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# **Proposal: Economic Theory Cluster Seminar Series**

## **Overview**

The Economic Theory Cluster would like to organise a new theory seminar series. The idea has been discussed by members of the Economic Theory Cluster, and the general initiative has received widespread support. The goals of the seminar series are

- to increase our engagement with theorists at other departments,
- to expand our exposure to new ideas,
- to facilitate interaction and the exchange of ideas within the cluster, and to
- to raise the research profile of the theory cluster and the department as a whole.

In addition, a cluster seminar would allow us to invite researchers whose work would be too narrow for a general audience and outstanding junior academics that do not yet carry sufficient prestige to be suitable for a departmental seminar.

## **Proposal Outline**

The current proposal is to invite six speakers per academic year, one per month during term time. Since funding is limited, we intent to focus on inviting colleagues at UK universities and international colleagues currently visiting at other UK institutions. The cluster series would be organised by the cluster, including correspondence with invitees and travel arrangements, so that support from administrative staff will be minimal.

## **Funding Sources**

Expenses for travel, accommodation and hospitality expenses of our speakers would be covered either through cluster funds or personal research allowances. ask the department to think of some appropriate financial