

**6th SCEME Seminar**  
**'Rationality and Individuality in Economics'**  
**Friday 27th October 2006**

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**Venue:** *Airthrey Castle (room 17, ground floor), University of Stirling*

**Programme**

- From 9.00                      Arrival of participants
- 9.15-10.15                    **Preference, Choice and Rationality**  
*Chair:* Sheila Dow, University of Stirling
- Lead discussant:*  
Prasanta Pattanaik, University of California, Riverside and  
Carnegie Centenary Professor, University of Stirling\*
- Co-discussant:*  
Dipak Ghosh, University of Stirling
- Background reading:*  
Prasanta Pattanaik, 'Preference, Choice, and Rationality: Amartya  
Sen's Critique of the Theory of Rational Choice in Economics'
- 10.15-10.30                    *Morning coffee/tea*
- 10.30-12.15                    **The Individual and Society**  
*Chair:* Caroline Gerschlager, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien and  
Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Co-discussants:*  
Susan Johnson, University of Bath  
Allister McGregor, University of Bath  
Amos Witztum, London Metropolitan University
- Background readings:*
- Caroline Gerschlager, 'Self-deception and the formation of preferences'.
  - Susan Johnson, 'The role of markets in the construction of wellbeing: the need for a Polanyian perspective'.
  - Ian Cough and J. Allister McGregor (ed.), 'Wellbeing in Developing Countries: from theory to research', Chapter 14.
  - Amos Witztum, 'Social Attitudes and Public Policies'.
- 12.30-13.30                    *Lunch, Management Centre*

13.45-14.45

**Identity and Economics**

*Chair:* Matthias Klaes, Keele University

*Lead discussant:*

John Davis, University of Amsterdam/Marquette

*Co-discussant:*

Miriam Teschl, Robinson College, Cambridge

*Background readings:*

- John Davis, 'Identity and individual economic agents'
- Miriam Teschl, 'Personal Identity Decisions for Examining Change'

14.45-15.00

*Afternoon coffee/tea*

15.00-16.45

**Different Approaches to Rationality and Individuality**

*Chair:* Iara Onate, University of Stirling

*Co-discussants:*

Andy Denis, City University

Robert McMaster, University of Aberdeen

David Vázquez-Guzmán, University of Stirling

*Background readings:*

- Andy Denis, 'Some notes on methodological individualism: orthodox and heterodox views'
- John Davis and Robert McMaster, 'Situating care in health (care) economics'
- David Vázquez-Guzmán, 'Historical Background of Rationality: decision-making insights during the Enlightenment'.

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