


Nobel Prize Winner Professor Al Roth Guest Lectures at the University of Birmingham

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A near full capacity Great Hall welcomed Nobel Prize winner Professor Al Roth to the University of Birmingham on 4th February 2013. Prof Roth was here to deliver a guest lecture entitled "Who Gets What: The New Economics of Matchmaking and Market Design".

Professor Roth was introduced to the stage by his previous doctoral student and now academic within the [Department of Economics](#) ([/schools/business/departments/economics/index.aspx](#)), Professor Brit Grosskopf, who said that Roth's work "*brings diverse people together and combines the different information they have [and that] his mechanisms have been introduced to schools, hospitals and cities [with] his most recent work, possibly the most provocative, [being] his life-saving theory applied to kidney transplants*".

The Department of Economics' Professor Grosskopf has a personal relationship with the Nobel Prize winner since completing her post-doc with him at Harvard Business School. About his relationship with Grosskopf, Professor Roth said that "*years ago when Professor Grosskopf was a post-doc of mine I told her that if she ever needed, she could call on me*".

 "*Seeing the Great Hall so full is a mark of how accessible and prestigious your work is. Thank you. We are truly honoured.*"

Professor Edward Peck, Head of the College of Social Sciences

Feedback from the event was very positive with attendees taking to Twitter to discuss the event, with one describing how "*Prof Roth's lecture showed how flexible ideas can be applied to many areas of social science inc. health economics*" and another attendee contacting us to say "*thank you for holding such an magnificent public lecture with Professor Al Roth. After this lecture, I am truly inspired by his selection theory about New York high school, and I want to conduct further research about his topic. Thank you again to give me the honour to listen this fabulous lecture*".

In the below video, Professor Roth discusses his lecture and students in attendance give their feedback following the event.

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For those unable to attend the event, you can [download Professor Roth's presentation \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/business/economics/events/2013/al-roth-presentation--who-gets-what.pdf\)](#) (PDF).