



**ASREC 2019**  
Association for the Study of  
Religion, Economics, and Culture

**Eighteenth Annual Conference**



**Omni Parker House - Boston, MA**

**March 1-2, 2019**



FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Registration**

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

**9:00 AM – 10:45 AM: Parallel Sessions 1**

**1A: Cultural Beliefs**

Room: Gardner Room

Chair: Per G. Fredriksson

Sunlight and Culture

- *Per G. Fredriksson, University of Louisville*
- *Aatishya Mohanty, Nanyang Technological University*

Gods and Cooperation

- *Aidin Hajikhameneh, San Jose State University*
- *Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University*

Social Norms and Dishonesty across Societies

- *Diego Aycinena, Universidad del Rosario*
- *Benjamin Beranek, Connecticut College*
- *Lucas Rentschler, Utah State University*
- *Jonathan Schulz, Harvard University*



## **1B: Experiments**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Dietmar Fehr

The Causal Effect of Cultural Identity on Cooperation

- *Dietmar Fehr, University of Heidelberg*
- *Jeff Butler, UC Merced*

Types of Contract: A Field Experiment on Collaborative and Adversarial Caste Integration

- *Matt Lowe, Institute on Behavior and Inequality, Bonn*

Religion and Compromise: Experimental Evidence from Tunisia

- *Sharan Grewal, Brookings Institution*
- *Matthew Cebul, Yale University*

University Socialization in the Developing World: Experimental Evidence from Lebanon

- *Christiana Parreira, Stanford University*
- *Daniel Tavana, Princeton University*
- *Charles Harb, American University of Beirut*



## **1C: Gender**

Room: King Room

Chair: Duman Bahrami-Rad

Keeping it in the Family: Female Inheritance, In-marriage and the Status of Women

- *Duman Bahrami-Rad, Harvard University*

Female Empowerment and Male Backlash

- *Eleonora Guarneri, IFO Institute Helmut Rainer, University of Munich*

Cultural Norms and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

- *Ana Tur-Prats, University of California, Merced*
- *Eleonora Guarneri, IFO Institute*

Roots of Intolerance: Impact of Religious Mission on Modern Anti-Gay Sentiments in Sub-Saharan Africa

- *Maxim Ananyev, UCLA*
- *Michael Poyker, Columbia Business School*

**10:45 AM – 11:15 AM: Coffee/Tea Station – Press Room**



## 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

### 2A: Economic History

Room: Gardner

Chair: Jared Rubin

Is the “Great Man” Theory of History Dead?: How Luther's Personal Ties affected the Diffusion of the Early Reformation

- *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*
- *Sascha Becker, Warwick University*
- *Steven Pfaff, University of Washington*

Church Politics, Sectarianism, and Judicial Terror: The Scottish Witch-Hunt, 1563-1736

- *Steven Pfaff, University of Washington*
- *Parashar Kulkarni, Yale NUS College*

Can Autocracy Promote Literacy? Evidence from a Cultural Alignment Success Story

- *Nuno Palma, University of Manchester*
- *Jaime Reis, ICS, University of Lisbon*

Trust Unraveled: The Long Shadow of the Spanish Civil War

- *Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia*
- *Anna Tur Prats, UC Merced*



## **2B: Conflict & Religious Change**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Dijana Zejcirovic

Does Political Participation Recover after a Civil War? Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina

- *Dijana Zejcirovic, University of Vienna*
- *Caterina Alacevich, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*

Slavery Resistance and Brazil's Long-run Economic Development

- *Guilherme Lambais, Universidade de Brasília*

Religious Change Preceded Economic Change in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- *Damian Ruck, University of Bristol*
- *Alex Bentley, University of Tennessee*
- *Dan Lawson, University of Bristol*

## **2C: Religion & Development**

Room: King Room

Chair: Amjad Khan

Islam, Institutions and Child Investment: Identifying Cultural and Political Roots of Gender Differences.

