

# ASREC Conference 2015, Boston, March 20-21



Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**8:00am – 5:00pm: Registration**

**7:45am – 8:15am: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

**8:30am – 10:00am: Parallel Sessions 1**

**1A: Religion, Nature and Disasters: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: Noel D. Johnson (George Mason University)**

- Acts of God: Religiosity and Natural Disasters across 900 Subnational World Districts
  - *Jeanet Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*
- Church Membership and Social Insurance: Evidence from the American South
  - *Philipp Ager, University of Southern Denmark*
  - *Casper Worm Hansen, University of Copenhagen*
  - *Lars Lønstrup, University of Southern Denmark*
- Agricultural Risk and Spread of Religious Communities
  - *Philipp Ager, University of Southern Denmark*
  - *Antonio Ciccone, University of Mannheim*

**1B: Religion, Culture and Institutions: BRANDEIS**

**Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho (University of California, Irvine)**

**Discussants: Jean-Paul Carvalho (University of California, Irvine) and Larry Iannaccone (Chapman University)**

- Public Goods, Prosociality, and Institutional Decentralization: An Agent-Based Model of Religion and Political Activism
  - *Christopher Hale, Chapman University*
- Choosing between Traditional and Modern Institutions: The Case of the Amish
  - *James Choy, University of Warwick*
- Embezzlement, Whistleblowing, and Organizational Structure

- *Michael D. Makowsky, Johns Hopkins University*
- *Siyu Wang, George Mason University*

### **1C: Castes, Health and Cults in India and China: HOLMES**

**Chair:** Francisco Pino (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

**Discussants:** Francisco Pino (ULB) and Uwe Sunde (LMU)

- Long-Term Effects of Access to Health Care: Medical Missions in Colonial India
  - *Rossella Calvi, Boston College*
  - *Federico Mantovanelli, Analysis Group*
- Is Caste Destiny? Occupational Diversification Among Dalits in Rural India
  - *Ira Gang, Rutgers University*
  - *Kunal Sen, IDPM, University of Manchester*
  - *Myeong-Su Yun, Tulane University*
- The Almighty God and the Not-So-Almighty Government: An Economic Examination of Religious Cults in China
  - *Zhilong Ge, Mercatus Center at George Mason University*

### **1D: Jurisprudence and Lawyers: LOWELL**

**Chair & Discussant:** Sascha O. Becker (Warwick)

- The Lawyers' Comparative Advantage in Parliamentary Elections
  - *Raphael Franck, Bar Ilan University*
- Do Policies Affect Preferences? Evidence from Random Variation in Abortion Jurisprudence
  - *Daniel L. Chen, ETH Zurich*
  - ***Vardges Levonyan, ETH Zurich***
  - *Susan Yeh, George Mason University School of Law*
- *Unwelcome Guests: Questions about the existence of Syriac and Ezidi refugees in Turkey*
  - *Ayse Guc Isik, Social Sciences University of Ankara*

**10:00am – 10:15am: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

**10:15am – 12:00pm: Parallel Sessions 2**

### **2A: High Holidays: Ramadan and Selichot: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant:** Matt Lowe (MIT)

- Do Parents Selectively Time Birth Relative to Ramadan? Impact of Maternal Fasting on Height: Evidence from Matlab, Bangladesh
  - *Nazmul Ahsan, University of Southern California*
- Does Religion Affect Economic Growth and Happiness? Evidence from Ramadan
  - *Filipe Campante, Harvard University*
  - *David H. Yanagizawa-Drott, Harvard University*

- Does Religiosity Affect Support for Political Compromise?
  - *Danny Cohen-Zada, Ben-Gurion University*
  - *Yotam Margalit, Columbia University*
  - *Oren Rigbi, Ben-Gurion University*

## **2B: Religion, Health and Life Satisfaction: BRANDEIS**

### **Chair & Discussant: Ira Gang (Rutgers University)**

- Suffer for the Faith? Parental Religiosity and Children's Health
  - *Olga Popova, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies*
- Religiosity and the Canadian Life Satisfaction Puzzle
  - *Maryam Dilmaghani, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University*
- Right-Skilling: Rabbis and the Rabbinic Role for a New Century
  - *Barak Richman, Duke University*

