ASREC 2020
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture

Nineteenth Annual Conference

Chapman University - Orange, CA
March 27-28, 2020
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration

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

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Leadership and Identity
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho

Radicalization
- Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine
- Michael Sacks, University of Louisville

Charismatic Leaders and Nation Building: Ataturk’s Visits in Turkey
- Lydia Assouad, Paris School of Economics

Building Faithful Nations: 'Fascist Men’ in the 20th Century of Italy
- Alessandro Belmonte, IMT Lucca and University of Warwick

Political Impact of Opinion Leaders: Evidence from Father Coughlin
- Tianyi Wang, University of Pittsburgh
1B: Culture, Credit, and the Safety Net
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Resul Cesur

Does Religion Provide Psychological Coping or Economic Insurance? Evidence from Three Distinct Demand Shocks
- Resul Cesur, University of Connecticut
- Duha Altindag, Auburn University

Gender Gap in Financial Literacy: Are there Cultural Effects?
- Maddalena Davoli, Goethe University
- Nuria Rodriguez, City University of New York

Culture, Individualism and Preferences for Redistribution
- Olle Hammar, Uppsala University

The Dark Side of Social Capital? Battles and Mortgage Lending
- Mintra Dwarkasing, Erasmus University Rotterdam

1C: Gender Norms and Discrimination
Room: AF 209 C
Chair: Bastien Chabe-Ferret

Cultural Norm of Breastfeeding and the Effectiveness of Public Policies
- Bastien Chabe-Ferret, Liser
- Emilia del Bono, University of Essex
- Birgitta Rabe, University of Essex

The Role of Conflict in Sex Discrimination: The Case of Missing Girls
- Anna Minasyan, University of Groningen
- Astghik Mavisakalyan, Curtin University

Non-traditional Gender Norms and Motherhood Employment Penalties in Europe
- Nuria Rodriguez-Planas, City University of New York
- Simone Moriconi, IESEG School of Management

Marriage Norms and Missionary Activities: Evidence from Togo and Benin
- Hugues Champeaux, University Clermont Auvergne
10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: The Long Shadow of the Past
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Fernando Arteaga

The Historical Legacy of (Pre?)Colonial Indigenous Settlements in Mexico
• Fernando Arteaga, University of Pennsylvania

Colleges for Christ: The Economic Impact of Jesuit Missions in Goa
• Malcolm King, George Mason University

Religious Festivals and Long-Run Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint-Day Celebrations in Mexico
• Eduardo Montero, University of Michigan
• Dean Yang, University of Michigan

WWI Anti-German Sentiment and Economic Growth in U.S. Counties
• Andreas Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh
• Price Fishback, University of Arizona
Identity, Meaning and Values in Religious and Secular Clubs: a Comparison

- Carolyn Warner, University of Nevada, Reno
- Adam B. Cohen, Arizona State University
- Leah Doane, Arizona State University

On the Origin of Religious Values: Does Italian Weather Affect Bolivian Values

- Lewis Davis, Union College

Religiosity and Honesty: An Application of the Die-Under-Cup Experiment

- Vurain Tabvuma, Saint Mary’s University
- Maryam Dilmaghani, Saint Mary’s University

Does Religious Affiliation Protect People's Well-being? Evidence from the Great Recession After Correcting for Selection Effects

- Christos Makridis, Arizona State University
- Byron Johnson, Baylor University
- Harold G. Koenig, Duke University
2C: Identity and Conflict
Room: AF 209 C
Chair: Stergios Skaperdas

External Intervention, Identity, and Civil War
- Stergios Skaperdas, UC Irvine
- Nicholas Sambanis, University of Pennsylvania
- William Wohlforth, Dartmouth College

The Marriage Market and Anti-Muslim Violence in Colonial Burma
- Feyaad Allie, Stanford University

Electoral Competition, Identity Triggers, and Conflict: Theory and Evidence
- Raghul Srinivasan Venkatesh, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
- Rohit Ticku, Chapman University

Dynamics of Discrimination in Contests: Theory and Experiment
- Nishtha Sharma, UCI

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: The Origin and Evolution of Cultural Traits
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Jared Rubin

Optimization and Social Learning in Static and Dynamic Environments
- Jared Rubin, Chapman University
- Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University
- Ryan Oprea, UC Santa Barbara

By Reverence, not Fear: Prestige, Religion, and Autonomic Regulation in the Evolution of Cooperation
- Hillary Lanfesty, Arizona State University
- Thomas Morgan, Arizona State University

On the Historical Roots of Gender Norms: Evidence from Matrilineal Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Eva Tène, Toulouse School of Economics

The Terror of History: Solar Eclipses and the Origins of Social Complexity and Complex Thinking
- Eric Roca Fernandez, Aix-Marseille Université
- Anastasia Litina, University of Ioannina
3B: Culture, Persistence, and Diversity
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Daniel Hungerman

Every Day is Earth Day: Measuring the Impact of Voluntary Behavior on April 22
- Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame University
- Vivek Moorthy, Notre Dame

Why Aren’t People Leaving “Janesville?”: Industry Persistence, Trade Shocks, and Mobility
- Michael Poyker, Columbia University
- Sebastian Ottinger, UCLA

The Institutional, Cultural, and Economic Legacies of Immigration
- Marie Amanda Guimbeau, Brandeis University

Diversity Taxes
- Saumya Deojain, Washington University in St. Louis
- David Lindequist, Washington University in St. Louis

