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University of Luxembourg – Campus Limperstberg, Luxembourg City

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2018

13:00 – 13:50 : Registration
13:50 – 14:00 : Welcome Speech

14:00 – 15:00 : Session 1

1: Religion throughout History
Room: BCE 010
Chair: Jeanet Bentzen Sinding

Atheism and Economic Prosperity: The Long Run Impacts of a National Ban on Religions
• Shqiponja Telhaj, University of Sussex and Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics

The Power of Religion: Factor Endowments and Hierarchical Religions Across the Globe
• Jeanet Bentzen Sinding, University of Copenhagen
• Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School

15:00 – 15:30 : Coffee/Tea BREAK

15:30 – 17:30 : Session 2 (Parallel Sessions)
2A: Cultural Values
Room: BCE 010
Chair: Eric Melander
Cultural Values and Productivity
- Andreas Ek, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Cultural Preferences and Firm Financing Choices
- Mascia Bedendo, Audencia Business School
- Emilia Garcia-Appendini, University of Zurich
- Linus Siming, Audencia Business School

Nepotism, Schooling Outcomes and Economic Development
- Marcello Perez-Alvarez, Göttingen University
- Holger Strulik, Göttingen University

Mobility and Mobilisation: Railways, Social Contagion and Competition of Ideas
- Eric Melander, University of Warwick and CAGE

2B: Ancestral Roots
Room: BCE 011
Chair: Nano Barahona

The Origins of Financial Development: How the TseTse Fly Continues to Influence Modern Finance
- Jiafu An, University of Edinburgh
- Wenxuan Hou, University of Edinburgh

The Roots of Female Emancipation: the Initializing Role of Cool Water
- Manuel Santos Silva, Göttingen University
- Amy C. Alexander, University of Gothenburg
- Stephan Klasen, University of Goettingen
- Christian Welzel, Leuphana University - Lueneburg

Ancestral Roots of Locus of Control
- Phillip Ross, Boston University
Media Censorship and the Distribution of Power in Early Modern Europe: The Role of the Printing Press

- Nano Barahona, Stanford University
- Alejandro Saenz, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC)

**17:30 – 19:00:** ASREC Reception

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2018**

**8:00 – 9:00:** Registration

**9:00 - 11:00:** Session 3
3: Legacies  
Room: BCE 011  
Chair: Cecilia Garcia Penalosa 

The Legacy of Political History 1000-1800 for Attitudes towards the State: Disaggregated Analysis for Italy  
- Paolo Buonanno, University of Bergamo  
- Mattro Cervellati, University of Bologna  
- Sara Lazzaroni, University of Bologna  
- Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna 

Trust Unraveled: The Long Shadow of the Spanish Civil War  
- Felipe Valencia Caicedo, Vancouver School of Economics  
- Ana Tur Prats, University Pompeu Fabra 

The Imperial Roots of Global Trade  
- Gunes Gokmen, New Economic School  
- Wesssel Vermeulen, Newcastle University  
- Pierre Luis Vezina, King’s College London 

Taxation and the Timing of the Demographic Transition to Modern Growth  
- Cecilia Garcia Penalosa, Aix-Marseille University  
- Régis Sawadogo, Aix-Marseille School of Economics 

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee/Tea BREAK 

11:30 - 13:00: Session 4  
4: Dimensions of Culture  
Room: BCE 011  
Chair: Naci Mocan
Civic Honesty across the Globe
  • Alain Cohn, University of Michigan
  • Michel Marechal, University of Zürich
  • Christian Zünd, University of Zürich

Enlightened Autocrats: Lessons from Bold Experiments in the Lands of Islam
  • Jean Phillipe Platteau, University of Namur

Can Superstition Create a Self-Fulfilling Prophecy? School Outcomes of Dragon Children of China
  • Naci Mocan, Louisiana State University
  • Han Yu, Louisiana State University

