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Lectures  
MMM 567

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Prerequisite  
EC 501 or consent of instructor.

Overview  
We will begin by discussing the literature on information cascades and herd behavior in consumer markets, and follow with an analysis of how the results in this literature apply to cases in which agents are voters in an election. Depending on the interests of students taking the course, we can then move on to search theory and/or auction theory, as well as equilibrium in other signaling environments. After the first few weeks, the course will be run mostly as a seminar, with students taking turns presenting one paper or topic in detail.

Grading  
Participation (35%), Class Presentation(s) (35%), Exam* (30%)

* Exam date and format TBD.

Reading List  
The reading list below covers the beginning of the course and will be updated as the course progresses depending on the path we decide to take collectively as a class.

Information Cascades and Herd Behavior


For more…
http://www.info-cascades.info/

Information Cascades in Elections


Fey, Mark. 2000. *Informational Cascades and Sequential Voting*. working paper, University of Rochester.


And then…

*Search Theory Models?*

*Auction Theory Models?*

*Uncertain Voter Models?*