



ASREC 2023

Association for the Study of
Religion, Economics, and Culture



Harvard University - Cambridge, MA

March 17-18, 2023



FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hall

7:45 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hall

8:30 – 10:15 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Gender 1

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Mothers

- *Maxim Ananyev, University of Melbourne*

Women's Liberation, Household Revolution

- *Moshe Hazan, Tel Aviv University*

Tackling Sexual Harassment: Short and Long Run Experimental Evidence from India

- *Karmini Sharma, Stanford University*

Virtual windows through glass walls? Evidence on digital market access for female microentrepreneurs

- *Layane Alhorr, Harvard University*



1B: Teaching the Economics of Religion

Room: Science Center Building Room Hall A – 1st Floor

Title

- *Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University*

Title

- *Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine*

Title

- *Doug Norton, Florida State University*

1C: Culture 1

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

The Network Formation Origin of Tribal Societies

- *Javier Mejia, Stanford University*

Economic Integration and the Transmission of Democracy

- *Marco Tabellini, Harvard Business School*

Ostrom Meets the Pandemic: Lessons from Asian Rice Farming Traditions

- *Jaerim Choi, University of Hawaii*

Collective Memory: Evidence from First Names

- *Tom Raster, Harvard University*

10:15 – 10:45 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Science Center Building, 1st Floor Hall



10:45 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Conflict 1

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Trading epidemics: Evidence from Ritual Sacrifice

- **Rohit Ticku**, *European University Institute*

Individualism, Identity, and Institutional Stability: Evidence from First Names in Germany, 1700–1850

- **Matthias Weigand**, *Harvard University*

Comparing Popular and State Violence

- **Kerice Doten-Snitker**, *Chapman University*

Religion and Conflict: Evidence from China, 1860-1911

- **Yujing Huang**, *University of Chicago*

2B: Economic History 1

Room: Science Center Building Room Hall A – 1st Floor

Fundamentals as Drivers of Moral Change: The British Abolitionist Movement

- **Vasiliki Fouka**, *Stanford University*

Magna Carta

- **Mark Koyama**, *George Mason University*

The Underground Railroad and the Geography of Freedom

- **Felipe Valencia Caicedo**, *University of British Columbia*

Shadowless Theocracies

- **Alice Dominici**, *European University Institute*



2C: Gender and Race

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Catholicism and Gender Violence

- **Francisco Eslava**, *University of British Columbia*

Frontier Gender Norms: History and Legacy

- **Martin Fiszbein**, *Boston University*

Female Genital Cutting and bride price

- **Suzanna Khalifa**, *Aix Marseille School of Economics*

The Heterogeneous Effects of Social Media Content on Racial Attitudes

- **Lena Song**, *Columbia University*

2:00 – 3.45 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: North American Politics

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Factory Location: Resistance to Technology Adoption and Local Institutions

- **Michele Rosenberg**, *University of Essex and IAST*

McCarthyism, Media, and Political Repression: Evidence from the Hollywood Blacklist

- **Hui Ren Tan**, *National University of Singapore*

From Couch to Poll: Television and the Politics of Canadian Broadcasting

- **Andrew Dickens**, *Brock University*

Our Crowd: Identity and Discrimination in Jewish Migration to the U.S.

- **Ross Mattheis**, *Harvard University*



3B: Culture 2

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Longitudinal Changes in Non-European Migrant Values and Social Norms in Sweden

- *Olle Hammer, Research Institute of Industrial Economics*

Independent Media, Propaganda, and Religiosity: Evidence from Poland

- *Seyhun Orcan Sakalli, King's College London*

Violent Conflict and Parochial Trust: Lab-in-the-field and Survey Evidence

- *Ahmed Skali, University of Groningen*

The Complementarity of Good Institutions and Voluntary Cooperation: Experimental Evidence from 43 Societies

