Info-Bazaar Rules

Four groups play in four stages of four rounds. Each round takes four minutes, between the rounds we need one minute to move, so the game will last 80 minutes.

At the beginning of stage 1 the presenters of group 1 scatter to three bazaar desks (A, B, C). In round 1 group 2 goes to desk A, group 3 goes to desk B, group 4 goes to desk C. At each desk a presenter presents a very quick paper (120sec). The audience makes notes and can ask and criticize the presenter, who has to answer them (another 120sec). Then starts round 2: the presenters remain at their desks, the audience groups go clockwise to the next desk (group 2 to desk B, group 3 to desk C, group 4 to desk A). Again there are 4 minutes for presentation and discussion. Round 3 is analogous: going clockwise and talking about a new topic. Round 4 is the last one: all groups have returned to their first position; this time the groups 2 to 4 tell the presenters what they heard from the other presenters and try to figure out how everything relates.

The other stages proceed analogous; in turn all four groups act as presenters.

Stage 3 is special because group 3 consists not of three, but of four persons. Therefore there will be four desks of which one remains free each round; presenters that do not have to present at the moment can walk around and hear other papers (since there will be no concluding round). If some people should be absent, I will try to reorganize the groups; please e-mail me if you intend not to appear. Since I have not heard of you yet I reckon you will participate and present.

All this may sound unnecessarily complicated, but in fact it is quite easy. I tell you the rules now so we do not lose too much time at the session. For this reason it is also very important that you are sharp on time. Until now, not one session saw all of you arriving punctually. Maybe this is impossible, but maybe you can quit your prior activities just once in the term. At the end of the info-bazaar I will talk about your seminar papers until the session is over: possibly ten minutes, but also possibly not at all! If we loiter too much, there will only be a leaflet from me. It is in your interest that the order of events will not be disturbed. So please come at 2 PM!