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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration

7:45 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea and Pastries

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Networks and Cooperation

Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine

Cooperation, Beliefs, and Theory of Mind: Experimental Evidence

- *Michael McBride, UC Irvine*
- *Garret Ridinger, UC Irvine*

Networked Reciprocity

- *Julien Gagnon, University of Cambridge*
- *Alex Harris, University of Cambridge*

Piety in Public: The Fatwa and the Saudi State

- *Paige A. Sechrest, University of Washington*

1B: Religion and Finance

Chair: Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University

Religiosity & Financial Crises in the United States

- o *Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville*

Household Assets and the Great Recession: Differentials by Religion

- o *Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University*
- o *Donka Mirtcheva, The College of New Jersey*

Religious Polarization, Municipal Spending, and Taxes

- o *Jannett Highfill, Bradley University*
- o *Kevin O'Brien, Bradley University*



10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Identity and Social Capital

Chair: Michael McBride, UC Irvine

Discrimination, Social Identity, and Coordination: An Experiment

- o **Vessela Daskalova**, *University of Cambridge*

A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State

- o **Valery Dzutsati**, *Arizona State University*

Bowling Online

- o **Charles North**, *Baylor University*
- o **Scott Cunningham**, *Baylor University*

2B: Institutions and Culture

Chair: Daniel Chen, ETH Zurich

On the Foundations of Ideological and Institutional Evolution

- o **Jared Rubin**, *Chapman University*
- o **Murat Iyigun**, *University of Colorado*

Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration

- o **Katherine Eriksson**, *University of California, Davis*
- o **Ran Abramitzky**, *Stanford University*
- o **Leah Boustan**, *University of California, Los Angeles*

The Community Trap – Why Ultra-Orthodox Boys in Israel Stopped Attending High-Schools

- o **Eitan Regev**, *Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel*



2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Law and Economic Outcomes

Chair: Eli Berman, UC San Diego

Understanding Demand for Sharia-Compliant Loans: Results of a Randomized Experiment in Jordan

- **Dean Karlan**, *Yale University*

The Deterrent Effect of the Death Penalty? Evidence from British Commutations During World War I

- **Daniel L. Chen**, *ETH Zurich*

Islam and the Protection of Intellectual Property Right

- **Alireza Naghavi**, *University of Bologna*
- **Giuseppe Pignataro**, *University of Bologna*

3B: Religion in Different Guises

Chair: Christopher Bader, Chapman University

The Church of UFC: Do Mixed Martial Arts Make Less Violent Citizen?

- o **Andrea Molle**, *Chapman University*

Classifying Religions

- o **Resit Ergener**, *Bosphorus University*

America's Invisible Religion: The McLennan County Church Survey

- o **J. Gordon Melton**, *Baylor University*
- o **Todd Ferguson**, *Baylor University*

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Keynote Address: Eli Berman, University of California, San Diego

5:00 – 6:30 PM: ASREC Post-Keynote Reception

8:00 – 10:00 PM: ASREC Late Night Social (at IRES Building, 338 N. Glassell St.)



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration

7:45 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea and Pastries

8:30 - 10:00 Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Religion and Culture in the Long, Long Run

Chair: Jared Rubin, Chapman University

Religion, Economics, and the Electoral Success of the Nazis

- o **Jorg L. Spenkuch**, *Northwestern University*
- o *Philipp Tillmann, University of Rochester*

Plague, Politics, and Programs: The Black Death, Fragmented States, and the Persecution of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire

- o **Theresa Finley**, *George Mason University*
- o *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

Jewish Communities and City Growth in Pre-Industrial Europe

- o **Mark Koyama**, *George Mason University*
- o *Noel D. Johnson, George Mason University*

4B: The Role of the State

Chair: Paul Wilson, University of Arizona

Religious Liberty and Escaping the Violence Trap

- o **Anthony Gill**, *University of Washington*
- o *Karrie Koesel, University of Notre Dame*