## **2C: Beliefs, Norms and Economic Behavior: HOLMES**

### **Chair & Discussant: Raphael Franck (Bar-Ilan University)**

- The Political Economy of Beliefs: Why Fiscal and Social Conservatives/Liberals Come Hand-In-Hand
  - ***Daniel L. Chen, ETH Zurich***
  - *Jo T. Lind, University of Oslo*
- From Peer Pressure to Biased Norms: Formation and Collapse
  - *Moti Michaeli, Hebrew University*
  - *Daniel Spiro, University of Oslo*
- From Religion to Economic Behaviour
  - *Niels Kærgård, University of Copenhagen*

## **2D: Culture and Norms in Germany: LOWELL**

### **Chair & Discussant: Philipp Ager (University of Southern Denmark)**

- Are there Cultural Effects in Female Labor Supply? Empirical Evidence from Germany
  - *Anja Köbrich-Leon, University of Kassel*
- Music in the Air: Estimating the Social Return to Cultural Amenities
  - *Oliver Falck, Ifo Institute*
  - *Michael Fritsch, University of Jena*
  - *Stephan Heblich, University of Bristol*
  - *Anne Otto, IAB*
- Thou Shall Not Smoke: Religion and Smoking in a Natural Experiment of History
  - *Luca Nunziata, University of Padua*
  - *Veronica Toffolutti, University of East Anglia*

**12:00pm – 1:30pm: Lunch break**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm: Parallel Sessions 3**

**3A: The Political Economy of Islamic Diversity and Change: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: Robbie Mochrie (Heriot-Watt University)**

- Can Economic Incentives Tame Jihad? The Case of Sudan and Chad
  - *Jean-Paul Azam, Toulouse School of Economics*
- The Sharia and the Transition towards more Democracy and a Market Economy – Restrictions and Opportunities
  - *Rahel Schomaker, Cologne Business School and German Research Institute for Public Administration*
- Islamism and Socialism: A Comparison
  - *Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont*

**3B: Religion, Trust, Cooperation and Conflict: BRANDEIS**

**Chair & Discussant: Enrico Spolaore (Tufts University)**

- A Bridge over the (Ethnic) Chasm: Culture and Mistrust over and Cooperation in Rwanda
  - *Sharun Mukand, University of Warwick and Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton and CAGE*
  - *Arthur Blouin, University of Toronto and CAGE*
- Resource Shocks and Conflict in Europe, 1400-2000
  - *Murat Iyigun, University of Colorado*
  - *Nathan Nunn, Harvard University*
  - *Nancy Qian, Yale University*
- Religion, Division of Labour and Conflict
  - *Sascha O. Becker, University of Warwick*
  - *Luigi Pascali, University of Warwick*

**3C: Culture, Religion and Trade: HOLMES**

**Chair & Discussant: Marvin Suesse (HU Berlin)**

- Can Markets Overcome Repugnance? Islamic Trade Response to Anti-Muslim Cartoons
  - **Daniel L. Chen, ETH Zurich**
  - *Yehonatan Givati, Hebrew University*
- Time-Varying Effect of Cultural Differences on Trade
  - *Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School and the Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions*
- Theocracy and Resilience Against Economic Sanctions
  - *Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna*
  - *Giuseppe Pignataro, University of Bologna*

### **3D: Church and Power: LOWELL**

**Chair & Discussant: Bradley Wright (University of Connecticut)**

- The Politics of Sex Abuse in Hierarchies: A Comparative Study of the Catholic Church and the United States Military
  - *Carolyn M. Warner, Arizona State University*
- Book Burning
  - *Cheryl Litman, George Mason University*
- The Paradox of Religiosity: Theocracy Over Time
  - *Metin M. Cosgel, University of Connecticut*

### **3E: Book session: Carmel U. Chiswick (George Washington University): HUTCHINSON**

**Session chair: Larry Iannaccone (Chapman University)**

**Discussants: Anthony Gill (University of Washington) and Larry Iannaccone (Chapman University)**

**Carmel U. Chiswick** presents her book "Judaism in Transition":  
<http://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=17264>

### **3:00pm – 3:15pm: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

### **3:15pm – 4:45pm: Parallel Sessions 4**

#### **4A: The Interaction of Public and Private Institutions: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: James Choy (Warwick)**

- Can Religion Explain Persistence? Evidence from American Slavery
  - *Matt Lowe, MIT*
- Where does School Choice Funding Go? The Incidence of Funding on Secular and Sectarian Private-School Finances
  - *Daniel Hungerman, University of Notre Dame*
  - *Kevin Rinz, University of Notre Dame*
- Quantifying the Supply Response of Private Schools to Public Policies
  - *Michael Dinerstein, Stanford University*

