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Introduction

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The five papers included in this special issue on Networks address two of the main concerns in the current research agenda on the economics of social networks, namely, understanding the formation of economic and social networks, and examining how the structure of such networks shape individual behavior or payoffs. The different contributions represent both the traditional concerns with networks modeled as finite graphs which are formed through strategic behavior of individual nodes, as well as the more recent interests in random networks described by a probability distribution over possible graphs.

Bloch and Jackson compare the relationship between the variety of differ-

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