

# REGISTRATION FORM & PRELIMINARY PROGRAM: 1998 NSF/NBER DECENTRALIZATION CONFERENCE

The University of Minnesota

April 17 - 19, 1998

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*Subject: Decentralization Conference*

Dear Colleague:

The preliminary program for the 1998 NSF/NBER Decentralization Conference is enclosed below, along with a conference registration form. The Conference will be held at the University of Minnesota, April 17-19. If you are interested in attending, please return the registration form as soon as possible. The Conference activities will include an informal reception following the talks on Friday and a dinner Saturday evening.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in Minneapolis, located a few blocks from the Conference site, at a rate of \$91.00 per night. Please make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 800-448-3663 during business hours or the general Holiday Inn number, 800-465-4329. You must call before March 26 and tell them you are with the U of M Economics Department.

We hope to see you here in April,

Beth Allen and Jim Jordan

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## ***PRELIMINARY PROGRAM***

### **Friday, April 17**

**9:45 am - 10:45 am**

- "Increasing Returns and Perfect Competition: The Role of Land"  
Marcus Berliant (Washington University) and Thijs ten Raa (Tilburg University).

**break**

**11:00 am - 12:00 noon**

- "Pivotal Players and the Characterization of Influence"  
Nabil Al-Najjar and Rann Smorodinsky (Northwestern University).

**12:00 noon - 2:30 pm**

- Lunch

**2:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

- "Interaction Games"  
Stephen Morris (University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University).

**break**

**3:45 pm - 4:45 pm**

- "Communication and Coordination in Social Networks"  
Michael Chwe (University of Chicago).

**break**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

- "Informational Shirking and Informational Squandering"  
Eric Friedman (Duke University) and Thomas Marschak (UC-Berkeley).

## **Saturday, April 18**

**9:30 am - 10:30 am**

- "A Dynamic Tiebout Theory of Voluntary vs Involuntary Provision of Public Goods"  
Gerhard Glomm (Michigan State University) and Roger Lagunoff (Georgetown University).

**break**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am**

- "Clubs and the Market: Continuum Economies"  
Bryan Ellickson (UCLA), Birgit Grodal (University of Copenhagen), Suzanne Scotchmer (UC-Berkeley)  
and William Zame (UCLA).

**11:45 am - 2:00 pm**

- Lunch

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

- "On Representation of Sets"  
Leonid Hurwicz (University of Minnesota and UC-Santa Barbara) and Stanley Reiter (Northwestern  
University).

**break**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm**

- "Can we identify Walrasian allocations?"  
Antonio Manresa (Universitat de Barcelona).

**break**

**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

- "An Impossibility Theorem for Economies with Externalities"  
Leonid Hurwicz (University of Minnesota and UC-Santa Barbara).

**evening**

- Conference Banquet

## **Sunday, April 19**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am**

- "Social Learning, Delays, and Multiple Equilibria"  
Christophe Chamley (EHESS).

**break**

**10:15 am - 11:15 am**

- "Optimality and Natural Selection in Markets"  
Larry Blume and David Easley (Cornell University).

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REGISTRATION FORM

[Please email this form to Ms. Katy Bach at bach@atlas.socsci.umn.edu]

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I expect to attend the Decentralization Conference on:

Friday, April 17 \_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 18 \_\_\_\_ Sunday, April 19 \_\_\_\_.

I plan on attending the conference banquet on Saturday evening.

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_