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International Business School Lecturer at Major International Conference



Doctor Quentin Burrell, senior lecturer in Mathematics and Research Methodology at The IBS will be presenting a paper at a major international conference being held at the University of Sienna, Italy at the end of May. The conference is being held in memory of two highly influential social scientists: Gini and Lorenz. Both devised what have now become standard tools in economics regarding the measurement and illustration of inequality of income and wealth within a society. The Lorenx Curve and the Gini Index are applied far beyond their original context to areas such as ecology, linguistics and citation analysis. The application of the Gini

and Lorenz methods are something that Dr. Burrell has himself used for his own research which at the moment includes the investigation of the performance inequalities of the premier football league!

Dr Burrell has the privilege of presenting his paper at the start of the first session on Income Distribution Models on the opening day of the conference. The conference will see over a hundred researchers with similar interests from all over the world gather together for face to face discussion and an exchange of ideas.

The IBS is delighted that one of its lecturers is involved in such a high profile academic event and holds enormous value in academic research. Dr. Burrell explains,

“What distinguishes higher education from further education is the expectation that academic staff are not only involved in teaching but also in other scholarly activities. They need to ensure that they are up to date with the latest advances in their subject area and carryout research to demonstrate that they are actually contributing to these advances. It is research activity that to a large extent determines the academic profile of an institution in the outside world. While in Italy, I will be waving the Manx flag and trying to raise awareness of The IBS.”

The IBS is proud to say that all of its teaching staff come highly academically qualified and with a wealth of commercial, business experience to impart to their students. This teaching quality is no doubt responsible for the excellent results IBS students are achieving.

For further information about the conference and to view Dr. Burrell’s abstract and paper visit www.unisi.it/eventi/GiniLorenz05/

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