Workshop in the Economics of Religion

October 28-29, 2022
Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
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Friday, October 28

8:30-9:00am Coffee and pastries

9:00-9:15am Introductions, Jared Rubin and Ran Abramitzky

9:15-9:50am “Religiosity and Science: an Oxymoron? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic”
Enrico Berkes, Ohio State University
Davide Coluccia, Bocconi University
Gaia Dossi, London School of Economics
Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University

9:50-10:25am “Can Schools Change Religious Attitudes? Evidence from German State Reforms of Compulsory Religious Education”
Benjamin W. Arold, ETH Zurich
Ludger Woessmann, ifo Institute and University of Munich
Larissa Zierow, ifo Institute and University of Munich

10:25-11:00am “Fishing for Souls: Contested Diffusion and the Adoption of the Protestant Reformation”
Sascha O. Becker, Monash University and University of Warwick
Yuan Hsiao, University of Washington
Steven Pfaff, University of Washington
Jared Rubin, Chapman University

11:00-11:30am Coffee break
11:30-12:05pm  “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 Pearson, Boston University
Patrick Testa, Tulane University

12:05-12:40pm  “Historical Diversity Promotes Contemporary Tolerance: The Cultural Legacy of the Ottoman Empire in Turkey”
Avital Livny, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Mark Westcott, Vivid Economics

12:40-2:30pm  Lunch

2:30-3:05pm  “Varieties of Religious Cooperation in Authoritarian Regimes”
Ani Sarkissian, Michigan State University

3:05-3:40pm  “Praying for Rain: On the Instrumentality of Religious Belief”
José-Antonio Espín-Sánchez, Yale University
Salvador Gil-Guirado, University of Murcia
Nicholas Ryan, Yale University

Aidin Hajikhameneh, San Jose State University
Laurence R. Iannaccone, Chapman University

5:00-6:30pm  Cocktail hour
Place: TBD

6:30-8:30pm  Dinner
Place: TBD
Saturday, October 29

8:30-9:00am  Coffee and pastries

9:00-9:35am  “Shallow Christianity and the Rise of Hitler”
Sascha O. Becker, Monash University and University of Warwick
Hans-Joachim Voth, University of Zurich

9:35-10:10am “The Spanish Legacy in the US Southwest”
Francisco Eslava, University of British Columbia
Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia

10:10-10:40am  Coffee Break

Tyler Giles, Wellesley College
Dan Hungerman, Notre Dame University
Tamar Oostrom, Ohio State University

11:15-11:50am “Religious Revival and Social Order”
Matt Lowe, University of British Columbia

11:50-12:00pm Concluding comments

12:00-2:00pm  Lunch
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