



## **ASREC Europe 2018**

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**University of Luxembourg – Campus Limpertberg,  
Luxembourg City**

**June 6-8, 2018**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2018**



**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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MAIN BUILDING**

**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*
- ***Wessel 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 Phillippe 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 Zanj***



**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**  
**TBA**

**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

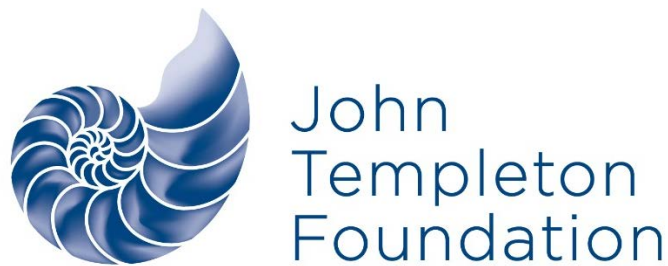
- **Christos Koulovatianos, University of Luxembourg**
- **Jian Li, University of Luxembourg**

**12:45 – 14:00: ASREC Reception**

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