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Program

Monday June 1, 2026

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09:00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Diego Comin, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College, Daniel Sánchez Mata, Real Colegio Complutense Director, and **Vicente J. Montes Gan**, CEO Rafael del Pino Foundation

09:30 WIE Session 1: **Diego Comin**, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College
Scale and Skill

11:30 Lunch Break

13:30 WIE Session 2: **David Atkin**, professor in the Economics Department, MIT
Big Data, Trade, and Development

15:30 Break

16:00 WIE Session 3: **Dani Rodrik**, Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government
How Much Global Governance Do We Need?

18:00 End of day

Tuesday June 2, 2026

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10:00 WIE Session 4: **Stefanie Stantcheva**, Nathaniel Ropes Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University
Perceptions, Mindsets, and Beliefs Shaping Policy Views

12:00 Lunch Break / Networking

13:30 WIE Session 5: **Ludwig Straub**, Professor of Economics, Harvard University
TBA

15:30 Group Photo

16:00 WIE Session 6: **Dave Donaldson**, Class of 1949 Professor of Economics, MIT
Tariffs, the Terms of Trade, and the Global Trading System

18:00 End of day

Wednesday June 3, 2026

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10:00 WIE Session 7: **David Argente**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management
From Cash to Crypto: The Evolution of Payment Methods

12:00 Lunch Break / Networking

13:30 WIE Session 8: **Treb Allen**, Distinguished Associate Professor of Economics and Globalization, Dartmouth College
History through the Lens of Economic Geography

15:30 **Free afternoon**

Thursday June 4, 2026

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09:30 WIE Session 9: **Pol Antras**, Robert G. Ory Professor of Economics, Harvard University
Production Time, Interest Rates and International Specialization

11:30 Closing remarks and end of the Seminar

LECTURERS

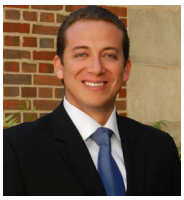
Treb Allen

Treb is the Distinguished Associate Professor of Economics and Globalization at Dartmouth College and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Allen earned his Ph.D. at Yale University and has previously held positions at Northwestern University, Stanford University and Princeton University. His research spanning the fields of international economics, development economics, urban economics, and economic geography has been published in leading economics journals including Econometrica, the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Review of Economic Studies. Allen is the recipient of the WTO Essay Award for Young Economists, the Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economics, and an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship. He serves as a co-editor at the Journal of International Economics, an associate editor of Econometrica, and a member of the Board of Editors of the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy.

Pol Antràs

Pol is Robert G. Ory Professor of Economics at Harvard University, where he has taught since 2003. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), where he served as Director of the International Trade and Organization (ITO) Working Group. He is also a Research Affiliate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and is a member of CESifo's Research Network. He served as Editor of the Quarterly Journal of Economics from 2015 until 2020, having previously been on the editorial board of the American Economic Review, the Review of Economic Studies, the Journal of International Economics, and the Annual Review of Economics, among other journals. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Barcelona School of Economics. Among other distinctions, he was awarded an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship in 2007 and the Fundación Banco Herrero Prize in 2009, and he was elected Fellow of the Econometric Society in 2015. Antràs' teaching and research fields are international economics and applied theory. His most recent work is focused on global value chains, on the interplay between globalization and interest rates, on global pandemics, and on international relations. A citizen of Spain, Antràs received his BA and MSc in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, and his PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2003.

David Argente



David's interests include applied macroeconomics, macro development, innovation, and monetary economics. Prof. Argente's recent works center around the use of payment methods in developing countries. Prior to joining Yale School of Management, Prof. Argente was a Visiting Scholar at the Minneapolis Fed, an Assistant Professor at Penn State University, and a Kenen Fellow at the International Economics Section of Princeton University's Economics Department. Professor Argente has also worked in the Latin America Region of the World Bank and the Bank of Mexico. He received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago in 2018.

David Atkin

David is a professor in the Economics Department at MIT and a Co-Chair of J-PAL's firms sector. His research focuses on evaluating the impacts of trade liberalization on the poor in the developing world. His recent work has studied the role of regional taste differences in altering the impacts of trade reforms in India, and educational responses to the rise of export oriented manufacturing in Mexico. Atkin holds a PhD in Economics from Princeton University.

Diego Comin

Diego is a Professor of Economics at Dartmouth since 2014. He received his B.A. in Economics in 1995 from the University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain and his PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2000. Between 2000 and 2007, Comin has been Assistant Professor of Economics at New York University. Between 2007 and 2014, Comin has been Associate Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School (HBS) where he taught both in the MBA and in executive programs. He has also designed and led immersion programs in Peru and Malaysia for which he received the Apgar Prize for Innovation in Teaching from the HBS Dean. Comin is Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research and Faculty Research Fellow in the National Bureau of Economic Research's Economic Fluctuations and Growth Program. Comin is a fellow for the Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) and his work has been supported by the Gates foundation, the National Science Foundation, the C.V. Star Foundation, and the Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung (ZEW). Comin is advising the Prime Minister of Malaysia on its development strategies and has consulted for the World Bank, IMF, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Citibank, Danish Science Ministry, and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) of the government of Japan. Comin works on macroeconomics broadly understood. Part of his research consists of

studying the process of technological change and technology diffusion both across countries and over time. A second avenue of Comin's work studies the sources and propagation mechanisms of fluctuations at high and medium term frequencies. A third line of research pursued by Comin has explored the evolution of firm dynamics and their implications for the evolution of the US economy. His work has been published in academic journals, including the American Economic Review, the American Economic Journal, the Journal of Monetary Economics, the Review of Economics and (Open Society) Statistics and the Journal of Economic Growth. Comin has written the book Malaysia Beyond 2020 where he presents a new approach to development policy that aims to create a knowledge-friendly eco-system where companies can move up in the value chain.

