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FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

8:00 – 5:00 PM: **Registration**

7:45 – 8:45 AM: **Coffee/Tea Station – (Update) Room**

8.30 – 10:15 AM: **Parallel Sessions 1**
1A: Economic History 1
Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

Religiosity and Science: An Oxymoron? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic
- Davide Coluccia, Bocconi University
- Enrico Berkes, Ohio State University
- Gaia Dossi, London School of Economics
- Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University

Ethnic and Political Facilitators of Medieval Migration
- Kerice Doten-Snitker, Chapman University

Hedging Desperation: How the Confucian Clan as an Internal Financial Market Reduced Cannibalism in Historical China
- Zhiwu Chen, University of Hong Kong
- Zhan Lin, Renmin University of China
- Xiaoming Zhang, University of Hong Kong

The Cultural Origins of the Demographic Transition in France
- Guillaume Blanc, Brown University



1B: Education, Religion, and Pro-sociality

Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

Religion and Pro-sociality across the Globe

- Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia
- Thomas Dohmen, University of Bonn
- Andreas Pondorfer, University of Bonn

Evolution vs. Creationism in the Classroom: The Lasting Effects of Science Education

- Benjamin W. Arold, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Local Elites, Land Inequality, and Nation-Building through Public Education

- Asli Cansunar, University of Washington
- Tugba Bozcaga, King's College London

1C: Religion 1

Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

Do Cultural Institutions Affect Investor Trust? Evidence from the U.S. Catholic Clergy Abuse Scandal.

- Quentin Dupont, Georgetown University

Institutional Morality in Organized Religions: The Role of Doctrine and Bureaucracy in the Catholic Church's Response to Clergy Child Sex Abuse

- Carolyn M. Warner, University of Nevada, Reno

Personal Jesus: Economic Effects of Evangelical Christianity

- Maxim Ananyev, University of Melbourne
- Michael Poyker, University of Nottingham
- Alexander Yarkin, Brown University

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

- Dan Hungerman, University of Notre Dame
- Tyler Giles, University of Notre Dame
- Tamar Oostrom, Ohio State University



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

10:45 – 12:30 PM: **Parallel Sessions 2**

2A: Culture 1
Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

(VIRTUAL) Reversal of Culture: Slavery and the Rise and Fall of Individualism
- Yeonha Jung, Sungkyunkwan University

Political Repression, Media Propaganda, and Nation Building
- Peiyuan Li, University of Colorado, Boulder

Religious Revival and Social Order
- Matt Lowe, University of British Columbia

Cultural Dissimilarity and Internal Migration
- Nicole Saito, Chapman University
- Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University
- Taylor Jaworski, University of Colorado, Boulder



2B: Economic History 2

Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

Feudal Political Economy

- Desiree Desierto, University of Pittsburgh
- Mark Koyama, George Mason University

Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire

- Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia
- Luis Roberto Martinez, University of Chicago
- Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes
- Giorgio Chiovelli, Universidad de Montevideo
- Juan David Torres, Stanford University

Learning is Caring: Soil Heterogeneity, Social Learning and the Formation of Close-knit Communities

- Itzchak Tzachi Raz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem



2C: Religion 2

Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

What Can Words Reveal about Cultural History? Data on the Origins and Spread of Cultural Characteristics

- Julian Dyer, University of Exeter
- Arthur Blouin, University of Toronto

Structural Analysis of Xenophobia

- Yujung Hwang, Johns Hopkins University
- Huan Deng, Johns Hopkins University

Cultural Distance and Ethnic Civil Conflict

- Eleonora Guarnieri, University of Exeter

Nation-State Building

- Esmaeil Izadi, Simon Fraser University
- Chris Bidner, Simon Fraser University

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Culture 2
Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

Kin-based Institutions and Economic Development
- Jonathan Beauchamp, George Mason University
- Duman Bahrami-Rad, St. Olaf College
- Joseph Henrich, Harvard University
- Jonathan Schulz, George Mason University

Social Roles
- Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economics

Culture, Human Capital, and Marital Homogamy in France
- Antoine Jacquet, Toulouse School of Economics

Dimensions of Mind in Semantic Space
- Elliott Ash, ETH Zurich
- Dominik Stammbach, ETH Zurich
- Kevin Tobia, Georgetown University



3B: Political Economy 1
Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

National Identity and Modern Economic Growth
- Stergios Skaperdas, University of California, Irvine
- Patrick Testa, Tulane University

Geostrategic Competition and Rent Extraction in Peripheral Territories
- Oeivind Schoeyen, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- Jean-Pascal Bassino, ENS Lyon

Diversity Taxes
- David Lindequist, Miami University

Monopsony Rents and Club Goods
- Michael Makowsky, Clemson University
- Peter Brummund, University of Alabama



3C: Religion 3
Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

Social Organization and the Roots of Supernatural Beliefs
- Daniel Araujo, University of British Columbia
- Bladimir Carrillo, Federal University of Pernambuco
- Breno Sampaio, Federal University of Pernambuco

Religion, Ritual, and Parallel Anarchy
- Anthony Gill, University of Washington

Smart and Spiritual: The Coevolution of Religion and Rationality
- Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University

Rituals
- Sultan Mehmood, New Economic School in Moscow
- Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economics
- Daniel Chen, Toulouse School of Economics



3D: Virtual Session 1
Room: held via Zoom
Zoom Link: (Update)

Gender and Justice: A Quantitative Analysis of Women's Participation and Victory in Ottoman Courts

- Metin Coşgel, University of Connecticut
- Hamdi Genç, Istanbul Medeniyet University
- Emre Özer, Istanbul Medeniyet University
- Sadullah Yıldırım, Marmara University

When Jesus is Black: How does Religion Influence Sociopolitical Attitudes?

