

## **## Guidelines for presenters**

- The seminar lasts about one hour. After a brief introduction by the seminar organizers, we typically allocate around 40-45 minutes for your presentation and 15-20 minutes for questions and discussion.
- Your audience will include anthropologists, biologists, economists, political scientists, psychologists, sociologists, and maybe even more. To make the most of your talk in this rather unusual context, we have a few rules and suggestions.
- The default rule at IAST seminars is that people can only interrupt for brief clarification questions, and should wait until Q&A directly after the talk to ask substantive questions or express opinions.
- If you have a strong preference for allowing all types of interruptions and know what to expect in that case, we can change that rule for your seminar. But we advise against it, as experience has showed that the 'anything goes' approach does not work well for a multidisciplinary audience.
- In any case, people are not allowed to interrupt during the first 10 minutes of your talk, in order to let you explain the motivation of your research unperturbed.
- Please use these 10 minutes to explain the relevance of your research question for your own field, but also for social sciences writ large. Making an effort to explain relevance in broad terms will help you connect to your multidisciplinary audience.
- In the same spirit, if you are presenting a mathematical model or complex analytical result, it is highly appreciated if you try to give the audience some intuition about how to interpret them (and/or how not to), without assuming that everyone can understand their details.
- Please aim at a 40 to 45-minute presentation, in order to leave time for Q&A. Q&A is important to us because this is when you can engage into a multidisciplinary dialogue with us. Our researchers learn a lot from interdisciplinary exchanges.
- During Q&A, the moderator will be responsible for keeping track of who is raising their hands, and giving the floor to audience members in the most appropriate order. This is because the moderator will try soliciting questions from multiple disciplines, which is challenging for you to do yourself. Before Q&A, you as a speaker, not the moderator, will engage with audience members who might interrupt your presentation with clarifying questions.
- You are welcome to send us a (working) paper related to your talk, which we will circulate to the audience a few days prior to your presentation. This is entirely optional and your presentation should be fully accessible even for those who haven't read the paper.