#### **4B: Diversity and Economic Outcomes in Historical Germany: BRANDEIS**

**Chair & Discussant: Ralf Meisenzahl (Federal Reserve)**

- Religious Diversity and Innovation: Historical Evidence from Patenting Activity
  - *Francesco Cinnirella, IFO Institute Munich*
  - *Jochen Streb, University of Mannheim*
- The Price of Decentralization: Linguistic Polarization and the Provision of Schooling\* Linguistic Fractionalization and Local Expenditure on Primary Education
  - *Francesco Cinnirella, IFO Institute Munich*
  - *Ruth Schueler, IFO Institute Munich*
- Market Integration, Financial Development and Ethnic Segregation
  - *Nikolaus Wolf, HU Berlin*
  - *Marvin Suesse, HU Berlin*

#### **4C: Women, Culture and Religion: HOLMES**

**Chair & Discussant: TBC**

- When Religion Interacts with Economics and Culture to Harm Women: An African Example
  - *Carrie A. Miles, Chapman University and Empower International Ministries*
- Equal Land Rights, Religion, and Outcomes for Women: Evidence From Ethiopia
  - *Kelsey Barton-Henry, University of Connecticut*
- What Makes Russian Women (Un)Happy? A Closer Look at the Family
  - *Ekaterina Selezneva, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies*

#### **4D: Competition and Religiosity: LOWELL**

**Chair & Discussant: Sriya Iyer (University of Cambridge)**

- The More Religiosity, the Less Creativity Across US Counties
  - *Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn, Rutgers University-Camden*
- Decentralized, Dynamic, and Devout: The Use of Knowledge in Piety
  - *Brian Hollar, Marymount University*
- Estimating the Relationships Among Education, Cognitive Ability, and Religion: Evidence from NLSY
  - *Han-Yen Kao, Rutgers University*
- Religious Markets, Art Words, and New Religious Movements: The Mystery of Kazimir Malevich
  - *Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR)*

#### **4E: Religion and Economic Performance: HUTCHINSON**

**Chair & Discussant: Anand Shrivastava (University of Cambridge)**

- The Benefits of Economic Growth: Re-Assessing the View from Christian Theology and Morality
  - *Edd Noell, Westmont College*
  - *Stephen L.S. Smith, Gordon College (presenting)*
  
- The Causality among Religious Beliefs, Institutions, and Economic Performance: An Islamic View
  - *Tariq Saddique, Gordon College Rawalpindi, Pakistan*

**5:00pm – 6:00pm: Session 5: PRESS ROOM**

**6:00pm - 7:30pm: ASREC Reception: ALCOTT ROOM**

# Saturday March 21st, 2015

**8:00am – 2:00pm: Registration**

**7:45am – 8:15am: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

**8:30am – 10:00am: Parallel Sessions 6**

**6A: Human Capital, States, and Culture: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: Arthur Blouin (University of Toronto)**

- The Literary Inquisition: The Persecution of Intellectuals and Human Capital Accumulation in Imperial China
  - *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*
  - *Melanie Meng Xue, George Mason University*
- Taxes, National Identity, and Nation Building: Evidence from France
  - *Noel D. Johnson, George Mason University*
- Aspiration and Education: The Persistence of Human Capital in China, 1368-2014
  - *Melanie Xue, George Mason University*

**6B: Ideology, Religion and Politics: BRANDEIS**

**Chair & Discussant: Sera Linardi (University of Pittsburgh)**

- Priming Ideology? Electoral Cycles without Electoral Incentives Among Elite U.S. Judges
  - *Carlos Berdejo, Loyola Law School*
  - **Daniel L. Chen, ETH Zurich**
- Faith in Contention: Religious Competition and the Political Representation of Ethnicity
  - *Matthew Isaacs, Brandeis University*
- Religious Riots and Electoral Politics in India
  - *Anand Shrivastava, University of Cambridge*
  - *Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge*