- *Amjad Khan, George Washington University*

The Institutional Foundations of Religious Politics: Evidence from Indonesia

- *Gabriel Koehler-Derrick, Harvard University*
- *Samuel Bazzi, Boston University*
- *Benjamin Marx, MIT*

Secularization with Hindu Characteristics

- *Ajay Verghese, University of California, Riverside*



**1:00 PM – 2:15 PM: Lunch Break**

**2:15 PM – 4:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 3**

**3A: Identity & Religion**

Room: Gardner Room

Chair: Saumitra Jha

Fraternite and Fraternization: Resisters and Collaborators in Wartime France

- *Saumitra Jha, Stanford University*
- *Julia Cagé, Sciences-Po*
- *Anna Dagorret, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Pauline Grosjean, University of New South Wales*

Religious Legitimacy and the Long Divergence

- *Avner Seror, Chapman University*
- *Alberto Bisin, New York University*
- *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*
- *Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics*

Folklore

- *Stelios Michalopoulos, Brown University*
- *Melanie Meng Xue, Northwestern University*

A Theory of Moral Authority: Moral Choices Under Moral Network Externality

- *Oeivind Schoeyen, Hitotsubashi University*
- *Avner Greif, Stanford University*



### **3B: Migration**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Ann Sofie Beck Knudsen

Those Who Stayed: Individualism, Self-Selection and Cultural Change during the Age of Mass Migration

- *Anne Sofie Beck Knudsen, Lund University*

Forced Migration and Human Capital: Evidence from Post-WWII Population Transfers

- *Sascha O. Becker, University of Warwick*
- *Irena Grosfeld, Paris School of Economics*
- *Pauline Grosjean, University of New South Wales*
- *Nico Voigtlander, UCLA*
- *Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Paris School of Economics*

Changing In-group Boundaries: The Role of New Immigrant Waves in 20th Century US?

- *Soumyajit Mazumder, Harvard University*
- *Marco Tabellini, Harvard Business School*
- *Vaskiliki Fouka, Stanford University*





### **3C: Public Choice**

Room: King Room

Chair: Anthony Gill

The Comparative Endurance and Efficiency of Religion: A Public Choice Approach

- *Anthony Gill, University of Washington*

Does Diversity Impact Subjective Wellbeing? Evidence from the Exodus of Homo Sapiens out of Africa

- *Resul Cesur, University of Connecticut*
- *Sadullah Yildirim, Ibn Haldun University*

The Dictator, the Imam and the Judge: Tracing the Impact of Religion and Military on the Courts

- *Sultan Mehmood, Paris Research University*

Shaping Elite Preferences and Behavior: A Natural Experiment on Culture

- *Joan Ricart-Huguet, Yale University*
- *Betsy Levy Paluck, Princeton University*

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Coffee Break**



**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Book Presentation**

Room: The Press Room

The Wealth of Religions: The Political Economy of Believing and Belonging

- *Robert Barro, Harvard University*
- *Rachel McCleary, Harvard University*

Persecution and Toleration: The Long Road to Religion Freedom

- *Noel Johnson, George Mason University*
- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**ASREC Reception**  
**Alcott Room**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Registration**

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

**9:00 AM – 10:45 AM: Parallel Sessions 4**

**4A: Finance, Credit, & Welfare**

Room: Gardner Room

Chair: Adam Osman

To Borrow or Not to Borrow: Religious Norms and the Elasticity of Demand for Credit

- *Adam Osman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- *Dean Karlan, Northwestern University*
- *Nour Shammout, J-Pal*

Does Finance Make Us Less Social?

