MECS 550-3 Economic Theory III :
Doing Research in Economic Theory and Related Areas
Winter 2020

Time and Location  TBA

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Description.  This course relies on student presentations and informal discussions of ideas. There are no exams. The main objective is to find good dissertation projects and, hence, to facilitate the transition from student to researcher. The topics depend on students interests and so, are typically determined in the first and second classes. Below are some initial suggestions:

Diversity and Economic Activity

Crises: Equilibrium Shifts and Large Shocks, mimeo, by Morris and Yildiz
A Theory of Strategic Uncertainty and Cultural Diversity, mimeo, by Kets and Sandroni
Statistical Discrimination and Affirmative Action in the Lab, mimeo, by Dianat, Echenique and Yariv

Censorship

Bad News Turned Good: Reversal Under Censorship, by Egor Starkov.

Selection Bias


What is the Value Added of a Judge? mimeo, by Katz and Sandroni

Taxes and Endogenous Social Welfare Functions

Taxes and Turnout, mimeo by Bierbrauer, Tsyvinski, and Werquin.

Contracts, Law and Economics

The Structure of Optimal Law, mimeo, by Feddersen, Katz and Sandroni

Explaing the Firm and Other Contract Substitutes, mimeo, by Katz and Sandroni

Diplomacy

Starting small and renegotiation J Watson - JET, 1999
Starting small and commitment J Watson - GEB, 2002