

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## 50th Anniversary Seminar Series

### **Professor Esfandiar MAASOUMI**

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will give a talk entitled

# GENERAL AGGREGATION OF MISSPECIFIED ASSET PRICING MODELS

#### Abstract

This talk introduces an entropy-based approach for aggregating information from misspecified asset pricing models. The statistical paradigm is shifted away from parameter estimation of an optimally selected model to stochastic optimization based on a risk function of aggregation across models. The proposed method relaxes the perfect substitutability of the candidate models, which is implicitly embedded in the linear pooling procedures, and ensures that the aggregation weights are selected with a proper (Hellinger) distance measure that satisfies the triangle inequality. The empirical results illustrate the robustness and the pricing ability of the aggregation approach to stochastic discount factor models.

on

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

(Refreshments will be served from 2:15 p.m. outside Room 301 Run Run Shaw Building)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

at

Room 301, Run Run Shaw Building

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