

Diversity in Economics: an Evolutionary Game Theoretic Perspective

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Summary:

This thesis explores the underrepresentation of women in economics and its impact on the epistemological and methodological foundations of economic theory and research. The persistent gender imbalance raises concerns about the validity, generalizability, and completeness of economic knowledge. However, by acknowledging the value-laden nature of economics, economic research could adopt an account of strong objectivity to address many limitations raised by critics and improve knowledge production. Moreover, evolutionary game theoretic simulations demonstrate that a more gender-diverse economic community achieves better epistemic progress. By integrating diverse perspectives, economics can enhance its understanding of economic phenomena and effectively address real-world challenges.