**6C: Which Role for Religion? HOLMES**

**Chair & Discussant: Oliver Falck (Ifo Institute)**

- “I Am Aware of God at this Moment”: An Experiential Sampling Study of Lived Religion
  - *Bradley Wright, University of Connecticut*
  - *Jaime Kucinkas, Hamilton College*
- Classifying Religions
  - *Resit Ergener, Bogazici University*
- The Great Recession and Wealth: An Examination of Wealth Dynamics By Religious Affiliation
  - *Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University*
  - *Donka Mirtcheva, The College of New Jersey*
  - *Kacey Stuck, Valparaiso University*



## **6D: Religious Participation: LOWELL**

**Chair & Discussant: Christopher Bader (Chapman University)**

- Reexamining the Effects of State Religion on Religious Service Attendance
  - *Matthew Swift, University of Chicago Law School*
  - *Charles M. North, Baylor University*
- A Firm Entry Approach to Religious Pluralism and Religious Participation
  - *Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas*
- Separating the Sheep from the Goats: Clustering Religious People in Europe
  - *Fabio Campanini, Istituto Universitario Sophia*

## **6E: Culture, Religion, and Development (I): HUTCHINSON**

**Chair & Discussant: Jeanet Bentzen (University of Copenhagen)**

- Armenian and Greek Legacy in Modern Turkish Development
  - *Eren Arbatli*
  - *Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School and the Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions*
- Market for Missionaries
  - *Feler Bose, Alma College*

**10:00am – 10:15am: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

**10:15am – 12:00pm: Parallel Sessions 7**

## **7A: Islamic Institutions and Ideas: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: Jared Rubin (Chapman University)**

- Religion and the Rise and Fall of Islamic Science
  - *Eric Chaney, Harvard University*
- Less than Grand Ayatollahs: The Unmaking of the Institution of the Marja' Taqlid in Shia Islam
  - *David Patel, Brandeis University*
- Can Ideas be 'Killed?' Evidence from Counterterror Targeting of Jihadi Ideologues
  - *Richard Neilson, MIT*

## 7B: Religion and Education: BRANDEIS

**Chair & Discussant: Luca Nunziata (University of Padova)**

- Religious Norms and Long Term Development: Insurance and Human Capital
  - *Uwe Sunde, LMU Munich*
- Mandatory Schooling Laws and Formation of Beliefs: Education, Religion and Superstition
  - *Naci Mocan, Louisiana State University*
  - *Luiza Pogorelova, Louisiana State University*
- Have Attempts by the Theocratic Regime to Cultivate Religiosity via the Education System been Successful? The Case of Iran After the Islamic Revolution
  - *Babak Rezaedaryakenari, Arizona State University*

## 7C: Research Projects at TheARDA.com: HOLMES

**Chair & Discussant: Rachel McCleary (Harvard)**

- Images of God in the Caucasus Region
  - *Christopher Bader, Chapman University*
  - *Andrea Molle, Chapman University*
- A Quick Review of 5.2 Million Books: Charting Cultural and Religious Trends with Google's Ngram Viewer
  - *Roger Finke, Penn State*
  - *Jennifer McClure, Penn State*
- New and Forthcoming Resources at TheARDA.com
  - *Jennifer McClure, Penn State*

## 7D: Culture, Religion and Development (II): LOWELL

**Chair & Discussant: Casper Worm Hansen (University of Copenhagen)**

- Missionary Influence on Marriage Practices and Fertility: Evidence from the Livingstonia Mission in Malawi
  - *Yuya Kudo, Institute of Developing Economies*
- Cultural Lag, Path Dependency, and the Quality of Government
  - *Seth W. Norton, Wheaton College*
- Religion, Land and Politics: Shrines and Literacy in Punjab
  - *Adeel Malik, University of Oxford*
  - *Rinchan Ali Mirza, University of Oxford*

## **7E: Giving: HUTCHINSON**

**Chair & Discussant: Daniel L. Chen, ETH Zurich**

- Clerics and Sermons: An Experiment on the Impact of Religious Authority on Inter-Ethnic Giving in Afghanistan
  - *Luke Condra, University of Pittsburgh*
  - *Mohammad Isaqzadeh, American University in Afghanistan*
  - *Sera Linardi, University of Pittsburgh*
- Polarized Demands for Public Goods and the Generalized Voluntary Contributions Mechanism
  - *R. Mark Isaac, Florida State University*
  - *Douglas A. Norton, Florida State University*
  - *Svetlana Pevnitskaya, Florida State University*
- Gifts of Time and Money: The Impact of Church Leadership Roles
  - *Robert J. Stonebraker, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Winthrop University*