Dave Donalson

Dave teaches and carries out research on trade, both international and intranational, with applications in the fields of International Economics, Development Economics, Urban Economics, Economic History, Environmental Economics, and Agricultural Economics. He has studied, among other topics: the welfare and inequality effects of market integration, the impact of improvements in transportation infrastructure, how trade can mitigate and exacerbate the effects of climate change, and how economists can quantify market failures and the interventions (such as industrial policy) that attempt to fix them. He was awarded the 2017 John Bates Clark Medal, given by the American Economic Association to the US-based economist "under the age of forty who is judged to have made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge", as well as an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship and several grants from the National Science Foundation. He has served as a co-editor at Econometrica and American Economic Journal: Applied Economics and is a Fellow of the Econometric Society and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A native of Toronto, Canada, Donaldson obtained an undergraduate degree in Physics from Oxford University and a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics.

Dani Rodrik

Dani is an economist whose research covers globalization, economic growth and development, and political economy. He is the Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He rejoined the Kennedy School faculty in July 2015 after two years at the Institute for Advanced Study as the Albert O. Hirschman Professor in the School of Social Science. Professor Rodrik's most recent book is Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science (Norton, 2015).

Stefanie Stantcheva

Stefanie is the Nathaniel Ropes Professor of Political Economy at Harvard and founder of the Social Economics Lab. She studies the taxation of firms and individuals, as well as how people understand, perceive, and form their attitudes towards public policies. Her work has centered around the long-lasting effects of tax policy – on innovation, education, and wealth. She has also explored people's attitudes towards taxation, health care, immigration policies, environmental policies, and social mobility using large-scale Social Economics Surveys and Experiments.

Ludwig Straub

Ludwig is a professor of economics at Harvard University. His research areas are macroeconomics and international economics. Among his topics of interest are the recent decline in the natural rate of interest, rising levels of private and public debt, and the transmission of monetary and fiscal policy. Ludwig also has an active research agenda solving and analyzing heterogeneous-agent models. Among his most recent papers is a 2025 paper studying the short-run effects of tariff shocks.

Ludwig is the recipient of a 2024 Sloan Fellowship and of the 2022 AQR Young Researcher Prize. He obtained his PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree in mathematics from Trinity College in Cambridge, England, and a bachelor's degree in physics from Ludwig Maximillians University of Munich.

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Vicente J. Montes Gan

Vicente is the Director (CEO) of the Rafael del Pino Foundation, Vicepresident of the Spanish Association of Foundations, Founder and President of the NGO Liberdom, member of the Board of Trustees of the NGO AHA Flying Doctors (Princess of Asturias Award for International Cooperation in 2018), and member of the Editorial Board of the academic magazine Informacion Comercial Espanola. Previous positions include: Vicepresident of the UN Global Compact-Spain; President of the Spanish State Economists & Trade Specialist Association (ATCEE); Economic and Commercial Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in Angola, Namibia, Congo, DR Congo, Sao Tome and Principe and Zambia; Director at ICEX; and Deputy Director General of the Spanish Court of Competition. He has also been Professor of Economic Analysis (Carlos III University of Madrid) and Chairman of the Department of Economics of the Ateneo de Madrid. He holds a Bachelor in Economics (Autónoma University of Madrid), a Doctorate of Philosophy (School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid) and is Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts in Salzburg. He is member of the Spanish State Economist and Trade Specialist Corps, Officer of the Royal Order of Isabel La Católica, Medal of Merit of the Civil Guard, Leao de Oro of the Republic of Angola (AIA), Medal of Merit of the ATCEE and I Essay Prize Casa Africa.

Carlota Taboada

Carlota is Director of the Research and Online Programmes Department at the Rafael del Pino Foundation. She is a collaborative and committed facilitator with a focus on equitable leadership and driving change. As an innovative thinker, she develops and pilots face-to-face and virtual seminars and courses that engage audiences with the institution through meaningful experiences. Previously, she worked as a cultural manager at the Casa del Lector of the Germán Sánchez Ruipérez Foundation, playing a key role in disseminating the institution's philosophy and demonstrating her strong commitment to collaboration and impact. Prior to this, she worked at the Instituto Cervantes and the University of Mumbai in India. Carlota holds an MPhil in English Studies from the University of Santiago de Compostela, an MPhil in Cultural Studies from Carlos III University of Madrid, and an MPhil in Modern Languages and Educational Research from the University of Murcia.

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