# **Economic Theory Conference**

# in honor of Professor Tapan Mitra on his 60<sup>th</sup> 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.