

# Social Science

## Research Colloquium

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### *Consensus and Ideology in Expert Communities:*

#### *The Case of Economics*



Professional consensus in expert communities is a subject of scholarly, public and political significance. In the case of economics, researchers and observers assert that there is professional consensus on specific policy issues and a certain degree of consensus across the discipline. At the same time, many see economics as a politicized subject, in which political ideologies about “free markets” and state intervention shape individual perspectives. This talk explores some of the research related to professional consensus and political ideology in economics that draws on a long tradition of survey research on members of the American Economic Association.

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**6 - 8 pm in R319**

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