

Topic-Defence Seminar

“The Paradigm Shift of Graduate Education in Economics”

(in English)

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Abstract:

The graduate education in economics has gone through an evident paradigm shift from 1953 to the present. The paradigm shift of contemporary economics is around Paul Samuelson's PhD dissertation *Foundations of Economic Analysis* (1941) and this shift has been discussed many times in academia, but the paradigm shift of graduate education in economics such as the disappearance of training in qualitative methods in the curriculum, like the philosophy of economics and ethics, economic history and history of economic thought, is rarely been researched. In my study, the paradigm shift of economics results in the paradigm shift of graduate education in economics, and the paradigm shift of graduate education in economics accelerates the paradigm shift of economics subsequently. The mechanism of the two-way effect is majorly through publication, funding grant and faculty job market. Shrinking studentships and limit of length of PhD programs also contribute to the effect.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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