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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration

7:45 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Press Room

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Experimental Economics

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: TBA

Can the Culture of Honor Lead to Inefficient Conventions? Experimental Evidence from India

- *Karla Hoff, World Bank*
- *Benjamin Brooks, University of Chicago*
- *Priyanka Pandey, World Bank*

The Transmission of Trust Norms over Generations: Evidence from a Lab in the Field on a Natural Experiment

- *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*
- *Elira Karaja, Columbia University*

An Experimental Study of Theory of Mind and Cooperation

- *Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine*
- *Garret Ridinger, University of Nevada, Reno*



1B: Sociological Studies of Religious Groups

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

The Extremes of Conscience, Modern Psychology, and Human Agency

- *Rachel M. McCleary, Harvard University*

Religion and Political Activism in Southern Mexico

- *Christopher W. Hale, University of Alabama*

A Battleground for Women's Leadership: How Former-Missionary Institutions Shape Contemporary Policies on Female Clergy in Ethiopia

- *Sarah K. Dreier, University of Washington*

1C: The Legacy of the Past for European Cultural and Economic Development: Empirical Analysis with Disaggregate Historical Data

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

The Legacy of Political History 1000-1800 for Attitudes towards the State:
Disaggregated Analysis for Italy

- *Paolo Buonanno, University of Bergamo*
- *Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna*
- *Sara Lazzaroni, University of Bologna*
- *Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna*

The Cost of Decentralization: Linguistic Polarization and the Provision of Education

- *Francesco Cinnirella, IFO Munich*
- *Ruth M. Schueler, IFO Munich*

On the Emergence of Religious Norms -- Theory and Evidence from the Protestant Reformation

- *Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna*
- *Uwe Sunde, LMU Munich*

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Press Room



11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Deep Roots of Economic Development

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: TBA

Culture, Diffusion, and Economic Development

- *Ani Harutyunyan, KU Leuven*
- *Ömer Özak, Southern Methodist University*

The Deep Roots of Culture: Individualism on the American Frontier

- *Martin Fiszbein, Boston University*
- *Samuel Bazzi, Boston University*

Linguistic Distance and Market Integration in India

- *James Fenske, University of Warwick*
- *Namrata Kala, Harvard University*

Institutional Transplant and Cultural Proximity: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Prussia

- *Giampaolo Lecce, Yale University*
- *Laura Ogliari, Bocconi University*

2B: Education and Religion in Developing Countries

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

God Insures Those who Pay? Formal Insurance and Religious Offerings in Ghana

- *Amma Panin, WZB Berlin Social Science Center*
- *Emmanuelle Auriol, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Julie Lassebie, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Eva Raiber, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Paul Seabright, Toulouse School of Economics*



Immigrant Nationality and Human Capital Formation in Brazil

- ***Anna B. Faria***, *George Mason University*

Literacy and Economic Development: Evidence from Indian Districts

- ***Rossella Calvi***, *Rice University*
- ***Federico Mantovanelli***, *Analysis Group*

Residential Energy Consumption and the Persistence of History: Evidence from Ukraine

- ***Ira N. Gang***, *Rutgers University*
- ***Miriam Frey***, *Institute for East and Southeast European Studies*

2C: Topics in Religion and Political Economy

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

The Mayor Effect: Discrimination against Female Employment under Islamist Political Rule

- ***Gozde Corekcioglu***, *European University Institute*

Covering: Mutable Characteristics and Perceptions of Voice in the U.S. Supreme Court

- ***Daniel L. Chen***, *Toulouse School of Economics*
- ***Yosh Halberstam***, *University of Toronto*
- ***Alan Yu***, *University of Chicago*

To Hell with Tolerance: Salvific Exclusivity and Political Attitudes

- ***Youssef Chouhoud***, *University of Southern California*

Political Violence and Religious Coping

- ***Ajay Verghese***, *University of California, Riverside*
- ***Miguel Carreras***, *University of California, Riverside*

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3.45 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Religion in Economic History

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: Mark Koyama, George Mason University

A Time to Print, a Time to Reform

- *Battista Severgnini, Copenhagen Business School*
- *Lars Boerner, London School of Economics*
- *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*

Devotion and Development: Religiosity, Education, and Economic Progress in 19th-century France

- *Mara P. Squicciarini, Northwestern University*

Economic Shocks, Inter-Ethnic Complementarities and the Persecution of Minorities: Evidence from the Black Death

- *Remi Jedwab, George Washington University*
- *Noel Johnson, George Mason University*
- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

Pale in Comparison: The Economic Ecology of the Jews as a Rural Service Minority

- *Yannay Spitzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*



3B: Religion, Education and Health

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

The Long-Term Effect of Early Life Exposure to Cow Slaughter Bans on Anemia in Women of Prime Reproductive Age

