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Hello,

In these strange and unprecedented times of the Coronavirus pandemic and with schools closed, we will be offering a **free short course in Economics** designed for students aged 16-18 who wish to enhance their learning and experience a new topic on the world's most relevant issue today. There are four sessions which will last for 90 minutes and take place on Thursdays at 10am, starting on the 14 May 2020.

We would like to invite your students (and staff if they would like) to join us and it would be hugely appreciated if you would be kind enough to publicise/forward this opportunity to your current students. Please see below for further information which could be sent on.

### **A short course on the *Economics of Pandemics* with Abhinay Muthoo, Professor of Economics at the University of Warwick**

#### **Key details**

**Thursdays at 10am – 11:30am GMT**

Lectures will be 45 minutes, we will then have a 5 minute break and come back for an interactive Q&A. You will be able to post your questions on the lecture and Professor Muthoo will try and answer as many as possible in 40 minutes.

#### **Lecture topics**

The short course will focus on the exciting areas of Game Theory and Behavioural Economics in relation to pandemics.

#### **Thursday 14 May – Cooperation in the time of Corona**

In this session, we use Game Theory, which is a key topic in Economics, to discuss people's incentives (or lack of) to cooperate in a context of a Pandemic. We will show how Game Theory can help provide insights into how such cooperation can be secured.

#### **Thursday 21 May - Intertemporal Cooperation and Coordination**

In this session we build on the previous session and in particular explore the extent to which *future* punishments might induce cooperation *today*. We will also take a look at problems of coordination. All this using Game Theory.

#### **Thursday 28 May – Insights from Behavioural Economics for Covid-19**

In this session we discuss how insights from Behavioural Economics and Nudge Theory can help design policies to deal with controlling Pandemics such as Covid-19. We will talk about a few of the main cognitive biases that us humans possess, and which in turn can inform policy.

#### **Thursday 4 June – Behavioural Economics for Pandemics**

In this session we build on the previous one and in particular we look at other key cognitive biases, and tease out their implications for behaviour and, in turn, for policy-making of the nudge variety.

#### **Who is it for?**

Sessions are aimed at students aged 16-18 and with a passion for learning new subjects. You do not need to be studying Economics in order to participate, you just need to be curious.

**How do you sign up?**

Please sign up on this [webpage](#) in order to attend, a link to the session will be emailed to you in advance. Please do make every effort to attend the full course as sessions are interrelated.

**Can you watch afterwards?**

Lectures will also be recorded and posted on this [webpage](#) after each event.

If you have any queries, please email us at [preunitasters@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:preunitasters@warwick.ac.uk)

Best wishes,  
Helen Knight

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