The Division of Economics and the Economic Growth Centre cordially invite you to a seminar by Associate Professor Joseph Tao-Yi Wang

Speaker:  
Professor Joseph Tao-Yi Wang  
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Topic:  
"Confucianism and preferences: Evidence from lab experiments in Taiwan and China"

Chairperson:  
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Date:  
Thursday, 23 January 2014

Time:  
3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Venue:  
Meeting Room 4 (HSS-04-71)  
Nanyang Technological University  
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About the Speaker:

Professor Joseph Tao-Yi Wang received his PhD from University of California, Los Angeles in 2005 and worked as a postdoctoral scholar in Economics and visiting associate in Economics at the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, Caltech. He is currently Associate Professor of Economics at National Taiwan University. His research areas include Microeconomic Theory, Experimental Economics and Neuroeconomics. He has published his works in American Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, and American Economic Journals: Microeconomics.

Abstract:

This paper investigates how Confucianism affects individual decision making in Taiwan and in China. We found that Chinese subjects in our experiments became less accepting of Confucian values, such that they became significantly more risk loving, less loss averse, and more impatient after being primed with Confucianism, whereas Taiwanese subjects became significantly less present-based and were inclined to be more trustworthy after being primed by Confucianism. Combining the evidence from the incentivized laboratory experiments and subjective survey measures, we found evidence that Chinese subjects and Taiwanese subjects reacted differently to Confucianism.

Reservation:

Admission is free. Please reply to Christina, e-mail: achristina@ntu.edu.sg or Tel: 6790-5689 to confirm your attendance.