**12:00pm – 1:30pm: Lunch break**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm: Parallel Sessions 8**

## **8A: The Catholic Church, Saints and Power: LONGFELLOW**

**Chair & Discussant: Dan Hungerman (Notre Dame)**

- Habemus Papam? Polarization and Conflict in the Papal States
  - *Francisco Pino, Université Libre de Bruxelles*
  - *Jordi Vidal-Robert, University of Warwick*
- Saints Marching In, 1590-2009
  - *Rachel McCleary, Harvard University*
  - *Robert Barro, Harvard University*
- The Emperor's New Mind: On Constantine's I Decision to Legalize Christianity
  - *Constantine Bournakis, Athens University of Economics and Business*

## **8B: Religion and Finance: BRANDEIS - Chair & Discussant: Vardges Levonyan (ETH Zurich)**

- The Financial Power of the Powerless: Socio-Economic Status and Interest Rates Under Partial Rule of Law
  - *Timur Kuran, Duke University*
  - *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*
- Price of Religion: Experiments in Interest-Based and Profit-Loss Sharing Investments in Islamic Communities
  - *Sera Linardi, University of Pittsburgh*
  - *Rebecca Morton, New York University*
  - *Kai Ou, New York University*
  - *Gumilang Sahadewo, University of Pittsburgh*
- Financing New Religions
  - *J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University*

## **8C: Deep Roots of Development: HOLMES**

**Chair & Discussant: Mark Koyama (George Mason University)**

- Fertility and Modernity
  - *Enrico Spolaore, Tufts University*
  - *Romain Wacziarg, UCLA Anderson School of Management*
- Origins of Persistent Differences in Human Capital Accumulation
  - *Jeremiah Dittmar, London School of Economics and Political Science*
  - *Ralf Meisenzahl, Federal Reserve Board*
- Culture and Contracts: The Historical Legacy of Forced Labour
  - *Arthur Blouin (University of Toronto)*

## **8D: Religion and Prosocial Behavior: LOWELL**

**Chair & Discussant: Francesco Cinnirella (Ifo Institute)**

- On Religious Prosociality, Fairness, and Beauty
  - *Ramzi Suleiman, University of Haifa*
- Love Thy Neighbor – Religion and Prosocial Behavior
  - *Guido Heineck, University of Bamberg*
- Religion and Socially Responsible Investment Decisions – A Microeconometric Analysis for Germany
  - *Gunnar Gutsche, University of Kassel*
  - *Anja Köbrich-Leon, University of Kassel*

## **8E: Islam and Identity: HUTCHINSON**

**Chair & Discussant: Mario Ferrero (Università del Piemonte Orientale)**

- Identity and Terrorism
  - *Mukesh Eswaran, Vancouver School of Economics*
  - *Hugh Neary, Vancouver School of Economics*
- Social Media and the ISIL Narrative
  - *Sean Everton, Naval Postgraduate School*
- Identity-Based Organizations
  - *Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of California, Irvine*

**3:00pm – 3:15pm: Coffee/Tea Station: Press Room**

**3:15pm – 5:15pm: Two Special Sessions**

**Special Session 1: Religious Freedom and Economic Flourishing: STOWE**

**Session chair and moderator: Timothy Shah (Georgetown)**

- Is Religious Liberty Good for Business? A Conceptual and Empirical Analysis
  - *Brian J. Grim, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation*
- Religious Liberty and the Violence Trap
  - *Karrie Koesel, University of Oregon*
  - *Anthony Gill, University of Washington*
- State Restrictions on Proselytization: Comparing Motivations and Implications
  - *Ani Sarkissian, Michigan State University*
- Religious Freedom and Small Enterprise in India
  - *Rebecca Samuel Shah, Georgetown University*
- Aid that Works: Missionaries, Economic Development and the “Reversal of Fortunes”
  - *Robert D. Woodberry, National University of Singapore*

**Special Session 2 (Book session): KING**

**Session chair and moderator: Jared Rubin (Chapman University)**

Murat Iyigun presents his forthcoming book "War, Peace, and Prosperity in the Name of God: The Ottoman Role in Europe's Socioeconomic Evolution":

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/W/bo5918083.html>

- War, Peace, and Prosperity in the Name of God: The Ottoman Role in Europe's Socioeconomic Evolution
  - *Murat Iyigun, University of Colorado*

**5:30pm – 7:00pm: ASREC Farewell Reception (PRESS Room)**