‘Dimensions of change in economic thought: the Santa Fe Institute case’

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ABSTRACT:
The talk addresses the issue of change in economic theory by investigating its social, intellectual and narrative dimensions. The birth and development of the Complexity approach to economics at the Santa Fe Institute are taken as a case study. We conduct statistical analyses of a novel database of working papers issued by the Santa Fe Institute over a fifteen-year period (1989-2004). Data validate our historical reconstruction by providing information about publication practices, scientific interaction, diffusion of ideas, and research themes.