Editors’ Introduction

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This issue of SIGecom Exchanges contains an announcement of the upcoming EAAMO 2021 conference, a report on the SIGecom winter meeting, three annotated reading lists, and four research letters.

Rediet Abebe, Irene Lo, and Ana-Andreea Stoica are co-organizing the inaugural EAAMO conference, and have put together a brief announcement targeted at the SIGecom community.

Piotr Dworczak and Brendan Lucier co-organized the inaugural SIGecom Winter Meeting, which was an excellent way to bring the SIGecom community together, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. They have put together a short summary of the event.

This is the first issue of SIGecom Exchanges to contain annotated reading lists. These are short lists of papers with brief context, intended to help guide the reader through a novel topic. In this issue, Elliot Anshelevich, Aris Filos-Ratsikas, Nisarg Shah, and Alexandros A. Voudouris contributed an annotated reading list on Distortion in Social Choice Problems. Haris Aziz contributed an annotated reading list on Two-Sided Matching with Diversity Concerns. Shengwu Li contributed an annotated reading list on Simplicity in Mechanism Design. All three reading lists are excellent, and we hope they serve as a template for submissions in future issues!

Itai Arieli, Yakov Babichenko, Fedor Sandomirskiy, and Omer Tamuz contributed a letter related to their recent paper Feasible Joint Posterior Beliefs. This paper appeared in EC 2020, and won the best paper award. Ivan Balbuzanov and Maciej H. Kotowski contributed a letter related to their recent paper Economics with Complex Property Rights: The Role of Exclusion. This paper appeared in Econometrica, and was presented at the 2020 Highlights Beyond EC. Jugal Garg, Edin Husić, and László A. Végh contributed a letter related to their recent paper Approximating Nash Social Welfare under Rado Valuations. This paper will appear in STOC 2021. Tim Roughgarden contributed a letter concerning Transaction Fee Mechanism Design. The letter is related to a paper by the same author that will appear in EC 2021.

We would like to thank all authors for sharing their insights with the community!