



COLLOQUIUM SERIES

## **“Emotions as goods: social aspects”**

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Emotions functions as goods (and bads) in the economic sense in at least three main ways: 1) in terms of whether they are pleasant or unpleasant to feel 2) in terms of the (dis)value they confer on those they are felt towards 3) in terms of the (dis)value they confer on those that feel them. The third category, especially, tends to reflect meta-level assumptions about emotions that in turn modify the both the first two categories. That emotions are both open to social influence, subject to production (if only in fiat form) on demand, and at the same time a type of good that is physically and psychologically expensive and tricky to control reliably, then, raises the question of not only how these different aspects of emotions play out against each other, but also, for whose benefit, and at whose expense.

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**Room: 3228 River Building**

**Time: 3:00 pm**

***All are welcome!***