Deissenberg (Université de la Méditerranée and GREQAM) and Richard Hartl (University of Vienna).

▣ **Tenth conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge - TARK X
Singapore, 10-12 June, 2005**

<http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/%7Etark05/>

The mission of the TARK conferences is to bring together researchers from a wide variety of fields, including Artificial Intelligence, Cryptography, Distributed Computing, Economics and Game Theory, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Psychology, in order to further our understanding of interdisciplinary issues involving reasoning about rationality and knowledge. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, semantic models for knowledge, belief, and uncertainty, bounded rationality and resource-bounded



reasoning, commonsense epistemic reasoning, epistemic logic, knowledge and action, applications of reasoning about knowledge and other mental states, belief revision, and foundations of multi-agent systems.

TARK X will occur as part of an 8-week program "Uncertainty and Information in Economics", organized by the Institute for Mathematical Sciences (IMS), National University of Singapore in the period of 9 May - 3 July 2005. TARK X will take place in conjunction with a workshop in the program, which is to be held on 6-10 June 2005 (see <http://www.ims.nus.edu.sg/Programs/ue/index.htm>).

Submission of Abstracts: January 28, 2005

■ **11th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance
Washington, USA, 23 - 25 June, 2005**

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/events/conferences/comput2005/default.htm>

The 11th Annual Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (CEF) will cover all areas dealing with the computational aspects of economics, finance, and decisionmaking. The areas include (a) research that makes significant use of computers, (b) the development of computational techniques, and (c) the development of computational environments. The meeting is open to all economists including those who are not currently members of the Society for Computational Economics.

Note: the organisers welcome papers for the session "Stochastic Control in Environmental Models", that will be devoted to computational methods in environmental economics and natural resources, including but not limited to uncertainty types, control models, applied econometric models, and estimation.

Submission of presentations: January 31, 2005

■ **First Spain Italy Netherlands Meeting on Game Theory
Maastricht, The Netherlands, 24 - 26 June, 2005**

<http://www.fdewb.unimaas.nl/sing/>

From Friday, June 24, to Sunday, June 26, 2005, the first Spain Italy Netherlands Conference on Game Theory (SING 1) will take place in Maastricht, The Netherlands. This way, The Netherlands is inserted in the existing alternating sequence of outstanding game theory conferences organised in Spain and Italy. Naturally, the conference is open to participation of game theorists from all over the world.

Submission of presentations: March 15, 2005

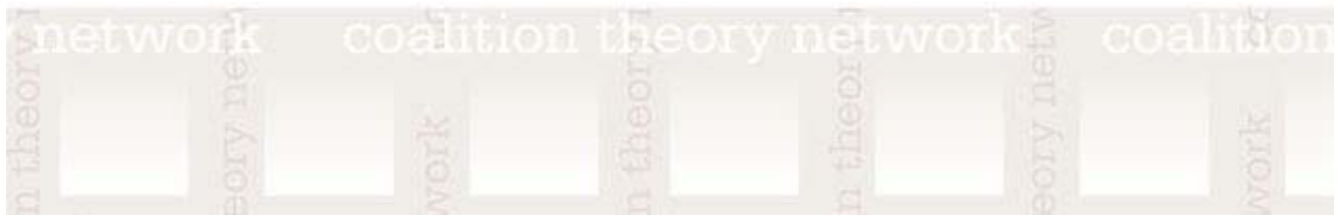
■ **The Stony Brook Game Theory Festival of the Game Theory Society
Stony Brook, NY, USA, 11-22 July, 2005**

<http://www.gtcenter.org/Default.php>

From 1990 to 2004, the International Summer Festival on Game Theory at Stony Brook has been a renowned academic gathering of researchers from all over the world. This year the events will be a part of the Game Theory Society activities.

The Festival Events:

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| - The 16th International Conference on Game Theory | July 11-15, 2005 |
| - Workshop on Law and Economics | July 17-19, 2005 |
| - Workshop on Game Theory and Computer Science | July 20-22, 2005 |



News, Publications and Job announcements

▣ **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Full Professor of Public Economics**

The Department of Economics of Maastricht University is inviting applications for a Full Professor of Public Economics.

The Full Professor of Public Economics has duties in the areas of education, research and management. Educational duties will involve graduate (masters), undergraduate (bachelors) and Ph.D. courses in Public Economics. Research duties involve playing an active role in initiating, coordinating and carrying out research projects, leading to high quality international publications. The professor will fulfil administrative duties within the administrative bodies of FEBA. These duties may concern educational governance processes or research governance processes.

More info at: <http://www.feem-web.it/ctn/70news.html>

▣ **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Public Economics**

The Department of Economics of Maastricht University is offering a tenure track Assistant Professorship in the area of Public Economics.

The applicants contribute to research and teaching (in English) in the area of public economics. Administrative duties will be limited.

More info at: <http://www.feem-web.it/ctn/70news.html>

▣ **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Microeconomics**

The Department of Economics of Maastricht University is offering a tenure track Assistant Professorship in the area of Microeconomics.

The applicants contribute to research and teaching (in English) in the area of microeconomics. Administrative duties will be limited.

More info at: <http://www.feem-web.it/ctn/70news.html>

▣ **BOOK: Handbook of Utility Theory**

Salvador Barberà, Peter Hammond, Christian Seidl (Eds.), 2004

The standard rationality hypothesis implies that individual behaviour can be represented as the maximisation of a suitably restricted utility function. This hypothesis lies at the heart of a large body of economics, of course, but also in political science, ethics, and other major branches of the social sciences. Though this hypothesis of utility maximisation deserves our continued respect, finding further refinements and developing new critiques remain areas of active research. The main purpose of this book is to make widely available some recent developments in the area. The editors selected a list of topics that seemed ripe enough to be covered by review articles. Then they invited contributions from researchers whose expert work had come to their attention. Each contributor's chapter has been refereed, and revised according to the referee's remarks. Whereas Volume I of the Handbook of Utility Theory is largely concentrated on basic theory, Volume II is concerned with extensions and applications to other branches of economic theory. Taken together, these first two volumes contain all the purely theoretical material that the editors planned to cover. The chapters on experimental and empirical research on utility and the chapters on the history of utility theory will appear in Volume III.

Visitors at CODE

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Research interests

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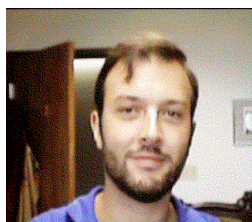
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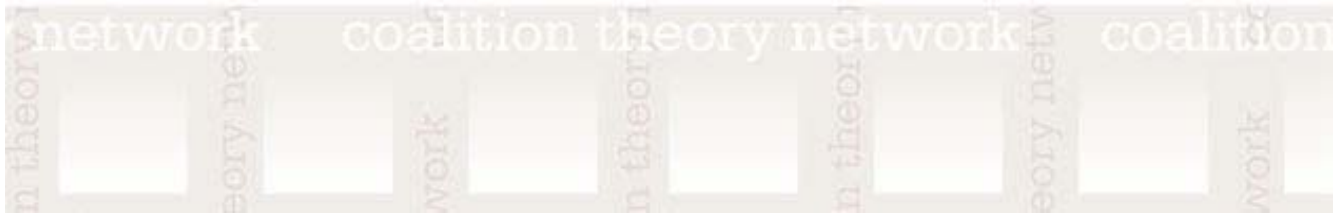


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