- *Jonathan Schulz, George Mason University*

3C: Migration

Room: Science Center Building Hall A – 1st Floor

Overkill, Extinction, and the Neolithic Revolution

- *Motohiro Kumagai, Brown University*

Settlers and Norms

- *Joanne Haddad, Universite Libre de Bruxelles*

The Spanish Legacy in the US Southwest

- *Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia*

Migration and Social Change: Evidence from post-WWII displacement in Germany

- *Volha Charnysh, MIT*



3:45 – 4:15 PM: Coffee Break - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hallway

4:15 – 6:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Culture 3

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Headhunting and Warfare: Evidence from Austronesia

- **Boris Gershman**, *American University*

Religion, Politics, and the Case of Hinduism

- **Ajay Verghese**, *Middlebury College*

Beyond Ethnicity: The Role of Education and Culture in the Formation of Cabinets in Senegal Since Independence

- **Joan Ricart-Huguet**, *Loyola University Maryland*

Nations and Citizens: How Grievances Shape Identity

- **Sebastian Hager**, *LMU Munich*.

4B: Political Economy 1

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Nation-building and mass migration: Evidence from Mandatory Palestine

- **Yanos Zylberberg**, *University of Bristol*

Bureaucratic Nepotism

- **Juan Felipe Riano Rodriguez**, *Stanford University*

The Representation Trap: How and Why Muslims Struggle to Maintain Power in India

- **Feyaad Allie**, *Stanford University*



Do Bishops Matter for Politics? Evidence from Italy

- ***Gianandrea Lanzara***, *Bocconi University*

4C: Religiosity 1

Room: Science Center Building Hall A – 1st Floor

Faith and Philanthropy: Megachurch Scandals, Charitable Giving, and Religious Participation

- ***Angela Cools***, *Davidson College*

Shocks, Superstition, and Solidarity: Exploring the Roots of Religion

- ***Laurence Iannaccone***, *Chapman University*

A City of God: Afterlife Beliefs and Job Support in Brazil

- ***Tiago Cavalcanti***, *University of Cambridge*

The Rise and Fall of Monotheism -- How We Went from Many to One to Zero Gods

- ***Lena Edlund***, *Columbia University*



6:15 PM – 7:30 PM
ASREC Keynote Address
Science Center Building, Hall A - 1st Floor

Eliana La Ferrara
Harvard Kennedy School
“Changing Harmful Norms”

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM: ASREC Reception

Location: Science Center Café - Clover Food Lab - 1st Floor



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

8:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration

8:00 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hall

8:30 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Conflict and Culture

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Culture Clash: Incompatible Reputation Systems and Intergroup Conflict

- *Alain Schlöpfer, Stanford University*

Scars of War: the local legacy of WW1 deaths on British soldiers

- *Luca Repetto, Uppsala University*

Who Becomes a Militia Combatant?

- *Raul Sanchez de la Sierra, University of Chicago*

When Nation Building Goes South: Draft Evasion, Government Repression, and the Origins of the Sicilian Mafia

- *Gianni Marciante, University of Warwick*



5B: Theory and Institutions

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Incubation

- ***Michael Sacks, Clarkson University***

Affirmative Action with Multidimensional Identities

- ***Cole Williams, University of Vienna***

Protests and Institutional Change: The Effect of BLM Movement on Black-White Sentencing

- ***Michael Poyker, University of Nottingham***

Scars of the Gestapo: The Origins of German Privacy Concerns

- ***Florencia Hnilo, Stanford University***

5C: Economic History 2

Room: Science Center Building Hall A – 1st Floor

The Religious Roots of Printing Revolutions

- ***Robert Woodberry, Baylor University***

Dealing with Adversity: Religiosity or Science? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic

- ***Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University***

In the Name of God! Religiosity and the Emergence of Modern Science and Growth

- ***Lars Harhoff Andersen, University of Copenhagen***

Science under Inquisition: The allocation of talent in early modern Europe

- ***Edgard Dewitte, Harvard University***



10:30 – 10:45 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hall

10:45 - 12:30 PM Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Culture 4

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Diversity and Productivity: Evidence from American Whaling

- ***Metin Coşgel***, *University of Connecticut*

Identity, Instability, and Investors. An Empirical Investigation of the Home Bias

- ***Thilo Huning***, *University of York*

Scarcity and Preferences for Redistribution: Food Variability, Storage, and Inequality

