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## PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

- 08:30 **Diego Comin**  
Dartmouth College  
*Overconfidence and the diffusion of medical technologies*
- 11:00 *Opening and Welcome*
- 11:30 **Ray Fisman**  
Boston University  
*Corruption*
- 13:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 **David Laibson**  
Harvard University  
*When do Nudges Work?*
- 17:30 Welcome cocktail, networking and visit to the exhibition  
*The Beautiful Brain: The Drawings of Santiago Ramón y Cajal*  
MIT Museum - 265 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge

### TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

- 10:00 **Ricardo Hausmann**  
Harvard Kennedy School Government  
*The division of knowhow: origins, evolution and implications*
- 12:00 Lunch Break

- 13:15 **Daron Acemoglu**  
MIT  
*The Narrow Corridor to Liberty*
- 15:45 **Andrei Shleifer**  
Harvard University  
*Instability from Beliefs*

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

- 10:00 **Pol Antras**  
Harvard University  
*Venting Out: Exports During a Domestic Slump*
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 13:30 **Dani Rodrik**  
Harvard Kennedy School Government  
*Is Hyper-Globalization Feasible?*
- 16:00 Students Panel

### THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:00 **Esther Duflo**  
MIT  
*The economist as a plumber*
- 11:30 **Gita Gopinath**  
Harvard University  
*Banking, Trade, and the Making of a Dominant Currency*
- 13:30 End of the Seminar



## DARON ACEMOGLU

Daron is the Killian Professor of Economics at MIT. In 2005 he received the John Bates Clark Medal awarded to economists under forty judged to have made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge.



## POL ANTRÀS

Pol is Robert G. Ory Professor of Economics at Harvard University, where he has taught since 2003. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), where he served as Director of the International Trade and Organization (ITO) Working Group. He is also a Research Affiliate at the Centre

for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and is a member of CESifo's Research Network. A citizen of Spain, he received his BA and MSc in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, and his PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2003. Antràs' teaching and research fields are international economics, macroeconomics, and applied theory. He is a co-editor of the Journal of International Economics, a foreign editor of the Review of Economic Studies, and is on the editorial board of the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the American Economic Review, and the Annual Review of Economics, among other journals.



## DIEGO COMIN

Diego is a Professor of Economics at Dartmouth since 2014. He received his B.A. in Economics in 1995 from the University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain and his PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2000. Between 2000 and 2007, Comin has been Assistant Professor of Economics at New York University.

Between 2007 and 2014, Comin has been Associate Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School (HBS) where he taught both in the MBA and in executive programs. He has also designed and led immersion programs in Peru and Malaysia for which he received the Apgar Prize for Innovation in Teaching from the HBS Dean. Comin is Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research and Faculty Research Fellow in the National Bureau of Economic Research's Economic Fluctuations and Growth Program. Comin is a fellow for the Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) and his work has been supported by the Gates foundation, the National Science Foundation, the C.V. Starr Foundation, and the Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung (ZEW). Comin is advising the Prime Minister of Malaysia on its development strategies and has consulted for the World Bank, IMF, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Citibank, Danish Science Ministry, and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) of the government of Japan. Comin works on macroeconomics broadly understood. Part of his research consists of studying the process of technological change and technology diffusion both across countries and over time. A second avenue of Comin's work studies the sources and propagation mechanisms of fluctuations at high and medium term frequencies. A third line of research pursued by Comin has explored the evolution of firm dynamics and their implications for the evolution of the US economy. His work has been published in academic journals, including the American Economic Review, the American Economic Journal, the Journal of Monetary Economics, the Review of Economics and

Statistics and the Journal of Economic Growth. Comin has written the book *Malaysia Beyond 2020* where he presents a new approach to development policy that aims to create a knowledge-friendly eco-system where companies can move up in the value chain.