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room
4:00 – 5:15 PM
ASREC Keynote Address
AF 209 A & B

Ran Abramitzky
Stanford University
“Is Income Equality Possible: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz”

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Reception

Location: Argyros Forum 3rd Floor South Patio
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

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9:00 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Missions and Persistence
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Maggie Jones

The Legacy of Indian Missions in the United States
• Maggie Jones, University of Victoria
• Donna Feir, Center for Indian Country Development, Minneapolis Fed, and University of Victoria
• David Scoones, University of Victoria

Religion and the Scope of Morality: Evidence from Exposure to Missions in the DRC
• Augustin Bergeron, Harvard University

Protestant Missions in Korea: Examining Long-Run Impacts of Comity Agreements on Education
• Jonathan Oxley, Florida State University
4B: Ideology, Religion, and Culture in History
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Taylor Jaworski

The Emergence of Regional Cultures in the United States
- Taylor Jaworski, University of Colorado
- Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University

Resource Blessing? The Oil Age Roots of Religiosity in the U.S. South
- Patrick Testa, Tulane University
- Andreas Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh

Do Books Cause Revolutions? An Empirical Test of Darnton’s Forbidden Books in Pre-Revolutionary France
- Yu Sasaki, Waseda University

Shaping Ideology and Institutions: Economic Incentives and Slavery in the US South
- Michele Rosenberg, Northwestern University
- Federico Masera, University of New South Wales

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room
11:00 - 12:30 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Religion, Transacting, and Contracting
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Anthony Gill

The Efficient Smoke of Burnt Offerings: Religion, Trust, and Transaction Costs in the Gift Economy
- **Anthony Gill**, University of Washington
- **Michael D. Thomas**, Creighton University

Contracting with Religion-centered Agents: Designing Optimal Incentives Schemes in Public and Private Organizations
- **Nicoleta Acatrinei**, Princeton University

Delegating War
- **Giulio Iacobelli**, Paris School of Economics

Between the Sacred and the Secular: Why States Regulate Religious Institutions?
- **Pranav Gupta**, UC berkeley
5B: Religion, Culture, and Pro-Social Behavior
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Felipe Valencia Caicedo

In Deu Speramus: Religion, Prosociality and Cooperation across the Globe
• Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia
• Thomas Dohmen, University of Bonn
• Andreas Pondorfer, University of Bonn

Does Religion Reduce Crime? Evidence from the Welsh Revival of 1904-05
• Matt Lowe, The University of British Columbia

The Causal Effect of Cultural Identity on Cooperation
• Dietmar Fehr, University of Heidelberg
• Jeff Butler, UC Merced

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Institutions, Culture, and Conflict in pre-modern Europe
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Mark Koyama

The Political Economy of Status Competition: Sumptuary Laws in Preindustrial Europe
- Mark Koyama, George Mason University
- Desiree Desierto, University of Rochester

Droughts, Conflict, and Local Governance in Pre-Industrial Europe
- Evan Wigton-Jones, Husson University

At the Margin of the State; Corsica under Genoan Rule (1453-1769)
- Oivind Schoyen, Hitotsubashi University
- Jean-Pascal Bassion, École normale supérieure de Lyon

Modernization before Industrialization: Cultural Roots of the Demographic Transition in France
- Guillaume Blanc, Brown University
6B: Economics of the Clergy and Congregations
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Charles North

Treasure in Heaven: Returns to schooling in Clergy Labor Markets
- Grant Seiter, Baylor University
- Scott Cunningham, Baylor University
- Charles North, Baylor University

Sexual Identity and Priesthood: Theory and Evidence
- Rohit Ticku, Chapman University
- Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economic

The Role of Local Congregations in Gentrification
- Dave Kresta, Portland State University

Losing Religion: An OLG Model Exploration of Demographic Changes within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Ryan Wessel, The Church of Jesus Christ

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room
4:00 – 5:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Religion and Political Economy
Room: AF 209 A
Chair: Avner Seror

Judicial Independence, Religion, and Politics: Theory and Evidence
- **Avner Seror**, Aix Marseille School of Economics
- **Sultan Mehmood**, Aix Marseille School of Economics

A Political Economy of Ethnicity in Africa
- **Valeria Rueda**, University of Nottingham
- **Yannick Pengl**, EPR, ETH Zurich
- **Philip Roessler**, School of Government

Stereotypes in High-Stakes Decisions: Evidence from U.S. Circuit Courts
- **Daniel Chen**, Toulouse School of Economics
- **Arianna Oragni**, University of Warwick
- **Elliott Ash**, ETH Zurich

Hindu Religiosity and Political Behavior in India
- **Ajay Verghese**, UC Riverside
7B: Culture, Language, and the Spread of Ideas
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Peter Grajzl

Characterizing a Legal-Intellectual Culture: Bacon, Coke, and Seventeenth-Century England
- Peter Grajzl, Washington and Lee University
- Peter Murrell, University of Maryland

Does Ideational Diffusion Explain the Rise of Witch-hunting? Exploring the Spread of Witch Persecution in Early Modern Europe
- Kerice Doten-Snitker, University of Washington
- Steven Pfaff, University of Washington

(Machine) Learning Languages: Do Societies Strategically Reduce Linguistic Distance?
- Julian Dryer, University of Toronto
- Arthur Blouin, University of Toronto

Network Diffusion of Competitive Contagion
- Yuan Hsiao, University of Washington

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception
Location: Argyros Forum 3rd Floor South Patio
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