

1997-98 Calendar

October 3:

David Levine, Professor of Economics, UCLA.

Field/Subfield: Economics / Games with Incomplete Information.

Topic: "Learning in the Worst Case"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Economics)

October 10:

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Professor of Human Development, Department of Psychology and Education, The University of Chicago.

Field/Subfield: Psychology / Motivation, Creativity, Optimal Experience.

Topic: "Cultivating Creativity"

(Cosponsored by the Anderson Graduate School of Management, the Cognitive Science Group, UCLA Department of Psychology and the International Center for Talent Development)

October 31:

Chris Langton Research Professor Santa Fe Institute.

Field/Subfield: Biology / Complexity.

Topic: "Modeling Complex Adaptive Systems"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group and the Department of Biology and The UCLA Computational Evolution and Ecology Group (CEEG))

November 14:

Howard Rosenthal, Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences, Professor of Politics, Princeton University.

Field/Subfield: Political Science / Theory and Methods, Voting.

Topic: "Unidimensional Legislatures: The Simple Left-Right Structure of Roll Call Voting in the United States, Russia, and the Czech Republic"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Political Science and by the Workshop in Political Economy)

December 5:

Charles R. Plott, Edward S. Harkness Professor of Economics and Political Science, California Institute of Technology.

Field/Subfield: Economics / Laboratory Experimental Methods.

Topic: "Market Rational Expectation Tools for Information Collecting and Forecasting"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Economics)

January 23:

Robert W. Lucky, Corporate Vice President, Applied Research, Bellcore.

Field/Subfield: Communications / Computer Networks.

Topic: "The Post-Internet Landscape of Telecommunications"

(Cosponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Center for Communication Policy, the Center for Operations and Technology Management, the Academic Information Technology Board and the Department of Communication Studies)

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February 6:

Mark A. R. Kleiman, Professor of Policy Studies, UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research.

Field/Subfield: Policy Analysis / Crime Control.

Topic: "Getting Deterrence Right: Applying Tipping Models and Behavioral Economics to the Problems of Crime Control"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Policy Studies, the Center for Political Economy, and the Political Economy Workshop)

February 13:

V. S. Ramachandran, Professor, Neurosciences Program and Department of Psychology, and Director, Brain and Perception Laboratory, Center for Research on Brain and Cognition, University of California, San Diego and Adjunct Professor of Biology, Salk Institute.

Field/Subfield: Neurology, Psychology / Brain, Perception, Cognition.

Topic: "Illusions of Body image in Neurology: What They Reveal of Human Nature"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group and the UCLA Department of Psychology)

February 20:

Vladimir Keilis-Borok, Director, International Institute of Earthquake Prediction Theory and Mathematical Geophysics, Russian Academy of Sciences and Regent's Professor, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA.

Field/Subfield: Mathematical Geophysics / Dynamics of the Lithosphere, Prediction of Critical Phenomena.

Topic: "Predicting Economic Recessions in the U.S."

(Cosponsored by the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics)

February 27:

Manfred Eigen, Professor and Chairman, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1967.

Field/Subfield: Biology and Chemistry/Evolutionary Biotechnology and Molecular Self-Organization.

Topic: "Darwinian Evolution and Multidimensional Fitness Landscapes"

March 6:

Brian J. L. Berry, Lloyd Viel Berkner Regental Professor of Political Economy, University of Texas at Dallas.

Field/Subfield: Geography / Development Studies.

Topic: "The Long Wave Question"

(Cosponsored by the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies and the Department of Geography)

March 20:

Thomas C. Schelling, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, University of Maryland.

Field/Subfield: Economics/Conflict, Cooperation, and Strategy.

Topic: "Rationality and Some of Its Alternatives"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Economics, the Political Economy Workshop and the Center for Political Economy)

April 17:

Richard Karp, Professor of Computer Science & Engineering and Adjunct Professor of Molecular Biotechnology University of Washington.

Field/Subfield: Computer Science/Algorithms, Complexity, Computational Molecular Biology.

Topic: "Molecular Biology as an Information Science: The Role of the Computer Scientist"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Computer Science)

May 1:

Daniel Kahneman, Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology and Professor of Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University.

Field/ Subfield: Psychology / Decision Making.

Topic: "Time, Utility and Well-Being"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group, the UCLA Department of Psychology, the Political Economy Workshop and the Center for Political Economy)

May 22:

Elisabeth Vrba, Professor of Geology and Geophysics and Director, Yale Institute for Biospheric Science, Yale University.

Field/ Subfield : Zoology and Paleontology / Evolutionary Theory and Testing.

Topic: "What Rodent Feet and Human Brains Have in Common"

(Cosponsored by the Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origin of Life, the Department of Biology, and the Red Caldas-Nodo sur de California (Caldas Network-Southern California Node))

May 29:

James Boister, Professor of Anthropology, University of Connecticut

Field/ Subfield : Anthropology

Topic: "High Paternity Certainties of Jewish Priests"

(Cosponsored by the UCLA Department of Anthropology)

June 5:

Vitalii Goldanskii, Director-General, Institute of Chemical Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Field/ Subfield : Chemical Physics / Evolution, Disarmament.

Topic: "Intelligence vs. Science in the Soviet Atomic Weapons Program"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Physics and Astronomy and by the Center for International Relations)

June 12:

David B. Kaplan, Professor of Philosophy, UCLA.

Field/ Subfield : Philosophy / Logic and Semantics.

Topic: "The Meaning of 'Ouch' and 'Oops'"