

# FINAL PROGRAM: 1999 NSF/NBER DECENTRALIZATION CONFERENCE

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**Leonard N. Stern School of Business  
Henry Kaufman Management Center, Room 2-70  
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## ***PROGRAM***

### **Friday, April 16**

**9:45 am**

- **Opening Remarks**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm Session I**

- **"Complementarities and Collusion in Auctions with Multiple Objects"**

Giuseppe Lopomo (New York University) and Sandro Brusco (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

- **"The Effectiveness of Simple Auctions"**

Zvika Neeman (Boston University)

**12:00 noon - 1:00 pm**

- **Lunch**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Session II**

- **"Managerial Allocation of Time and Effort"**

Sridhar Seshadri (New York University) and Zur Shapira (New York University)

- **"Cooperation, Corporate Culture and Incentive Intensity"**

Rafael Rob (University of Pennsylvania) and Peter Zemsky (INSEAD)

**3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

- **Break**

**3:15 pm - 5:15 pm Session III**

- **"Not Invented Here"**

Sandeep Baliga (Northwestern University) and Tomas Sjöström (Pennsylvania State University)

- **"Career Paths in Organizations"**

Katerina Sherstyuk (University of Melbourne) and Peter Bardsley (University of Melbourne)

## **Saturday, April 17**

**8:30 am - 10:30 am Session IV**

- **"Computability, Definability, and Bounded Rationality"**

Ket Richter (University of Minnesota) and Kam-Chau Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

- **"Subjective Representation of Complexity"**

Nabil Al-Najjar (Northwestern University), Ramon Casadesus-Masanell (Northwestern University),  
and Emre Ozdenoren (Northwestern University)

**10:30 am - 10:45 am**

- **Break**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am Session V**

- **"Interim Design of Core Mechanisms"**

Roger Guesnerie (Ecole Normale Supérieure)

**11:45 pm - 1:00 pm**

- **Lunch**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Session VI**

- **"Dynamic Stability of Nash-Efficient Public Goods Mechanisms: Reconciling Theory and Experiments"**

Yan Chen (University of Michigan)

- **"Coordinating Economic Activity: An Example"**

Stanley Reiter (Northwestern University)

**3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

- **Break**

**3:15 pm - 5:15 pm Session VII**

- **"The Optimality of a Simple Market Mechanism"**

Steven Williams (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Mark Satterthwaite (Northwestern University)

- **"Prices, Delays, and the Dynamics of Trade "**

John Wooders (University of Arizona) and Diego Moreno (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

**7:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

- **Cocktail Party: No Host Bar**

**7:30 pm**

- **Conference Banquet**

**Sunday, April 18**

**8:30 am - 10:30 am Session VIII**

- **"Reinforcement Behavior in Repeated Games"**

Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University), Jonathan Bendor (Stanford University), and Debraj Ray (Boston University)

- **"Genetic Drift in Tacit Coordination Games"**

Jasmina Arifovic (Simon Fraser University)

**10:30 am - 10:45 am**

- **Break**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am Session IX**

- **"An Experimental Study of Belief Learning Using Real Beliefs"**

Yaw Nyarko (New York University) and Andrew Schotter (New York University)

NOTE: Continental breakfast will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings before the first session

NOTE: Catered lunch will be served on Friday and Saturday

NOTE: Breakfast and Lunch will be served outside of Conference room 2-70.  
Saturday Banquet will be held in the Surdna Lounge North in Tisch Hall 320n..

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