

# ASREC conference 2015, Boston, 20-21 March



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

**8:00am – 5:00pm: Registration**

**7:45am – 8:30am: 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 the 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

### 10:15am – 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
  - **Daniel Libenson**, *JU Chicago*
  - **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, IAS 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>

### **3:15pm – 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*
- 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:* Sascha O. Becker (Warwick)

- 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*
- The Causality among Religious Beliefs, Institutions, and Economic Performance: An Islamic View
  - **Tariq Saddique**, *Gordon College Rawalpindi, Pakistan*

**5:00pm – 6:00pm: Session 5: Keynote lecture by Jonathan Gruber (MIT), chaired by Dan Hungerman (Notre Dame): PRESS ROOM**

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

# Saturday March 21st, 2015

**8:00am – 2:00pm: Registration**

**7:45am – 8:30am: 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 Meng 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, Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow*
  - *Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School and the Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions*
- Market for Missionaries
  - *Feler Bose, Alma College*

## **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 Counterterrorism 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
  - *Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna*
  - *Marcel Jansen, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*
  - **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

#### **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 Bourlakis**, *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*

## **3:15pm – 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 (University of Colorado)** 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>

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