- *Mitch Warachka, University of San Diego*
- *Henrik Cronquist, University of Miami*
- *Frank Yu, China Europe International Business School*

Going to Church for Welfare: Social Services Delivered by the Church in the US 1996-2008

- *Jeanet Sinding Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*
- *Lena Lindbjerg Sperling, Copenhagen Business School*



#### **4B: Economic History II**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Ahmed Skali

Protestantism and Effort Expenditure on the Battlefield: Soldier-level Evidence from World War II

- *Ahmed Skali, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology*
- *Tony Beaton, University of Queensland*
- *Benno Torgler, Queensland University of Technology and CREMA*

Economic Harbingers of Ottoman Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Istanbul, 1600-1839

- *Timur Kuran, Duke University*
- *Asli Cansunar, Oxford University*

Fertility and Child Mortality before the Demographic Transition: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Egypt

- *Mohamed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Claire Galez, Toulouse School of Economics*

Entrepreneur and Communal Tax Liability: The Political Economy of the Early Modern Jewish-Polish Symbiosis

- *Yannay Spitzer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*



#### **4C: Religious Texts and Beliefs**

Room: King Room

Chair: Nicoleta Acatrinei

Hell Makes a Difference, Heaven Doesn't. A Transaction Cost Analysis

- *Nicoleta Acatrinei, Center for the Study of Religion, Faith Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative*

The Robust Beauty of an Improper Model of Jesus's Teachings: Text Mining the Sayings of Jesus

- *Sean F. Everton, Naval Postgraduate School*
- *Daniel T. Cunningham, Naval Postgraduate School*

Credit, Liquidity, and Ritual Spending: The Chiapas 'Prestige Bubble' of 1940-1970

- *Werner B. Hertzog, Vanderbilt University*

#### **4D: Elites, Culture and Community**

Room: The Press Room

Chair: Nathan Nunn

How Does Witchcraft Affect Pro-Social Behavior?

- *Nathan Nunn, Harvard University*
- *Sara Lowes, Bocconi University*

More Heat than Light: Census-scale Evidence for the Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Economic Development as a Statistical Artifact

- *Andaleeb Rahman, Tata-Cornell Institute*

Scarcity and Inter-Village Cooperation

- *Muhammad Haseeb, University of Warwick*

**10:45 AM – 11:15 AM: Coffee/Tea Station – Press Room**



## 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM Parallel Sessions 5

### 5A: Charity, Religion, and Preferences

Room: Gardner Room

Chair: Jonathan Oxley

“Do Unto Others You Would Have Them Do Unto You” – Examining Charitable Giving and Religious Identity

- *Jonathan Oxley, Florida State University*

Ancestral Roots of Locus of Control

- *Phillip H. Ross, Boston University*

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a [Social Safety] Net: The Causal Effect of Income on Religious Participation

- *Neil Silveus, University of Pittsburgh*
- *Christiana Stoddard, Montana State University*

Opiates of the Masses? Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion

- *Daniel Hungerman, University of Notre Dame*
- *Tyler Giles, University of Notre Dame*



## **5B: Economic History II**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Kerice Doten-Snitker

Contexts of State Violence: The History of Expulsions of Jews

- *Kerice Doten-Snitker, University of Washington*

Origins and Economic Consequences of Agricultural Inheritance Rules: Municipal Evidence from Baden-Wurttemberg

- *Thilo R. Huning, University of York*
- *Sibylle Lehmann-Hasemeyer, Universitat Hohenheim*
- *Fabian Wahl, Universitat Hohenheim*

The Legacy of Forced Assimilation Policies: Entry Barriers in the Labor Market and Anti-German Sentiments in South Tyrol

- *Alessandro Belmonte, IMT Lucca & University of Warwick*
- *Armando Di Lillo, IMT Lucca*

Connectedness and Cultural Change – Evidence from the Expansion of the Railroad Network in the United States

- *Max Winkler, University of Zurich*



## **5C: Identity & Religion**

Room: King Room

Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho

### Underrepresentation

- *Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of California, Irvine*
- *Bary Pradeliski, ETH Zurich*

### For-profit States and Big Gods

- *Stergios Skaperdas (UC Irvine)*
- *Samarth Vaidya (Deakin University)*

### Collective Story Editing: Increasing Women's Agency and Freedom from Domestic Violence Through Form Theater

- *Karla Hoff, The World Bank*
- *Jyotsna Jalan, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta*
- *Sattwik Santra, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta*

