SPRING SEMESTER 2018

Date	Speaker	Title	Location
Thursday, February 8	Yoosoon Chang (Indiana University)	"A New Approach to Regime Switching" Paper 1, Paper 2	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard
February 15	Domenico Giannone (New York Fed & Harvard)	"Economic Predictions with Big Data: The Illusion of Sparsity" (with Michele Lenza, and Giorgio E. Primiceri)	MIT, E52-432
February 22	Whitney Newey (MIT)	"Cross-Fitting and Fast Remainder Rates for Semiparametric Estimation"	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard
March 1	Lester Mackey (Stanford University & Microsoft)	"Measuring Sample Quality with Kernels" "Measuring Sample Quality with Stein's Method"	MIT, E52-432
Wednesday, March 7, 4-5:30PM	**Harvard Harris Lecture** **Helene Rey (LBS)**	"Global Financial Cycles"	Science Center Hall C
March 8	Eric Gautier (Toulouse School of Economics)	"Adaptive Estimation in the Linear Random Coefficients Model When Regressors Have Limited Variation"	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard
March 15	**No meeting - Harvard Spring Break**		
March 22 ***joint with IO Hansen-Mason Room, 3rd Fl.***	Yuichi Kitamura (Yale University)	"Revealed Price Preference: Theory and Empirical Analysis" (joint w/Rahul Deb, John Quah, Joerg Stove)	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard
March 29	**No meeting - MIT Spring Break**		
April 5	David Jaeger (CUNY Graduate Center & NBER)	"Did Reality TV Really Cause a Decline in Teenage Childbearing? A Cautionary Tale of Evaluating Identifying Assumptions"	MIT, E52-432
April 12	Mikkel Soelvsten (University of Wisconsin, Madison)	"Leave-out Estimation of Variance Components"	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard
		"Direct Nonlinear Shrinkage	

April 19	Michael Wolf (University of Zurich)	Estimation of Large-Dimensional Covariance Matrices" Slides: MainTalk.pdf; BonusTalk.pdf	MIT, E52-432
April 26	Stephane Bonhomme (University of Chicago)	"Minimizing Sensitivity to Model Misspecification"	Harvard, Littauer M-15, North Yard