

CHEAP TALK IS VALUABLE: HOW DOES INTRA-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH COLLABORATION IN ECONOMICS WORK?

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Economics is a broad church. Intra-disciplinary research is fundamental to the progress of the subject. Since our sub-disciplines are diverse and varied, research in the medium term depends vitally on the pooling of ideas, methods and techniques from different parts of the discipline and attempting to gain from our individual comparative advantage and the collective knowledge of the group. In essence, the whole is to be made greater than the sum of the parts.