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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

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

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

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

1C: Virtual Session 1

Room: held via Zoom

(VIRTUAL) Religiosity and Science: An Oxymoron? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic

- Gaia Dossi, London School of Economics
- Davide Coluccia, Bocconi University
- Enrico Berkes, Ohio State University
- Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University

(VIRTUAL) Reversal of Culture: Slavery and the Rise and Fall of Individualism

- Yeonha Jung, Sungkyunkwan University

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

- Itzchak Tzachi Raz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(VIRTUAL) Nation-State Building

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



(VIRTUAL) Social Roles

- Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economics

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

10:45 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Economic History 2

Room: AF 209 B

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

Cultural Dissimilarity and Internal Migration

- Nicole Saito, Chapman University
- Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University
- Taylor Jaworski, University of Colorado, Boulder



2B: Culture 1

Room: AF 209 C

Political Repression, Media Propaganda, and Nation Building

- Peiyuan Li, University of Colorado, Boulder

Culture, Human Capital, and Marital Homogamy in France

- Antoine Jacquet, Toulouse School of Economics

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

2C: Virtual Session 2

Room: held via Zoom

(VIRTUAL) 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

(VIRTUAL) Weak States and Hard Censorship: How State Capacity Affects Censorship Strategy

- Yu Sasaki, Kanazawa University



(VIRTUAL) The Cultural Assimilation of Individualism and Preferences for Redistribution

- Olle Hammar, Uppsala University

(VIRTUAL) Facebook and the Political Prospects of African Women

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

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



3A: Gender, Economic History & Diversity

Room: AF 209 A

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

Diversity Taxes

- Saumya Deojain, University of Rochester
- David Lindequist, Miami University

3B: Political Economy 2

Room: AF 209 B

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

Monopsony Rents and Club Goods

- Michael Makowsky, Clemson University
- Peter Brummund, University of Alabama



3C: Virtual Session 3

Room: held via Zoom

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

- Miguel Alquezar-Yus, European University Institute

(VIRTUAL) 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

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

- Dean Hoi, University of Melbourne

(VIRTUAL) 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
**“Streets of Gold: America's Untold Story of
Immigrant Success”**

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: Religion 1

Room: AF 209 C

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

- Quentin Dupont, Georgetown University

Personal Jesus: Economic Effects of Evangelical Christianity

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

Religion and Pro-sociality across the Globe

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



4B: Virtual Session 4

(VIRTUAL) Zero-Sum Thinking, Traditional Beliefs, and Economic Development

- Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of Oxford
- Joseph Henrich, Harvard University
- Nathan Nunn, University of British Columbia

(VIRTUAL) Witchcraft Beliefs around the World: An Exploratory Analysis

- Boris Gershman, American University

(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

(VIRTUAL) 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

(Virtual) 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



4C: Virtual Session 6

(VIRTUAL) Historic Elites, Dynastic Politics and Development: Evidence from Pakistan

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

(VIRTUAL) 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

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

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

(VIRTUAL) Family Types and the Spirit of Capitalism: Evidence from Regional Surveys

- Stefan Voigt, University of Hamburg
- Jerg Gutmann, University of Hamburg

4D: The Reformation

Room: AF 209 C

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: Religion, Rationality, and Morality

Room: AF 209 C

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

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

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

Learning from the Origins: Immigrants' Networks, Political Preferences, and the European Refugee Crisis

- Alexander Yarkin, Brown University



5B: Virtual Session 7

(VIRTUAL) Agricultural Ancestry and Gender Roles

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

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

- Andreas Link, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

(VIRTUAL) Economic Production and the Spread of Supernatural Beliefs

- Daniel Araujo, University of British Columbia
- Bladimir Carrillo, Federal University of Pernambuco
- Breno Sampaio, Federal University of Pernambuco

(VIRTUAL) Religion, Ritual, and Parallel Anarchy

- Anthony Gill, University of Washington

5D: Virtual Session 8

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

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

(VIRTUAL) 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

(VIRTUAL) Religious Revival and Social Order

- Matt Lowe, University of British Columbia



(VIRTUAL) 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

12:45 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Culture 2

Room: AF 209 A

Prisons and Homophobia

- Michael Poyker, University of Nottingham
- Maxim Ananyev, University of Melbourne

Sociocultural diversity and innovation

- 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 Migration

Room: AF 209 B

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

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

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

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



6c: Virtual Session 9

(VIRTUAL) Dimensions of mind in semantic space

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

(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

(VIRTUAL) Spillover across Values

- Fabien Petit, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
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(VIRTUAL) The Engineering of Consent: A Network Analysis of Belief Manipulation in the GDR

- Julia Zimmermann, Freie Universität Berlin

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

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

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

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

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

Economics of Street Charity: Theory and Field Evidence

- Nishtha Sharma, University of California, Irvine

Is Superstition a Welfare-Enhancing Response to Uncertainty?

- Aidin Hajikhameneh, San Jose State University
- Larry Iannaccone, Chapman University

7B: Diversity and Conflict

Room: (Update) Room

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: Virtual Session 10

Room: held via Zoom

(VIRTUAL) 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

(VIRTUAL) 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
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(VIRTUAL) Training Effective Altruism

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

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

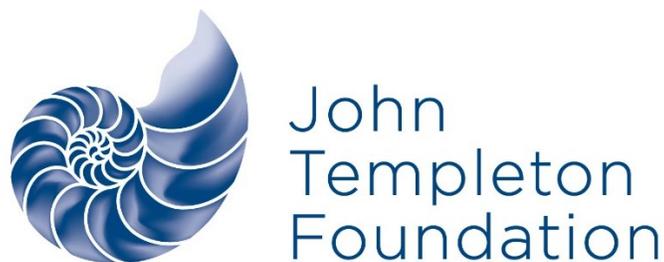
- Prashant Poddar, Indian Institute of Management Amritsar

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

Location: Beckman 404



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