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Seminar

“Breaking Boundaries in Economics: Turning Methodological Blind Spots into Exciting Research Opportunities”

with

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Abstract

Traditional economic methodologies have left significant gaps in how we understand critical issues like human welfare, climate change, and the historical evolution of monetary systems. In this talk, we explore two major methodological mistakes that have constrained research: the neglect of historical context and the exclusion of human welfare. These blind spots offer exciting opportunities for students to conduct innovative and impactful research.

Through practical examples—ranging from the role of war in shaping monetary policy to the welfare costs of unemployment and climate change—we’ll demonstrate how addressing these gaps can lead to groundbreaking contributions. We’ll also introduce Agent-Based Modeling (ABM), a powerful tool that allows economists to model complex systems more realistically than traditional models. By embracing modern tools and pragmatic approaches, students can challenge mainstream assumptions while still succeeding in academic circles.

Presenter



Dr. Zaman finished his economics Ph. D. at Stanford University and worked at University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, and Bilkent University. Please find Dr. Zaman’s bio at <https://asadzaman.net/about-me/> and his works at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=U9Cl-pgAAAAJ&hl=en>

Join us to learn how you can explore uncharted territory in economics and contribute to solutions for some of the most pressing issues facing society today.

Seminar language is English. No translation services will be provided.

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