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Dear Ec Concentrators,

Welcome back! We hope you had a worthwhile summer and that you’re ready to dive into the fall semester. The doors to the Littauer Undergraduate Advising Wing will open on Monday, August 29! Office hours will resume from 10am-4pm, Monday – Friday.

Two new faces will greet you in our advising wing; Thomas Baranga (Littauer 111) and Judd Cramer (Littauer 115) have joined the Department as our newest concentration advisors. Thomas will be advising economics concentrators in Eliot, Kirkland, and Winthrop Houses, and Judd will be advising those in Cabot, Currier, and Pfoho while Kiran Gajwani is on leave for the year.

Advisors are assigned to concentrators by House. While you are encouraged to get to know your advisor, feel free to meet with any available advisor during office hours. Each of you can expect to hear from your advisors by the beginning of the semester. Advising details, course information, job opportunities, and much more can be found on the Economics Department’s website.

As you browse the new course catalogue, you may notice some new courses this fall. These offerings include:

- Ec 1029, “Economics of Crime: Theory and Lessons to and from Latin America,” with Joao Manoel Pinho de Mello
- Ec 1057, “Game Theory with Applications to Social Behavior,” with Erez Yoeli and Moshe Hoffman
- Ec 1058, “Experimental Economics,” with Lucas Coffman
- Ec 1415, “Analytic Frameworks for Policy,” now taught by Christopher Avery from HKS

Juniors: Interested in taking an Ec 980 Junior Seminar? Check our website to see the seminars on offer this year and the guidelines for enrolling. Keep in mind that there are a wide variety of Junior Seminars on offer this year. Still need to take an Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial? Join us for the mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 2pm in the Littauer 3rd Floor Lounge to learn how to lottery into one of the tutorials on offer.

Seniors: Take the time to meet with your advisor during this semester to check your concentration requirements and to declare your track. All thesis writers must attend the meeting on September 1st at 4pm in the Littauer 3rd Floor Lounge to register for an Ec 985 Thesis Seminar. Thesis seminars will meet for the first time the week of September 6th.

We all wish you the best of luck with your upcoming year and hope to see you soon!

Regards,

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