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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-Snitzer, 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)

- 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
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
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
Beckman 404

Ran Abramitzky
Stanford University
“Title TBA”

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 Tbingen
- 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)

  • 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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