Social and economic networks are pervasive, playing an important role in various economic decisions, with profound and long-term implications on economic efficiency and welfare. The economic analysis of networks has made extensive developments over the years, overcoming both theoretical challenges and issues surrounding data sets. This two-day conference will foster further advancement of the subject by bringing together a group of leading researchers in the field to present and discuss their findings at the frontier of research.

Conference participants include:

Heski Bar-Issac, New York University with Guillermo Caruana and Vicente Cuñat
Search, Design and Market Structure

Michele Belot, Nuffield College, Oxford
The Own-Race Bias in Memory and the Structure of Cross-Racial Relations

Sergio Currarini Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia with Fernando Vega Redondo
Homophily and Search

Marcel Fafchamps, University of Oxford with Margherita Comola
Testing Unilateral and Bilateral Link Formation

Sanjeev Goyal, University of Cambridge with Marcel Fafchamps, Marco van der Leij and Lorenzo Ductor
Using social networks to predict individual productivity

Matthew Jackson, Stanford University with Tomas Rodriquez-Barraquer and Xu Tan
Social Capital and Social Quilts: Network Patterns of Favor Exchange

Massimo Morrelli, Columbia University with In-Uck Park, CMPO
Internal Hierarchy and Equilibrium Coalition Structures

Tanya Rosenblat, Iowa State University with Dean Karlan, Markus Mobius and Adam Szeidl
Measuring Social Capital in Peruvian Shantytowns

Sarah Smith, CMPO University of Bristol
The importance of social influences on giving: Evidence from the (running) field

Fernando Vega-Redono, European University Institute
Globalization and institutions: a social network approach

Admission is free and meals will be provided for all participants. Participants are requested to register in advance.

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