- *Farhan Majid, Rice University*
- *Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville*

Beyond the Classroom: The Implications of School Vouchers for Church Finances

- *Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame*
- *Kevin Rinz, US Census Bureau*

The Kindergarten Movement and the US Demographic Transition

- *Philipp Ager, University of Southern Denmark*
- *Francesco Cinnirella, Ifo Munich*
- *Peter Sandholt Jensen, University of Southern Denmark*

The Effects of Ethnic Favoritism on Trust: Evidence from Indonesia

- *MUSIC Almedina, Paris School of Economics*



3C: Religious Organizations

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

Free Riding in the Monastery: Club Goods, the Cistercian Order and Agricultural Investment in Ancient Regime France

- *Theresa Finley, George Mason University*

Did Agricultural Technology Drive the Rise and the Fall of Chinese Medieval Buddhist Temples (317-780)?

- *Helen Yang, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law*
- *Jianbo Zhou, Peking University*
- *Bo Zhang, Peking University*

Holy Wars? Temple Desecrations in Medieval India

- *Rohit Ticku, The Graduate Institute Geneva*
- *Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge*
- *Anand Shrivastava, Azim Premji University*

There are no Atheists in Foxholes: The Impact of War on Religiosity

- *Joseph J. Sabia, San Diego State University*



3.45 – 4.15 PM: Coffee Break

4.15 – 5.45 PM: Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Gender, Religion, and Development

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: Melanie Meng Xue, UCLA

Adam's Rib and Women's Rights: Religiosity and Gender Roles around the Globe

- *Jeanet Sinding Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*
- *Hans-Joachim Voth, University of Zurich*

Marriage Patterns, Gender Norms, and Inheritance Systems

- *Duman Bahrami-Rad, Simon Fraser University*

Violence Against Women, Reformist Hinduism, and Gender Outcomes in Colonial India

- *Parashar Kulkarni, Yale-NUS College*

The Mayor Effect: Discrimination against Female Employment under Islamist Political Rule

- *Gozde Corekcioglu, European University Institute*

4B: Religion and Cooperation

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

Is the Call to Prayer a Call to Cooperate? A Field Experiment on the Impact of Religious Salience on Prosocial Behavior

- *Erik P. Duhaime, MIT*

The Effect of Climate-Related Disasters on Religious Preferences: Evidence from Canada

- *Oscar Zapata, University of Calgary*

Individualism, Collectivism and Alternative Enforcement Mechanisms in Exchange

- *Aidin Hajikhameneh, Chapman University*



4C: Revolutions

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: Daniel Spiro

The Dynamics of Revolutions

- *Moti Michaeli, University of Haifa*
- *Daniel Spiro, University of Oslo*

The Deep Roots of Rebellion: Evidence from the Irish Revolution

- *Battista Severgnini, Copenhagen Business School*
- *Gaia Narciso, Trinity College Dublin*

Public Schooling, Propaganda, and Political Participation in Non-democracies

- *Patrick A. Testa, University of California, Irvine*

5.45 – 7:45 PM: ASREC Reception

Location: King Room



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

8:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Press Room

9:00 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions 4

5A: Climate, Genetics, and Long-Run Development

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: TBA

The Impact of Genetic Diversity on Religiosity: Evidence from the Exodus of Homo Sapiens out of Africa

- *Sadullah Yildirim, Yalova University*
- *Resul Cesur, University of Connecticut*

Irrigation and the Origins of Collectivism

- *Johannes C. Bugge, University of Lausanne*

Historical Individualism

- *Anne Sofie Beck Knudsen, University of Copenhagen*

Soft Lands Breed Soft Men? The Climatic Roots of Risk Preferences

- *Marijn A. Bolhuis, University of Toronto and Utrecht University*



5B: Religion and Human Capital

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

The Economic Effects of Censorship during the Counter-Reformation

- *Sascha O. Becker, University of Warwick*
- *Francisco Pino, University of Chile*
- *Jordi Vidal-Robert, University of Sydney*

“Mecca or Mechanization”: Islam and Innovation in Historical Spain

- *Francesco Cinnirella, Ifo Institute, Munich*
- *Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna*
- *Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna*

Christ’s Shadow: Non-Cognitive Skills and Pro-social Behavior Amongst the Guarani

- *Felipe Valencia, University of Bonn*
- *Hans-Joachim Voth, University of Zurich*

5C: Trust and Religiosity

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

Rents and Religious Orthodoxy in Churches

- *Niklas Bengtsson, Uppsala University*

In God we Learn? The Universal Messages of Religions, Their Context-Specific Effects, and the Impact of Minority Status

