### Semi-Plenary Sessions

(last updated March 30, 2009)

#### Thursday, June 4, 2009, 3:30 to 4:30 PM

**Session 1: Behavioral Economics (CAS Building, Room 522)**
- David Laibson, Harvard University: The Psychological Foundations of the Financial Crisis
- Sendhil Mullainathan, Harvard University: Behavioral Public Finance

**Session 2: Econometrics of Policy Evaluation (CAS Building, Room 224)**
- Guido Imbens, Harvard University: Matching Methods in Practice
- Edward Vytlacil, Yale University: The Borel Paradox and the Average Effect of Treatment for Individuals at the Margin

**Session 3: Trade and Geography (CAS Building, Room B12)**
- Samuel Kortum, University of Chicago: Quantitative Models of Trade and Geography
- Thomas Holmes, University of Minnesota: An Alternative Theory of the Plant Size Distribution with an Application to Trade (with John J. Stevens)

#### Friday, June 5, 2009, 3:30 to 4:30 PM

**Session 4: The Financial Crisis (CAS Building, Room 522)**
- John Geanakoplos, Yale University: The Leverage Cycle
- Jeremy Stein, Harvard University: Leverage, Fire Sales, and Capital Regulation

**Session 5: Factor Models (CAS Building, Room 224)**
- Serena Ng, Columbia University: A Hierarchical, Factor Analysis of Housing Market Dynamics

**Session 6: Theories of Conflict (CAS Building, Room B12)**
- Sandeep Baliga, Northwestern University: Conflict and Cooperation (with Tomas Sjostrom)
- Debraj Ray, New York University: Conflict and Distribution

#### Saturday, June 6, 2009, 3:30 to 4:30 PM

**Session 7: Education Policy (CAS Building, Room 522)**
- James Heckman, University of Chicago: TBA
- Derek Neal, University of Chicago: Pay for Percentile

**Session 8: Decision Theory (CAS Building, Room 224)**
- Eddie Dekel, Northwestern University and Tel Aviv University: How (Not) to do Decision Theory
- Ariel Rubinstein, Tel Aviv University and New York University: Some Thoughts on the Development of Choice Theory

**Session 9: Development Economics (CAS Building, Room B12)**
- Edward Miguel, University of California, Berkeley: Civil War and Economic Development
- James Robinson, Harvard University: The Formation of the State: Evidence from Columbia