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The annual EMS Distinguished Lecture, established in 2022, celebrates the Economics, Mathematics, and Statistics (EMS) degree program jointly managed by the School of Economics and the School of Mathematics and Statistics. Held in the Spring term, this lecture series highlights outstanding research in economics, mathematics, and statistics while fostering stronger links between the two Schools. Past speakers have included internationally renowned researchers of the highest distinction.
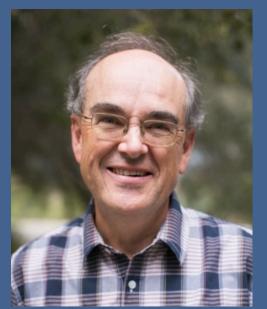
2022 Speaker: Professor Ariel Rubinstein, Tel Aviv University and New York University.

Ariel Rubinstein is a Professor of Economics in School of Economics at Tel Aviv University, and a Professor of Economics in New York University. His research focuses on economic theory, bounded rationality, game theory, experimental economics and choice. He has received multiple awards and was elected as a fellow to several societies as indicated on his website. To cite a few, he was elected a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (1995), a Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1994) and the American Economic Association (1995). In 1985 he was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society and served as its president in 2004. He was elected as an Economic Theory Fellow in 2011, and a Fellow of Game Theory Society in 2017. He has received the Bruno Prize (2000), the Israel prize for economics (2002), the Nemmers Prize in Economics (2004), the EMET prize (2006), and the Rothschild Prize (2010).

2023 Speaker: <u>Professor Adrian E. Raftery</u>

Adrian E. Raftery is Boeing International Professor of <u>Statistics</u> and <u>Sociology</u>, and Adjunct Professor of <u>Atmospheric Sciences</u> at the <u>University of Washington</u>. His research focuses on Bayesian model selection and Bayesian model averaging, model-based clustering, inference for deterministic simulation models, and the development of new statistical methods for sociology, demography, and the environmental and health sciences. He is a member of the United States National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an Honorary Member of the Royal Irish Academy, a member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and an elected Member of the Sociological Research Association. He has won the Population Association of America's Clifford C. Clogg Award, the American Sociological Association's Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award for Distinguished Contribution to Knowledge, the Jerome Sacks Award for Outstanding Cross-Disciplinary Research from the National Institute of Statistical Sciences, and the Parzen Prize for Statistical Innovation.

2024 SPEAKER: <u>PROFESSOR SIR RICHARD BLUNDELL</u>, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.

Richard Blundell holds the David Ricardo Chair of Political Economy at University College London where he was appointed Professor of Economics. His research focuses on micro-econometrics, consumer behavior, savings, labor supply, taxation, public finance, innovation, and inequality. He was Research Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Founder and Director of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy. In 2000 he received the Econometric Society Frisch Prize Medal for his paper 'Estimating Labour Supply Responses using Tax Reforms'. He has received numerous other prizes among which the Yrjö Jahnsson Prize (1995), a Leverhulme Personal Professorship (1998), the Jean-Jacques Laffont Prize (2008), the CES-Ifo Prize (2010), the Sandmo Prize (2011), the IZA Prize in Labor Economics (2012), the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Prize in Economics (2015), the Nemmers Prize in Economics (2016) and the Mincer Prize in Labor Economics (2020). He was awarded a Knighthood in the 2014 New Year Honours list for his services to Economics and Social Science.

2025 Speaker: <u>Professor Sylvia Frühwirth-Schnatter</u>, Vienna University of Economics and Business.

Sylvia Frühwirth-Schnatter is Professor of Applied Statistics and Econometrics at Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria). Her research focuses on Bayesian modeling and Markov chain Monte Carlo inference for a broad range of models, including finite mixtures, Markov switching models and state space models. She is particularly interested in applications of Bayesian inference in economics, finance, and business. In 2014 she co-developed a Bayesian approach to exploratory factor analysis (with James Heckman). She was the President of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis. Her 2006 monograph Finite Mixture and Markov Switching Models was awarded the Morris-DeGroot Price by of the International Society of Bayesian Analysis (ISBA). She was elected Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in 2014 and ISBA Fellow in 2018.

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