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Abstract: The heterogeneous abilities of the players in various competitive contexts often lead to undesirable outcomes such as low effort provision, lack of diversity, increase in inequality, etc. Various policies are implemented to mitigate such issues by enforcing competitive balance, or leveling the playing field. While some of such policies are aimed at increasing competition, affirmative action (AA) policies are historically practiced in an ethical response to under-representation of particular social groups amongst winners. This survey summarizes the rapidly growing literature of contest theory on AA and other policies that level the playing field. We provide a general theoretical structure and outline research on contestant and contest designer behavior under various policy mechanisms, and discuss the theoretical, experimental and empirical results as responses to some of the common debates surrounding AA.

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Time: 1 pm

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus

All are welcome to attend.

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