Does Internal Conflict Help or Harm State Capacity? Evidence from Tuareg Migration

- o **Maxim Ananyev**, *University of California, Los Angeles*
- o *Michael Poyker, University of California, Los Angeles*

Welfare State, Religiosity and Church Participation

- o **Federico Masera**, *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*



10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 - 12:00 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Identity and Culture

Chair: Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Peer Effects, Socialization and the Development of the Gender Gap in Risk Preferences:
Evidence from Rural China

- o **Xuejing Zuo**, *University of Houston*
- o **Elaine M. Liu**, *University of Houston*

Able to Resist Temptation: Relation between Religious Moral Identity and Unethical
Behavior

- o **Angelina N Christie**, *Office of the Comptroller of the Currency*
- Individualism, Collectivism and Trade
- o **Aidin Hajikhameneh**, *Simon Fraser University*
 - o **Erik Kimbrough**, *Simon Fraser University*

5B: Social and Demographic Outcomes

Chair: Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame University

Religion and Depression in Adolescence

- o **Sriya Iyer**, *University of Cambridge*
- o **Jane Cooley Fruehwirth**, *University of North Carolina*
- o **Anwen Zhang**, *London School of Economics*

Social Learning and Religious Organizations: Higher Order Beliefs or Social Pressure?

- o **Giuseppe Pignataro**, *University of Bologna*
- o **Alireza Naghavi**, *University of Bologna*

Levirate Marriage and widowhood Protection

- o **Yuya Kudo**, *Institute of Developing Economies*



1:30 – 3:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Extremism

Chair: Julien Gagnon, University of Cambridge

The Less Extreme, the More You Leave: Radical Islam and Willingness to Migrate

- o **Valentina Rotundi**, *Catholic University of Milan and LCSR*
- o *Chiara Falco, University of Milano-Bicocca*

Community Fragmentation and Fragility

- o **Jean-Paul Carvalho**, *UC Irvine*

Sunday, Bloody Sunday: Causal Evidence from Northern Ireland for the Effect of Ethnic Diversity

- o **Paul Zachary**, *University of California, San Diego*
- o *Joseph Brown, University of Massachusetts-Boston*
- o *Gordon C. McCord, University of California, San Diego*

6B: Theories of Religion and Culture

Chair: Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge

Monotheism

- o **Melanie Meng Xue**, *UCLA*
- o *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

The Last Days of Magic: Religiosity in Modern India

- o **Ajay Verghese**, *University of California, Riverside*

Does Culture Matter? A Test of the Harrison Hypothesis

- o **Paul N. Wilson**, *University of Arizona*
- o *Colin Moore, University of Arizona*

3:00 – 3:30 PM: Coffee/Tea Break



3:30-5:00 Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Ethnic Diversity

Chair: Mark Koyama, George Mason University

Ethnic Heterogeneity, Sub-ethnic Fractionalization and Corruption

- o **Duman Bahrami-Rad**, *Simon Fraser University*
- o *Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University.*
- o *Erik O. Kimbrough, Simon Fraser University*

New Estimates of Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Diversity Using Sampled Survey Data

- o **Avital Livny**, *University of Illinois*
- o *Mitchell Goist, Pennsylvania State University*

Subnational Diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from a New Dataset

- o **Boris Gershman**, *American University*
- o *Diego Rivera, American University*

7B: Religion and Family

Chair: TBA

Union Formation Behaviour and Outcomes of Individuals without any Tie with Religion or Spirituality: Evidence from Canada

- o **Maryam Dilmaghani**, *Saint Mary's University*

Religious Diversity and Desire for Children

- o **Md Nazmul Ahsan**, *University of Southern California*
- o *Arya Gaduh, University of Arkansas*

The Incidental Fertility Effects of School Condom Distribution Programs

- o **Daniel Hungerman**, *Notre Dame*
- o *Kasey Buckles, Notre Dame*

5:00 – 6:30 ASREC Closing Reception

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