

INET and Cambridge

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Economics at Cambridge

- Over the past 200 years, Cambridge economists have made foundational contributions : starting with Thomas Malthus and including Marshall and A. C Pigou.
- Radical Spirit: J M Keynes, Joan Robinson, Amartya Sen.
- In 2012, INET New York and Faculty of Economics came together to set up the Cambridge-INET Institute.
- Revitalized the Faculty and brought outstanding researchers/students to study themes at the heart of INET.

Intellectual Background

- Financial contagion, persistent unemployment, rising inequality and intense pressure on government budgets.
- INET New York: facilitate a critical enquiry, to broaden and accelerate the development of new economic thinking.

Challenges

- Conceptual foundations
- Methodology: experiments and big data
- Bridge with cognate disciplines

Funding

- **The Cambridge-INET Institute set up in 2012**
Grant of \$ 3.75 million grant over 5 years from INET.
- **Renewed in 2017 for a further 3 years:**
Grant of \$2.25 million.
- **Matched funding 1:1:** Keynes Fund for Applied Economics,, Mohammed El Erian,, Cambridge Endowment for Research, Janeway Fund, in Finance, Isaac Newton Trust and Faculty of Economics.

Cambridge-INET Institute Research Themes

- Networks Crowds and Markets
- Transmission mechanisms and economic policy
- Information, uncertainty and incentives
- Empirical Analysis of Financial Markets

Outcomes 1: World Class Research

Case Study: Networks, Crowds and Markets

Concepts: a bridge between micro and macro

Methodology: theory, experiments and Big Data

Cognate Disciplines: Mathematics, sociology, computer science

People: Vasco Carvalho, Matthew Elliott, Edoardo Gallo, Sanjeev Goyal, Kaivan Munshi.

Publications: AER, Econometrica, RES, RSTAT.

Prizes and Grants: ERC, Horizon 2020, Willey & Leverhulme Prizes.

Ph.D students/Post Docs: placed at Bocconi, Oxford, Northwestern.

Outcomes 2: People

- Broad and Inclusive:
Director, Deputy Director, Eight Coordinators spanning four themes. 10 out of 12 Professors in Faculty. Major role in attracting and retaining top researchers.
- Post doctoral fellows: forming bridge between faculty and doctoral students. Leading on reading groups and transforming research culture.
- Graduate Students- Funding to number of strong students.

Outcomes 3: Activities

- Conferences: over 12 conferences every year.
- Summer Schools: attracting top students from all over the world to interact with leading scholars.
- Visitors: over 200 visitors over the past 5 years.

Transformational Role

- Institute helped attract and retain world leading researchers
- Research on innovation, contagion, inequality, behavioural economics, finance and the real economy.
- Institute cuts across traditional fields
- Infused a dynamic research and teaching culture in Faculty.
- Research: Faculty now Ranked 2nd in the UK.
- Pedagogical Innovations: New courses in Economic History, Methodology of Economics, Political Economy.