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Dear Roberto and Kumar

First of all, this email is to introduce the two of you. Aniket, this is Roberto Cardinale, my PhD student who was also briefly a research assistant at my Centre in Cambridge. Roberto, I don't think the two of you have ever crossed paths but Aniket was economics DoS at Newnham (as well as Murray Edwards). He is now a Research Associate in Economics and Finance at CPM. Roberto is the TA for IF3. He's been a bit late getting back to the UK because of tonsillitis.

I need to be in China for the first day of class on the 2nd of October. Aniket has agreed to lead it, with Roberto assisting. The idea this year will be to use the following board game:

<https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/2651/power-grid>

to help students discover for themselves in the first class the key ideas behind infrastructure economics (at least the bit that comes from intermediate micro): auction theory, market structure, path dependence, transaction costs and supply chain problems, etc. It has won a lot of prestigious prizes as a game and is still popular even in its 7th year. Roberto, Aniket has a copy of the game. There are three more copies on my desk (it's for 2-6 players and we estimate 18-22 in the class so we will need all four copies in all likelihood). Could you get one of those copies (Michael will let you in if I'm not around) and learn the game so you can help Aniket?

I'll send a syllabus for IF3 around shortly but as this is the first week, it would be helpful for you to get cracking on learning the game itself.

All best

D'Maris