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Digital Revolution and Demographic Behavior

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Monday, May 22 at 19:00
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Summary:
This lecture will discuss a double-sided view of the relationship between the digital revolution and demographic behavior. In the first part, we will discuss some examples based on ‘digital breadcrumbs’ that people leave online, on how we can exploit the digital revolution to gather new information about demographic behavior. In the second part, we will consider theoretical mechanisms and empirical evidence on how the digital revolution – and in particular the spread of the Internet – influences demographic behavior. Both parts are informative about the emerging centrality of the digital revolution for demography today.

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