- Miguel Alquezar-Yus, European University Institute

The Cultural Assimilation of Individualism and Preferences for Redistribution

- Olle Hammar, Uppsala University

Individualism, Human Capital Formation, and Labor Market Success

- Katharina Hartinger, Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt
- Sven Resnjanskij, University of Munich
- Jens Ruhose, Kiel University
- Simon Wiederhold, Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt

The Temperature of the Melting Pot: Environmental Similarity and Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration

- Dean Hoi, University of Melbourne

Making and Transcending Boundaries: The Effect of Ritual on the Nationalism among Dominant and Subordinate Ethnicities in the Near East

- Ramin Jabbarli, University of Washington

3.45 – 4.15 PM: Coffee Break

4:15 – 5:30 PM

ASREC Keynote Address

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Ran Abramitzky
Stanford University
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5.45 – 7:45 PM: ASREC Reception

Location: Beckman 404

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

8:00 – 2:00 PM: **Registration**

8:00 – 8:45 AM: **Coffee/Tea Station – (Update) Room**

8:45 - 10:30 **Parallel Sessions 4**

4A: Culture 3
Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

Zero-Sum Thinking, Traditional Beliefs, and Economic Development
- Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of Oxford
- Joseph Henrich, Harvard University
- Nathan Nunn, University of British Columbia

Witchcraft Beliefs around the World: An Exploratory Analysis
- Boris Gershman, American University

Social Norms and Dishonesty across Societies
- Jonathan Schulz, George Mason University
- Diego Aycinena, Universidad del Rosario
- Lucas Rentschler, Utah State University
- Benjamin Beranek, Missouri State University



4B: Development

Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

Historic Elites, Dynastic Politics and Development: Evidence from Pakistan

- Rinchan Ali Mirza, University of Kent
- Adeel Malik, University of Oxford

Is Religion Driving Fertility? An Analysis of the Religion-Fertility Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Renate Hartwig, University of Gottingen
- Sarah Ferber, University of Tubingen
- Jan Priebe, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine

It Takes a Village: Administrative Devolution and Human Development in India

- Latika Chaudhary, Naval Postgraduate School
- Lakshmi Iyer, University of Notre Dame

4C: The Reformation

Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

Erasmus, Luther, and the Contested Diffusion of Religion

- Steve Pfaff, University of Washington
- Sascha O. Becker, Monash University and Warwick University
- Yuan Hsiao, University of Washington
- Jared Rubin, Chapman University

The Counter-Reformation, Science, and Long-Term Growth: A Black Legend?

- Matias Cabello, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg

The Unequal Spirit of the Protestant Reformation: Particularism and Wealth Distribution in Early Modern Germany

- Felix Schaff, London School of Economics and Political Science



10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station – Press Room

11:00 - 12:45 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Gender and Economic History
Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

Home Economics and Women's Gateway to Science
- Yiling Zhao, Peking University
- Mike Andrews, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Education and the Women's Rights Movement
- Mathias Buhler, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- Leonhard Vollmner, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- Johannes Wimmer, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

(VIRTUAL) Historical Gender Discrimination does not Explain Comparative Western European Development: Evidence from Portugal, 1300-1900
- Nuno Palma, University of Manchester
- Jaime Reis, University of Lisbon
- Lisbeth Rodrigues, University of Lisbon



5B: Human Origins and Culture

Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

Agricultural Ancestry and Gender Roles

- Vladimir Zabolotskiy, University of Bologna
- Ekaterina Borisova, HSE University
- Koen Schoors, Ghent University

Beasts of Burden, Trade, and Hierarchy: The Long Shadow of Domestication

- Andreas Link, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

The Ancestral Livelihoods and Moral Universalism: Evidence from Transhumant Pastoralist Societies

- Sara Lowes, UC San Diego
- Etienne Le Rossignol, London Business School

5C: Political Economy 2

Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

Religion and the Great Divergence of East and West: The Persistent Effects of Networks of Church and State in the Economic History of China and Europe

- Hilton L. Root, George Mason University

Vanishing Borders: Ethnicity and Trade Costs at the Origin of the Yugoslav Market

- Stefan Nikolic, Bocconi University
- David Chilosi, King's College London

Learning from the Origins: Immigrants' Networks and Cultural Change during the European Refugee Crisis

