

Math, Productivity, Happiness & Decision-making

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The future of human rationality: a sense that more is possible

In this seminar, our last for the semester, we will ask: is the art of learning from experience and pursuing our goals really something the human race has finished improving? I think not. I think that we can do a lot better if we try. What's more, to survive and flourish as a race, we may actually *have* to try. As our collective power continually grows, so also must our collective sanity. We may think of ourselves as “just” mathematicians, or “just” scientists, but as professional thinkers, we have to consider that perhaps the future really needs us to think about it, and maybe even do something about it. So let's not wait to refine the art of human rationality; let's do it now. Let's actually start a social movement. And if it happens to make us all happier for the rest of our lives... well, bonus :)

Party after today's seminar, because it's the last one!