EIPE PhD / Research Master Seminars - Winter/Spring 2010
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The PhD / Research Master (ReMa) seminars held on Mondays at 4 pm provide PhD and second year ReMa students with an opportunity to present their research to a critical but constructive audience consisting of fellow students (PhD and ReMa) as well as faculty.

The 20 minute presentations are followed by shorter presentations by two commentators and the opportunity for the presenter to reply to their points, after which the rest of the audience is given the chance to ask questions, voice criticism and offer suggestions.

Below you find the dates for the PhD/ReMa seminars as well as some practical information.

Seminar Dates for the 2010 Winter/Spring Semester

February 8
René Mahieu
“On the relationship between economics and government; considering Foucault's lectures on governmentality”
Comments: Nikos Skiadopoulos and Arjo Klamer
Chair: François Claveau
Room G3-21

February 22
Luis Mireles Flores
“The positive-normative distinction reconsidered: towards a methodology for the art of economic policy making”
Comments: Roger Backhouse and François Claveau
Chair: René Lazcano
Room G2-41

March 8
René Lazcano
“Making values explicit”
Comments: Haralabos Papatheofilopoulos and Julian Reiss
Chair: Nikos Skiadopoulos
Room G2-41

March 22
Daniel Vargas
“Aesthetic Negativity: becomings of a creative revolution”
Comments: Sjoerd van Tuinen (EUR) and Nikos Skiadopoulos (EUR)
Chair: Attilia Ruzzene
Room G2-41

April 19
Thomas Wells
“The Capability Approach as an Evaluative Project”
May 3
Nikos Skiadopoulos
"Hyperbolic discounting and multiple selves: Towards an economy of the self"
Comments: René Mahieu and Jack Vromen
Chair: Koen Swinkels
Room G2-41

May 17
Marco Sachy
"Natural Savings: complementary currencies for compensating the shortcomings of modern capitalist money"
Comments: René Lazcano
Chair: Sine Bagatur
Room G2-41

June 7
François Claveau
"Policy-Oriented Behavioral Economics: Discursive Analysis of a New Phase in the Economics & Psychology Movement"
Comments: Wiljan van den Berge (EUR) and Floris Heukelom (Nijmegen)
Chair: Tom Wells
Room G2-41

June 14
Chol Bunnag
"Is Buddhist Economics a Heterodox Economics?"
Comments: Joost Hengstmengel
Chair: David Bassett
Room G2-41

Practical information about the PhD / ReMa Seminars

Presentations will be given by PhD students (once a year) as well as second year ReMa students.
Please send your paper to francois.claveau@mail.mcgill.ca at least one week before the presentation. I will then send it to all students and faculty.
Please send the paper in either *.pdf, *.doc or *.odt format.
If as a presenter or commentator you think you will need help with equipment (projector, laptop/PowerPoint, etc.), then please let me know the week before by sending me an e-mail.
Presentations will take no longer than 20 minutes.
As a presenter you are responsible for finding two commentators on your paper, one faculty member and one student. Please let me know as soon as possible, but at the very least a week before, who the two commentators will be.
Both first year and second year ReMa students are expected to comment on papers, and they are encouraged to contact presenters whose papers they would like to comment on.
Commentators prepare a 10 - 15 minute presentation that may include the use of projectors or PowerPoint. As a suggestion, it may be helpful for the presenter whose work is commented on to receive a rough outline or written text of the commentator's critique after the seminar. ReMa students are required to attend at least 16 PhD / ReMa seminars during the academic year. Anything on top of that is optional.

**General information about the seminars, taken from the EUR Study Guide**

Research Masters students will familiarize themselves with the kind of research they would be expected to carry out as PhD students and the process of presenting research papers and providing comments in the formal context of a research seminar. Research master students are obliged to attend the bi-weekly PhD research seminars of the Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE) in which other, more advanced second-year research master students and PhD students present their work. Occasionally they are also required to prepare formal critical comments on presentations. Students are also obliged to attend the bi-weekly EIPE research seminars.

*Code* FW-ERM7013  
*Weight of the course* 4 European credits  
*Procedure* Seminar 1 x a week 2 hours

If you have questions, comments or suggestions about the seminars, please send me an e-mail at francois.claveau@mail.mcgill.ca.

**PREVIOUS SEMINARS**

**Fall 2009**

*EIPE Research Seminar*

**September 14**
FedERICA Russo (Louvain-la-Neuve, Kent)  
"Downstream differences in different types of extrapolation"  
Comments: Leen de Vreese (Gent)  
Room G2-41

*PhD/ReMa Seminar*

**September 21**
Clemens Hirsch  
"Institutions as (Components of) Social Mechanisms"  
Comments: Attilia Ruzzene

*EIPE Research Seminar*

**28 September**
Martijn Boot (EUR)
“Equity versus efficiency in the distribution of health care resources” (EUR)
Comments: Arthur Attema (EUR)
Room G2-41

EIPE Research Seminar
October 5
Debra Satz (Stanford)
“Markets in Everything? Selling and buying human kidneys”
Comments: Rutger Claassen (University of Leiden)
Room G2-41

PhD/ReMa Seminar
October 1
Luis Mireles Flores
"Causal Knowledge and Practical Relevance"
Comments: Bert Leuridan (Gent University) and Koen Swinkels
Room G2-21

EIPE Research Seminar
Friday, October 16
Daniel Hausman (Wisconsin-Madison)
“Six mistakes about preferences”
Comments: Vladimir Karamychev (EUR)
Room G2-46

October 19

Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable

PhD/ReMa Seminar
October 26
Erwin Dekker
"Pareto and the Cubists: Getting Modernism off the Ground"
Comments: Paul Teule (EUR) & Nikos Skiadopoulos
G2-41

PhD/ReMa Seminar
November 2
Pedro José Llosa
"Is democratic equality compatible with a free market economy"
Comments: Anders Schinkel (EUR) & Melissa Vergara.
Room G2-21

EIPE Research Seminar
November 9
Geoff Hodgson (Hertfordshire)
“The Great Crash of 2008 and the Reform of Economics”
Comments: Olav Velthuis (UvA)
Room G2-41

EIPE Research Seminar
November 16
Herbert Gintis (Massachusetts)
“Five Principles for the Unification of the Behavioral Sciences”
Comments TBA
Room G2-41

PhD/ReMa Seminar
**November 23**
**Sine Bagatur**
"In Defense of a Historical and Institutional Approach to Markets and Their Moral Boundaries"
Comments: Anders Schinkel (EUR) & Rene Lazcano
Room G2-41

EIPE Research Seminar
**November 30**
Fred Muller (EUR)
"Understanding with and without Explanation“
Comments: Tim de Mey (EUR)
Room G2-41

PhD/ReMa Seminar
**December 7**
**Haralabos Papatheofilopoulos**
"Global Justice and Development: A State of Denial"
Comments: Thomas Wells & Jack Vromen
Room G2-41

EIPE Research Seminar
**December 14**
Bart Engelen (Leuven)
“My Way or the Highway: Why Economists Should Stop Isolating Themselves From Other Scientists”
Comments: Clement Levallois (EUR)
Room G2-41