### Beliefs also Make Social-Norm Preferences Social

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





## **5D: Culture and Institutions**

Room: The Press Room

Chair: Marek Endrich

*Pacem in Terris: Are Papal Visits Good News for Human Rights?*

- *Marek Endrich, University of Hamburg*
- *Jerg Gutmann, University of Hamburg*

*Born to be an Entrepreneur? How Cultural Origin Affects Entrepreneurship*

- *Katharina Erhardt, ETH Zurich*
- *Simon Haenni, University of Zurich*

*Borders Change, Institutions Remain*

- *Andrew Jonelis, University of Kentucky*

**1:00 PM – 2:15 PM: Lunch Break**



## 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

### 6A: Development Economics

Room: Gardner Room

Chair: Gian Luca Tedeschi

State History, Cultural Transmission and Institutional Trust in Africa

- *Gian Luca Tedeschi, University of Nottingham*

Supernatural Protection and Economic Behavior: Evidence from Beer Retailers in the Eastern DRC

- *Nathan Nunn, Harvard University*
- *Raul Sanchez de la Sierra, UC Berkeley*
- *Max Winkler, University of Zurich*

Collateral Damage: The Legacy of Laos Secret War

- *Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia*
- *Juan Felipe Riano Rodriguez, University of British Columbia*

The Persistent Effect of Social Exclusion on Social Norms: Evidence from a Former Leper Colony in Colombia

- *Diego Ramos-Toro, Brown University*



### **6B: Economic History III**

Room: Stowe Room

Chair: Theresa Finley

The Effect of Human Capital and Ethnic Diversity on Agricultural Productivity of 19<sup>th</sup> Century French Colonists in Algeria

- *Theresa Finley, Susquehanna University*

The Long Reach of Cotton in the U.S. South: Tenant Farming, Mechanization and Low-Skill Manufacturing

- *Yeonha Jung, Boston University*

Holy Wars? Temple Desecrations in Medieval India

- *Rohit Ticku, Chapman University*
- *Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge*
- *Anand Shrivastava, Azim Premji University*

The Power of Religion: Politics and Religion Across Time and Space

- *Gunes Gokmen, Lund University*
- *Jeanet Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*



## **6C: Islam**

Room: King Room

Chair: Avital Livny

Using Night-Lights to Estimate Religiosity in the Muslim World

- *Avital Livny, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Religion and Motivated Cognition: When Ramadan Meets the College Entrance Exam

- *Shaoda Wang, UC Berkeley*
- *Ao Wang, UC Berkeley*
- *Xiaoyang Ye, University of Michigan*

A Tale of Two Plateaus: Comparative Development in the Middle East

- *Metin M. Coşgel, University of Connecticut*
- *Sadullah Yildirim, Ibn Haldun University*

Religious Diversity, Authoritarian Rule, and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Ottoman Istanbul

- *Asli Cansunar, University of Oxford*

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Coffee/Tea Station – Press Room**



**4:30 – 6.00 PM**

**ASREC Keynote Address**  
**Press Room**

**Joseph Henrich**  
**Harvard University**

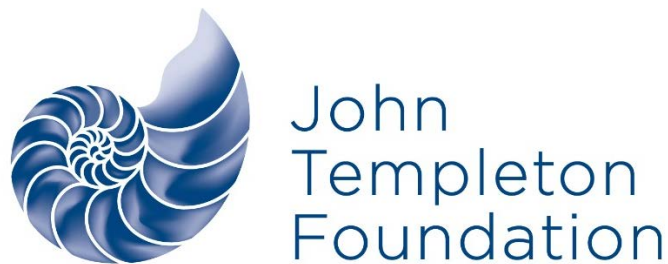
**“Big Gods, Potent Rituals and the Evolution of  
Complex Societies”**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception**

**Location: Alcott Room**



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