Economic Theory Conference
in honor of Professor Tapan Mitra on his 60th birthday.
July 19 and 20, 2008
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Sponsors: Center for Analytic Economics and the Department of Economics, Cornell University.

Venue: G01 Biotechnology Building (Racker Room).

Program

July 19, Saturday.

Morning Session. (9.30 AM – 12.25 PM)

Chair: Mukul Majumdar, Cornell University.

9.30 – 9.40
Mukul Majumdar: Opening remarks.

9.45 – 10.10
Kazuo Nishimura (Kyoto University).
Local Indeterminacy in Continuous Time Models: The role of returns to scale.
Co-authors: Jean Phillippe Garnier (Université de la Méditerranée, GREQAM) and Alain Venditti (CNRS-GREQAM).

10.15 – 10.40
Debraj Ray (New York University).
Occupational Choice and Economic Inequality
Co-author: Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University).

10.40 – 11.00: Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.25
M. Ali Khan (Johns Hopkins University).
*Capital Theory in the style of Tapan Mitra.*

11.30 – 11.55
Yaw Nyarko (New York University).
*Economic Development as Problem Solving: A model of Guns, Germs and Steel.*

12.00 – 12.25
Fabio Privileggi (Università del Piemonte Orientale).
*Intellectual Property Rights, Knowledge Production, and Growth.*
Co-author: Giovanni Ramello (Università del Piemonte Orientale).

**Afternoon Session (2.30 – 5.40 PM).**

Chair: Karl Shell, Cornell University.

2.30 – 2.55
Geir Asheim (University of Oslo).
*Generalized time-invariant overtaking.*
Co-authors: Claude d’Aspremont (Université Catholique de Louvain) and Kuntal Banerjee (University of Exeter)

3.00 – 3.25
Gerhard Sorger (University of Vienna).
*Some notes on discount factor restrictions for dynamic optimization.*

3.30 – 3.55
Efe Ok (New York University).
*Fixed Set Theorems of Krasnoselski Type.*

3.55 – 4.15: Coffee Break
4.15 – 4.40
Ronald Jones (University of Rochester).
*Share Ribs Redux.*

4.45 – 5.10
James Foster (Vanderbilt University)
*Counting and Multidimensional Poverty Measurement.*
Co-author: Sabina Alkire (University of Oxford).

5.15 – 5.40
Kuntal Banerjee (University of Exeter).
*Fixed Step Social Welfare Relation.*

**July 20, Sunday.**

**Morning Session (9.30 AM – 12.10 PM)**

Chair: Swapan Dasgupta, Dalhousie University.

9.30 – 9.55
David Easley (Cornell University).
*The Market as a Learning Organism.*
Co-author: Larry Blume (Cornell University).

10.00 – 10.25
Christian Ghiglino (University of Essex).
*Keeping up with the neighbours: social interaction in a market economy.*
Co-author: Sanjeev Goyal (University of Cambridge).

10.30 – 10.55
Prajit Dutta (Columbia University).
*Foreign Aid and Global Climate Change.*
Co-author: Roy Radner, (New York University).

**10.55 – 11.15 AM: Coffee Break.**
11.15 – 11.40
Henry Wan (Cornell University).
A Socially Optimal Program for Restricted Entry - The Launching of a new industry.
Co-author: Yunfang Hu (Tohoku University).

11.45 – 12.10
Santanu Roy (Southern Methodist University).
Dynamic trading in a durable good market with asymmetric information: some problems.

End of Conference.