- *Ilan Tojerow, Université Libre de Bruxelles*
- *Pierre-Guillaume Méon, Université Libre de Bruxelles*

Political Party Competition’s Impact on Government Funding of Religion: Evidence from a natural experiment in Germany

- *Noa Cnaan-On, Duke University*

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Press Room



11:00 - 12:30 PM Parallel Sessions 5

6A: Cultural, Institutions and Development - Room Location

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: TBA

Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Institutions and Culture in the DRC

- *Sara Lowes, Harvard University*
- *Eduardo Montero, Harvard University*

Witchcraft Beliefs as a Cultural Legacy of the Atlantic Slave Trade

- *Boris Gershman, American University*

The Power of Religion: Political Origins of Institutionalized Religion across the Globe

- *Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School*
- *Jeanet Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*

The Geographical and Institutional Determinants of the Location of Early Christian Missions in Africa

- *Peter Foldvari, International Institute for Social History*
- *Katalin Buzasi, Utrecht University*



6B: Religion and Pluralism

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

Secularization or Salvation? The Influence of Economic Development on the Spread of Christianity in Post-Mao China

- *Siyun Jiang, University of Texas at Austin*

Cover or short? Will Experience of the Severe Famine Discourage Chinese People from Future Investments?

- *Yang Wenyue, Yale University*

Persistent Effects of Inter-Religious Contact on Ethnic Tolerance: The Case of Ottoman Turkey

- *Avital Livny, University of Illinois*
- *Mark Westcott, LMU Munich*

Religiosity: Identifying the Effect of Pluralism

- *Metin Coşgel, University of Connecticut*
- *Jungbin Hwang, University of Connecticut*
- *Chihwa Kao, University of Connecticut*
- *Thomas J. Miceli, University of Connecticut*



6C: Theoretical Advances in the Economics of Religion

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

Religion and the Family: The Case of the Amish

- *James Choy, University of Warwick*

Searching for Extremists

- *Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine*
- *Michael Sacks, West Virginia University*

Ideological Perfectionism

- *Daniel Spiro, Dept. of Economics, University of Oslo.*
- *Daniel L. Chen, Toulouse School of Economics.*
- *Moti Michaeli, Dept. of Economics, University of Haifa.*

What Limits the Powerful in Imposing the Morality of their Authority?

- *Oivind Schoyen, Norwegian School of Economics*

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

7A: Historical Development

Room: Brandeis Room

Chair: TBA

The Spatial Development of Scotland in the First Industrial Revolution: Evidence from the Statistical Accounts

- *Arnab Bhattacharjee, Heriot-Watt University*
- *Tobias Lunde, University of Edinburgh*
- *Robbie Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University*
- *Carlo Morelli, University of Dundee*

Economic Consequences of Coercive Institutions: Evidence from the US Convict Labor System

- *Michael Poyker, UCLA Anderson School of Management*

Agricultural Productivity and Long-Run Growth: Evidence from Italy's "Battle for Grain"

- *Mario Francesco Carillo, Brown University*

The Churches' Bans on Consanguinity, Kin-networks and Democracy

- *Jonathan F. Schulz, Yale University*



7B: Media, Censorship, and Discrimination

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: TBA

Limiting the Market for Information as a Tool of Governance: Evidence from Russia

- **Klaus Ackermann**, *Center for Data Science and Public Policy, University of Chicago; Department of Economics, Monash University*

How do Immigrants Respond to Discrimination? Evidence from Germans in the US during World War I

- **Vasiliki Fouka**, *Stanford University*

The Long-Run Effects of Affirmation Action: Evidence from Imperial China

- **Melanie Meng Xue**, *UCLA*
- **Yu Hao**, *Peking University*

7C: Religion and Conflict

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: TBA

Religious Differences and Civil War

- **Metin M. Coşgel**, *University of Connecticut*
- **Thomas J. Miceli**, *University of Connecticut*
- **Sadullah Yildirim**, *University of Connecticut*

The Legacy of War Exposure on Political Radicalization

- **Stephanos Vlachos**, *University of Lausanne*

Resistance to Institutions and Cultural Distance. Brigandage in Post-Unification Italy, 1861-1865

- **Tommaso Orlando**, *Bank of Italy*
- **Giampaolo Lecce**, *Yale University*
- **Laura Ogliari**, *Bocconi University*

Is Religion a Weapon of War or an Instrument for Peace? A Case Study of Religion's Transformative Role in the Yugoslav Wars and Post-Conflict Era

- **Jordan Kiper**,



3:45 – 4:15 PM: Coffee/Tea Station - Press Room

4:15 – 5.30 PM

ASREC Keynote Address
Kennedy Room

Nathan Nunn
Harvard University
“ “Religion, Magic, and Economic Development” ”

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception

Location: Allcott Room

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