## RAY FISMAN

Ray holds the Slater Family Chair in Behavioral Economics at Boston University. Previously, he was the Lambert Family Professor of Social Enterprise and co-director of the Social Enterprise Program at Columbia University's business school. Professor Fisman's research – much of it focused on global corruption – has been published in leading economics journals including the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, and *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; this work has been widely covered in the popular press, in such outlets as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, the *Economist*, and the *Washington Post*. His most recent book, *Corruption: What Everyone Needs to Know* (with political scientist Miriam Golden), was published by Oxford University Press in 2017.



## ESTHER DUFLO

Esther is the Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics in the Department of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a co-founder and co-director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL). In her research, she seeks to understand the economic lives of the poor, with the aim to help design and evaluate social policies. She has worked on health, education, financial inclusion, environment

and governance.

Professor Esther Duflo's first degrees were in history and economics from *Ecole Normale Supérieure*, Paris. She subsequently received a Ph.D. in Economics from MIT in 1999.

Duflo has received numerous academic honors and prizes including the Princess of Asturias Award for Social Sciences (2015), the A.SK Social Science Award (2015), Infosys Prize (2014), the David N. Kershaw Award (2011), a John Bates Clark Medal (2010), and a MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellowship (2009). With Abhijit Banerjee, she wrote *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty*, which won the Financial Times and Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award in 2011 and has been translated into more than 17 languages.

Duflo is the Editor of the *American Economic Review*, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.



## GITA GOPINATH

Gita is the John Zwaanstra Professor of International Studies and of Economics at Harvard University. Her research focuses on International Finance and Macroeconomics. She is a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, member of the economic advisory panel of the Federal Reserve

Bank of New York, a Managing Editor of the *Review of Economic Studies*, co-editor of the current *Handbook of International Economics*, and a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) for the programs in Economic Fluctuations and Growth, International Finance and Macroeconomics, and Monetary Economics. She also served as a member

of the Eminent Persons Advisory Group on G-20 Matters for India's Ministry of Finance. In 2011, she was chosen as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Before coming to Harvard, she was an assistant professor of economics at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.



## RICARDO HAUSSMAN

Ricardo is Director of Harvard's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government. He also teaches a capstone course on the MPAID program. Previously, he served as the first Chief Economist of the Inter-American Development Bank (1994-2000), where he created the Research Department. He has served as Minister of Planning of Venezuela (1992-1993) and as a member of the Board of the Central Bank of Venezuela. He also served as Chair of the IMF-World Bank Development Committee. He was Professor of Economics at the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA) (1985-1991) in Caracas, where he founded the Center for Public Policy. His research interests include issues of growth, macroeconomic stability, international finance, and the social dimensions of development.



## DAVID LAIBSON

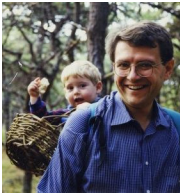
David is the Robert I. Goldman Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Department of Economics at Harvard University. He leads Harvard University's Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative. Laibson's research focuses on the topic of behavioral economics, with emphasis on household finance, macroeconomics, aging, and intertemporal choice. Laibson is also a member of the National

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## DANI RODRIK

Dani is an economist whose research covers globalization, economic growth and development, and political economy. He is the Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He rejoined the Kennedy School faculty in July 2015 after two years at the Institute for Advanced Study as the Albert O. Hirschman Professor in the School of Social Science. Professor Rodrik's most recent book is *Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science* (Norton, 2015).



## ANDREI SHLEIFER

A Professor of Economics at Harvard University, Andrei holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard and a Ph.D. from MIT. Before coming to Harvard in 1991, he has taught at Princeton and the Chicago Business School. Shleifer has worked in the areas of comparative corporate governance, law and finance, behavioral finance, as well as institutional economics. He has published six books, including *The Grabbing Hand* (with Robert Vishny), and *Inefficient Markets: An Introduction to Behavioral Finance*, as well as over a hundred articles. Shleifer is an Editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and a fellow of the Econometric Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Finance Association. In 1999, Shleifer won the John Bates Clark medal of the American Economic Association. According to RePEc, Shleifer is the most cited economist in the world.

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