13:00 – 14:00 : Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00
ASREC Keynote Address

Professor Nathan NUNN
Harvard University

“Why Religion Exists and Why it Matters”

Room: BS 003
Chair: Skerdilajda Zanaj
15:00 - 15:30: Coffee/Tea BREAK

15:30 - 17:00: Session 5 (Parallel Session)
5A: Religion
Room: BCE 011
Chair: Lena Sperling

Is trust in God an Incentive for Foreign Trade Intensity?
• Marina Kazantseva, Ural Federal University
• Alexander Nepp, Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia
• Alexey Naydenov, Sberbank, Moscow, Russia
• Olga Popova, Institute for Eastern and South-Eastern European Studies (IOS) (Regensburg, Germany), Center for Economic Research and Graduate education - Economics Institute (CERGE-EI) (Prague, Czech Republic)

Are Papal Visits Good News for Human Rights?
• Marek Endrich, Hamburg University
• Jerg Gutmann, University of Hamburg

Buying your Religion: Social Services Delivered by the Church, US 1996-2008
• Jeanet Bentzen Sinding, University of Copenhagen
• Lena Sperling, University of Copenhagen
5B: Gender
Room: BCE 011
Chair: Lisa Höckel

The International Epidemiological Transition and the Education Gender Gap
- Mariko Klasing, University of Groningen
- Petros Milionis, University of Groningen

Witch trials and gender differences in trust
- Marc Goñi, University of Vienna
- Anastasia Litina, University of Ioannina

The Intergenerational Transmission of Gender Role Attitudes: Evidence from Immigrant Mothers-in-Law
- Julia Bredtmann, RWI, IZA, CReAM
- Lisa Höckel, Ruhr University Bochum
- Sebastian Otten, University College London, CReAM, RWI

19:00 – 22:00 Gala Dinner at the “Brasserie du Theatre”
FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2018

9:00 - 10:00: Session 6 (Parallel Session)

6A : Social Values
Room: BCE 011
Chair: Petros Milionis

Long-Lasting Social Capital: The Legacy of the Commons
- Daniel Montolio, University of Barcelona
- Ana Tur Prats, University Pompeu Fabra

How Do Values Affect Tax Compliance? Evidence from EU Regions
- Fabian ten Kate, University of Groningen
- Mariko Klasing, University of Groningen
- Petros Milionis, University of Groningen

6B : The Distant Past
Room: BCE 010
Chair: David Gomstyan

The Economics of Missionary Expansion: Evidence from Africa and Implications for Development
- Remi Jedwab, George Washington University
- Felix Meier Zu Selhausen, University of Sussex
- Alexander Moradi, University of Sussex

Memories of the Distant Past and Long-term Party Identification
- Arbatli, Cemal Eren, Higher School of Economics
- David Gomstyan, Higher School of Economics
10:00 – 10:30  Coffee/Tea BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 AM
ASREC Keynote Address
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Professor Luigi GUISO
Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance
“Title”

Room: BS 003
Chair: Anastasia Litina
11:45 - 12:45 Session 7 (Parallel Sessions)
7A : Political and Ethnic Identities
Room: BCE 010
Chair: Anastasia Litina

The Last Yugoslavs: Ethnic Diversity, National Identity, and Civil War
- Leonard Kukic, University Carlos II de Madrid

Political Trust Unraveled
- Anastasia Litina, University of Ioannina

7B : Conflict
Room: BCE 011
Chair: Jian Li

Civil Conflict and Ethnic Identity: A Disaggregated Level Study in Africa
- Matthias Blum, Queen’s University Belfast
- Arcangelo Dimico, Queen's University Belfast
- Jiang Haicheng, Queens University Belfast

The Long Shadows of War in China: Battle Shocks in Early Life and Health/Wealth Accumulation
- Christos Koulovatianos, University of Luxembourg
- Jian Li, University of Luxembourg

12:45 – 14:00: ASREC Reception

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