- Alexander Yarkin, Brown University

Weak States and Hard Censorship: How State Capacity Affects Censorship Strategy

- Yu Sasaki, University of Washington

12:45 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Culture 4

Room: AF 209 A
Zoom Link: (Update)

Prisons and Homophobia
- Michael Poyker, University of Nottingham
- Maxim Ananyev, University of Melbourne

Family Types and the Spirit of Capitalism: Evidence from Regional Surveys
- Stefan Voigt, University of Hamburg
- Jerg Gutmann, University of Hamburg

Innovation and Socio-cognitive Diversity: How Socio-cognitive Diversity Drove Historical Patterns in Innovation across U.S. Counties
- Max Winkler, Harvard University
- Jonathan Schulz, George Mason University
- Joseph Henrich, Harvard University

On the Coevolution of Individualism and Institutions
- Israel Eruchimovitch, University of Haifa
- Moti Michaeli, University of Haifa
- Assaf Sarid, University of Haifa



6B: Missionaries, Conflict, and Religion

Room: AF 209 B
Zoom Link: (Update)

Love thy Neighbor as Thyself? Ethnic Fractionalization, Christian Missionaries, and Long-term Development in Africa

- Alessandra Quintigliano, Sapienza University of Rome
- Jacob Weisdorf, Sapienza University of Rome

Precolonial Ethnic Violence: The Roots of Hindu-Muslim Conflict in India

- Ajay Verghese, Middlebury College
- Roberto Foa, University of Cambridge

Doing Democracy's Work: The Paradoxical Political Legacy of Protestant Missions in British Africa

- Dean Dulay, Singapore Management University
- Bastian Becker, University of Bremen

Knowledge, Education, and Economic Growth: Evidence from the Enlightenment in France

- Lukas Rosenberger, University of Munich
- Uwe Sunde, University of Munich



6C: US Political Economy
Room: AF 209 C
Zoom Link: (Update)

(VIRTUAL) The Power of Narratives: Anti-Black Violence in the US South
- Sarah Walker, University of New South Wales
- Federico Masera, University of New South Wales
- Michele Rosenberg, University of Essex

The Other Great Migration: Southern Whites and the New Right
- Samuel Bazzi, University of California, San Diego
- Andreas Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh
- Martin Fiszbein, Boston University
- Thomas P. Pearson, Boston University
- Patrick A. Testa, Tulane University

Competing for Attention -- The Effect of Talk Radio on US Elections
- Ashani Amarasinghe, Monash University
- Paul Raschky, Monash University

3:45 – 4:15 PM: Coffee/Tea Station – (Update) Room



4:15 –5:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Language and Experiments

Room: (Update) Room
Zoom Link: (Update)

Bilinguals in the Lab: Why Does Randomizing Language Affect Cooperation?

- Joshua Hill, University of East Anglia
- Paul Clist, University of East Anglia

Economics of Street Charity: Theory and Field Evidence

- Nishtha Sharma, University of California, Irvine

Dimensions of mind in semantic space

- Elliott Ash, ETH Zurich
- Zurich Dominik Stammbach, ETH Zurich
- Zurich Kevin Tobia, Georgetown University



7B: Diversity

Room: (Update) Room
Zoom Link: (Update)

The Dogs that Didn't Bark: Declining Religious Transmission in West and East Germany

- Joerg Stolz, University of Lausanne
- Oliver Lipps, FORS, University of Bern
- David Voas, University College London

Diversity on the Screen

- Anastasia Litina, University of Macedonia and University of Luxembourg
- Manthos D. Delis, Montpellier Business School
- Skerdilajda Zanaj, University of Luxembourg

Ideological Diversity in Social Interactions and Political Polarization

- Kirsten Cornelson, University of Notre Dame

7C: Economic History 3

Room: (Update) Room
Zoom Link: (Update)

Benedic, Domine, nos et haec tua dona: Northern Crusades, Institutions and Early Economic Development

- Flavio Malnati, Cerge-ei

The Legacy of the Spanish Conquista in the Andes: Beliefs, Social Unrest, and Long-Run Economic Development

- Cesar Huaroto, Pontific Catholic University of Chile
- Francisco Gallego, Pontific Catholic University of Chile

(VIRTUAL) Religion and Persecution

- Laura Panza, Melbourne University
- Umair Khalil, Monash University



7D: Virtual Session 2
Room: held via Zoom
Zoom Link: (Update)

Training Effective Altruism

- Shaheen Naseer, Lahore School of Economics
- Sultan Mehmood, New Economic School
- Daniel Chen, Toulouse School of Economics

Individuals' Values over the Lifecycle: Does Consistency Matter?

- Fabien Petit, Aix-Marseille School of Economics

For the love of God? Proselytization, Religious Restrictions and Social Conflicts in India

- Prashant Poddar, Indian Institute of Management Amritsar

Facebook and the Political Prospects of African Women

- Jordan Loper, Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon
- Sophie Hatte, Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon
- Thomas Taylor, European University Institute

The Engineering of Consent: A Network Analysis of Belief Manipulation in the GDR

- Julia Zimmermann, Freie Universität Berlin

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception

Location: Beckman 404

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