

**CS395T**  
**Agent-Based Electronic Commerce**  
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Week 6a

# Good Afternoon, Colleagues

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Are there any questions?

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- Class survey

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- Why the insistence on agent publication afterwards?

# Mechanism design vs. agent design

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- Are they fundamentally different?

# Class Discussion

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- Rahul Iyer on evolutionary mechanism design

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