



**ASREC 2017**  
Association for the Study of  
Religion, Economics, and Culture

**Sixteenth Annual Conference**



**Omni Parker House - Boston, MA**

**February 24-25, 2017**



**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: Jared Rubin

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: Chris Rhodes

### ***“The Law and the Prophets: Religion, Law and Politics in Post-Reform Africa***

- **Chris Rhodes**, *College of the Holy Cross*.

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: Francesco Cinnirella

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

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

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

**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: **James Fenske**

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*
- *Mesay Gebresilasse, 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: Amma Panin

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: Rachel McCleary

The Extremes of Conscience, Modern Psychology, and Human Agency

- **Rachel M. McCleary**, *Harvard University*

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*

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

A Time to Print, a Time to Reform

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

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

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

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: Theresa Finley

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

- *Theresa Finley, George Mason University*

Holy Wars? Temple Desecrations in Medieval India

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

War and God: The Impact of a Combat on Religiosity

- *Resul Cesur, University of Colorado*
- *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: Aidin Hajikhameneh

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*

The Chips are Down: The Influence of Family on Children's Trust Formation

- *Sara Tonini, University of Cape Town*
- *Corrado Giulietti, University of Southampton*
- *Enrico Rettore, University of Trento*

#### **4C: Revolutions**

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: Moti Michaeli

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: Sadullah Yildirim

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: Sascha Becker

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: Niklas Bengtsson

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*

National Identity and Public Goods Provision

- **Ani Harutyunyan**, *KU Leuven*



**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: Boris Gershman

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

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



## **6B: Religion and Pluralism**

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: Metin Cosgel

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

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

Religiosity: Identifying the Effect of Pluralism

- ***Metin Cosgel***, *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: Jean-Paul Carvalho

Religion and the Family: The Case of the Amish

- **James Choy**, *University of Warwick*

Elite Identity and Political Accountability: A Tale of Ten Islands"

- **Jean-Paul Carvalho**, *UC Irvine*
- **Christian Dipple**, *ULCA*

Ideological Perfectionism

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

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: Arnab Bhattacharjee,

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

- *Robbie Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University*
- *Arnab Bhattacharjee, Heriot-Watt University*
- *Tobias Lunde, University of Edinburgh*
- *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, Discrimination, and Affirmative Action**

Room: Holmes Room

Chair: Klaus Ackermann

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*

Religious Freedoms, Church-State Separation, and Religiosity: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Judges

- *Elliott Ash, Princeton University*
- *Daniel Chen, Toulouse School of Economics*



## **7C: Religion and Conflict**

Room: Lowell Room

Chair: Metin Cosgel

### *Religious Differences and Civil War*

- **Metin M. Cosgel**, 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*

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

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



**4:15 – 5.30 PM**

**ASREC Keynote Address  
Press Room**

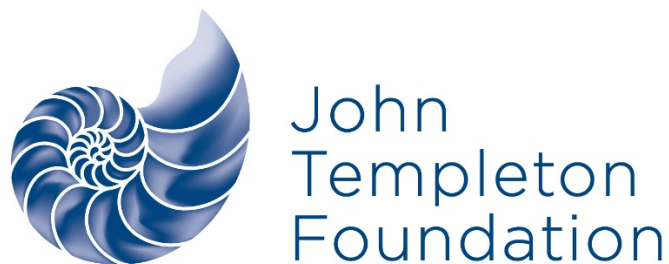
**Nathan Nunn  
Harvard University  
““Religion, Magic, and Economic Development””**

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

**Location: Alcott Room**



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