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Fifteenth Annual Conference

Chapman University - Orange, CA
March 18-19, 2016
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration - Argyros Forum 209

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

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Networks and Cooperation - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Jared Rubin, Chapman University

- 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 - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Dan Hungerman, University of Notre Dame

- Religiosity & Financial Crises in the United States
  - Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Religious Polarization, Municipal Spending, and Taxes
  - Jannett Highfill, Bradley University
  - Kevin O’Brien, Bradley University
- Levirate Marriage and Widowhood Protection
  - Yuya Kudo, Institute of Developing Economies
10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Identity and Social Capital - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Michael McBride, UC Irvine

A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State
  - Valery Dzutsati, Arizona State University

Individualism, Collectivism and Trade
  - Aidin Hajikhameneh, Simon Fraser University
  - Erik Kimbrough, Simon Fraser University

Does Internal Conflict Help or Harm State Capacity? Evidence from Tuareg Migration
  - Maxim Anayev, UCLA
  - Michael Poyker, UCLA

2B: Institutions and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine

On the Foundations of Ideological and Institutional Evolution
  - Jared Rubin, Chapman University
  - Murat Iyigun, University of Colorado

Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration
  - Katherine Eriksson, University of California, Davis
  - Ran Abramitzky, Stanford University
  - Leah Boustan, University of California, Los Angeles

The Community Trap – Why Ultra-Orthodox Boys in Israel Stopped Attending High-Schools
  - Eitan Regev, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel
2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Law and Economic Outcomes - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Eli Berman, UC San Diego

Islam and the Protection of Intellectual Property Right
- Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna
- Giuseppe Pignataro, University of Bologna

Religion, Economics, and the Electoral Success of the Nazis
- Jorg L Spenkuch, Northwestern University
- Philipp Tillmann, University of Rochester

Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe
- Mark Koyama, George Mason University
- Noel D Johnson, George Mason University

3B: Religion in Different Guises - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville

The Church of UFC: Do Mixed Martial Arts Make Less Violent Citizen?
- Andrea Molle, Chapman University

Classifying Religions
- Resit Ergener, Bosphorus University

America’s Invisible Religion: The McLennan County Church Survey
- J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University
- Todd Ferguson, Baylor University

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Break
4:00 – 5:15 PM
ASREC Keynote Address
Argyros Forum 209

Eli Berman
University of California, San Diego
“Propositions from Purgatory”

5:15 – 6:45 PM:  ASREC Post-Keynote Reception
4th Floor Patio, Beckman Hall

8:00 – 10:00 PM:  ASREC Late Night Social
IRES Building, 338 N. Glassell St.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration - Argyros Forum 209

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

8:30 - 10:00 Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Ethnic Diversity - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Julien Gagnon, University of Cambridge

Ethnic Heterogeneity, Sub-ethnic Fractionalization and Corruption
- **Duman Bahrami-Rad**, Simon Fraser University
- **Mahsa Akbari**, Simon Fraser University
- **Erik O. Kimbrough**, Simon Fraser University

New Estimates of Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Diversity Using Sampled Survey Data
- **Avital Livny**, University of Illinois
- **Mitchell Goist**, Pennsylvania State University

Subnational Diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from a New Dataset
- **Boris Gershman**, American University
- **Diego Rivera**, American University

4B: Religion and Family - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Paul Wilson, University of Arizona

Union Formation Behaviour and Outcomes of Individuals without any Tie with Religion or Spirituality: Evidence from Canada
- **Maryam Dilmaghani**, Saint Mary’s University

Fertility Decisions and Religious Diversity
- **Md Nazmul Ahsan**, USC
- **Arya Gaduh**, University of Arkansas

The Incidental Fertility Effects of School Condom Distribution Programs
- **Daniel Hungerman**, Notre Dame
- **Kasey Buckles**, Notre Dame
10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 - 12:00 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Social and Demographic Outcomes - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Christopher Bader, Chapman University

Religion and Depression in Adolescence
- *Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge*
- *Jane Cooley Fruehwirth, University of North Carolina*
- *Anwen Zhang, London School of Economics*

Bowling Online
- *Charles North, Baylor University*
- *Scott Cunningham, Baylor University*

Welfare State, Religiosity and Church Participation
- *Federico Masera, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*

5B: The Dark Side of Religion and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Mark Koyama, George Mason University

The Deterrent Effect of the Death Penalty? Evidence from British Commutations During World War I
- *Daniel L. Chen, IAST/TSE/Harvard*

Plague, Politics, and Pogroms: The Black Death, Fragmented states, and the persecution of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire
- *Theresa Finley, George Mason University*
- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

Peer Effects, Socialization and the Development of the Gender Gap in Risk Preferences: Evidence from Rural China
- *Xuejing Zuo, University of Houston*
- *Elaine M. Liu, University of Houston*
1:30 – 3:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Extremism - Argyros Forum 209A
Chair: Daniel L. Chen, IAST/TSE/Harvard

Community Fragmentation and Fragility
  - Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine
Impunity and Religious Extremism: Understanding Electoral Incentives in Indonesia
  - Kerry Persen, Stanford University
Sunday, Bloody Sunday: Causal Evidence from Northern Ireland for the Effect of Ethnic Diversity
  - Paul Zachary, University of California, San Diego
  - Joseph Brown, University of Massachusetts-Boston
  - Gordon C. McCord, University of California, San Diego

6B: Theories of Religion and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B
Chair: Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge

The Literary Inquisition: The Persecution of Intellectuals and Human Capital Accumulation in China
  - Melanie Meng Xue, UCLA
  - Mark Koyama, George Mason University
The Last Days of Magic: Religiosity in Modern India
  - Ajay Verghese, University of California, Riverside
Does Culture Matter? A Test of the Harrison Hypothesis
  - Paul N. Wilson, University of Arizona
  - Colin Moore, University of Arizona

3:00 – 4:30 PM: ASREC Closing Reception
Argyros Forum 3rd Fl. South Patio
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