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**
2B: Religious Identity and Values
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Carolyn Warner

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 Wohlfforth, 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, Mobility, and Diversity
Room: AF 209 B
Chair: Michael Poyker

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

Long Term Neighborhood Effects of Religious Diversity
- Chuhang Yin, Duke University

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

8:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room

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

Persistence of the Effect of Institutions and Missionaries on Transkei Enrollment
- Farai Donald Nyika, Stellenbosch University
- Debra Shephered - Stellenbosch University

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: 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

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

Coming in the Parish, or Coming Out? Priesthood and Sexual Identity  
- 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 Ornaghi, 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-Snitsker, 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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