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INFORMED CHOICES, INCLUSIVE VOICES: EPISTEMIC JOURNEYS IN DEMOCRATIC DECISION MAKING

LOGISTICS



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First, let's get to know each other.

ABOUT ME



Adrian Haret

Chair in Philosophy and Decision Theory
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ABOUT ME

Background in Philosophy, at
the University of Bucharest.

Switched to Computer Science,
with a PhD in the logic of belief
change at TU Wien.

Followed by Postdoc in
Computational Social Choice at
the University of Amsterdam.

Write to me!

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🔗 <https://adrianharet.github.io>

Your turn!

FORMAT

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In-person, on campus, 2hrs each.

45 mins + 15 mins break (to ask questions, take naps) + 45 mins.

Slides will be posted online after the lectures.*

Adrian starts with spend the first weeks laying out the framework.

This will be followed by discussions on key papers, led by students.

* <https://adrianharet.github.io>

SCHEDULE

One lecture per week

Monday, 14:00 - 16:00, Room 021 (here!)

FIRST LECTURE

April 15, 2024 (now!)

NO LECTURE

May 20, 2024 (Whit Monday)

LAST LECTURE

July 15, 2024


EVALUATION

GRADE

50% class participation

- presentation in one of the sessions, or
- two small essays on papers related to the course
- due end of May and September 23

50% Term Paper

- due September 23, 2024
 - research on some topic that caught your interest
 - can be a review of existing literature, tackling a research question, coding up something (a simulation) and reporting the results
 - potential research topics will be flagged during the lectures with the following symbol: 
 - also a list on the course website (forthcoming!)
 - in second half of the course, we will have a preliminary discussion on the chosen topic

ETIQUETTE

PERSONAL WORK

Don't plagiarize, etc.

RESPECT TOWARDS PEERS

Please.

QUESTIONS DURING LECTURES

Yes!

Feel free to interrupt and ask.

AIMS

SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THIS FASCINATING TOPIC

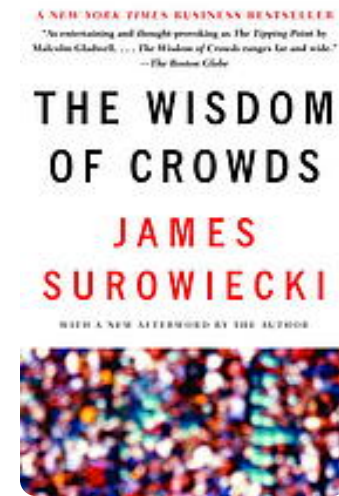
Very interdisciplinary topic, with broad reach.

Won't be able to touch on *all* the work, but (hopefully!) just enough.

ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY ON FORMAL RESULTS VS REALITY

In particular, the final essay should reflect that aim!

POPULAR SCIENCE



JAMES SUROWIECKI
The Wisdom of Crowds
Doubleday Anchor
2004

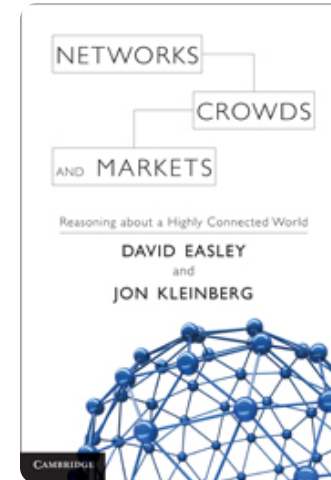


SCOTT E. PAGE
**The Diversity Bonus: How Great Teams Pay Off
In the Knowledge Economy**
Princeton University Press
2019



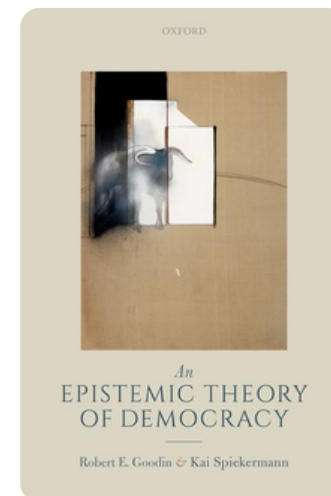
Slides, papers, videos: stay tuned!

USEFUL BOOKS



DAVID EASLEY & JON KLEINBERG
Networks, Crowds, and Markets
Cambridge University Press
2012

<https://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/kleinber/networks-book/networks-book.pdf>



ROBERT E. GOODIN & KAI SPIEKERMANN
An Epistemic Theory of Democracy
Oxford University Press
2018

TOPICS

The Condorcet Jury Theorem

Social learning

Diversity

Deliberation

Prediction markets

Information cascades

Polarization

Epistemic Injustice