

NSF/CEME Decentralization Conference

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Program

All sessions will be held in room 276, Danforth University Center (DUC).

Friday April 3, 2009

1:20PM Welcome, Administrative Details

Auctions and Markets

Chair: Dr. Beth Allen

1:30 [*Individual Evolutionary Learning, Other-regarding Preferences, and the Voluntary Contributions Mechanism*](#) by Jasmina Arifovic and **John Ledyard** (California Institute of Technology)

2:30 [*Aggregate Uncertainty and Learning in a Model with Pairwise Matching \[figure\]*](#) by Stephan Lauer mann (University of Michigan), Wolfram Merz yn (University of Bonn) and **Gabor Virag** (University of Rochester).

3:30-4:00 Afternoon Break

Behavioral Decentralization – Agents

Chair: Dr. Haluk Ergin

4:00 [*Bayesian Analysis and Model Revision for k'th Order Markov Chains with Unknown k.*](#) by **Roy Radner** (New York University)

5:00 [*Coarse Decision Making*](#) by **Nabil Al-Najjar** (Northwestern University) and Malle sh Pai (Northwestern University)

6:30 Dinner at the McMillan Hall “Café”

Saturday April 4, 2009

8:30-9:00 Breakfast

Behavioral Decentralization – Mechanisms

Chair: Dr. Tom Gresik

9:00 [*Demand Revelation Mechanisms in Continuum Economies of Agents with Bounded Decision Models*](#) by **Peter Hammond** (University of Warwick)

10:00 [*Designing Stable Mechanisms for Economic Environments*](#) by **P.J. Healy** (The Ohio State University) and **Laurent Mathevet** (University of Texas)

11:00 [*Fishing for Fools*](#) by **Ulrike Malmendier** (UC Berkeley) and **Adam Szeidl** (UC Berkeley)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch at Umrath Lounge

Public Economics

Chair: Dr. Matthew Jackson

1:30 [*Optimal Nonlinear Taxation of Income and Savings without Commitment*](#) by **Craig Brett** (Mount Allison University) and **John Weymark** (Vanderbilt University)

2:30 [*A Unified Approach to the Revelation of Public Goods Preferences and to Optimal Income Taxation*](#) by **Felix Bierbrauer** (Max Planck Institute)

3:30-4 Afternoon Break

Diversity

Chair: Dr. John Nachbar

4:00 [*Diverse Organizations and the Competition for Talent*](#) by **Jan Eeckhout** (UPF Barcelona and University of Pennsylvania) and **Roberto Pinheiro** (University of Pennsylvania)

5:00 [*How Homophily Affects Communication in Networks*](#) by **Benjamin Golub** (Stanford University) and **Matthew Jackson** (Stanford University)

6:30 Dinner at Umrath Lounge