- ***Arcangelo Dimico***, *Queen's University Belfast*

Nation-Building Through Military Service

- ***Diego Ramos-Toro***, *Dartmouth College*

6B: Religiosity 2

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Long-Run Impacts of In-Utero Ramadan Exposure: Evidence from Administrative Tax Records

- ***Timotej Cejka***, *University of Chicago*

Does Religious Diversity Improve Trust and Performance? Evidence from Lebanon

- ***Serena Canaan***, *Simon Fraser University*

The Market for Ayatollahs: Competition and Religious Authority in Shi'i Islam

- ***David Patel***, *Brandeis University*

Elite identity and local development in Colonial Ireland

- ***Jeremy Bowles***, *Stanford University*



6C: Missions and Empire

Room: Science Center Building Hall A – 1st Floor

Jesuit Missionaries in the Colonial Brazilian Amazon: Long-term effects on Human Capital

- ***Vinicius Okada da Silva***, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

The Persistent Effects of Bible Translations in Africa: Ethnic Group Formation and Long-Term Development

- ***Gabriel Brown***, *University of British Columbia*

Colonial Missionary Education and its Intergenerational Transmission: Evidence from Colonial and Post-independence Congo

- ***Pablo Alvarez***, *Universite de Namur*

The Long-term effects of missionary activity on conflict: Evidence from Ghana

- ***Daniel Jaramillo Calderon***, *The University of British Columbia*



2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Special Issue Session

Room: Science Center Building Room Hall A – 1st Floor

The Christianization of War: How the Church Reform Movement Incentivized Armsbearing Elites to Conquer the Holy Land

- **Jonathan Stavnskær Doucette**, Aarhus University
- *Discussant: Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University*

The Persistent Effects of Historical China's Permanent Forced Military Service System: the Emperor is Dead, Long Live the Emperor

- **Danli Wang**, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics
- *Discussant: Metin Cosgel, University of Connecticut*

Religious Violence and Coalition Politics in History

- **Desiree Desierto**, George Mason University
- *Discussant: Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine*

The Local Politics of National Realignments: U.S. Political Transformation from the New Deal to the Religious Right

- **Stephanie Ternullo**, Harvard University
- *Discussant: Vicky Fouka, Stanford University*

Missions, Gender, and Politics: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Wilfried Youmbi Fotso**, Western University
- *Discussant: Sara Lowes, University of California, San Diego*



7B: Political Economy 3

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

The Long-Run Effects of Land Dispossession on Cultural Persistence and Cooperation

- *Alvaro Calderon, Stanford University*

Repression, Military Service, and Insurrection

- *Roya Talibova, University of Michigan*

Biens Nationaux: An Analysis of Property Confiscations During the French Revolution

- *Theresa Finley, Susquehanna University*

Does the (Islamic) Religious Resurgence in Africa Matter? Characterizing Salafi Islam and its influence on politics in Uganda

- *Aala Abdelgadir, Princeton University*

7C: Religiosity 3

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Religious Media, Conversion and its Socioeconomics Consequences: The Rise of Pentecostals in Brazil

- *Marcela Mello, Brown University*

Astrology and Matrimony: The Real Effects of Religious Beliefs about Marriage in Vietnam

- *Quoc-Anh Do, Monash University*

War time military service increases religiosity -- Causal big-data evidence from the Vietnam War Lottery

- *Wladislaw Mill, University of Mannheim*

Sacred Ecology: The Environmental Impact of African Traditional Religions

- *Neha Deopa, Brown University*



3:45 – 4:15 PM: Coffee/Tea Station - Science Center Building - 1st Floor Hall

4:15 – 6:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 8

8A: Culture & Religion

Room: Science Center Building Hall A – 1st Floor

Praying for Rain: On the Instrumentality of Religious Belief

- *Jose-Antonio Espin-Sanchez, Yale University*

Persian Qanats and the Cooperation Culture

- *Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna*

Cultural Change: Evidence from 300 Years of U.S. Local Newspapers

- *Max Posch, University of Exeter*

On the Origins and Consequences of Communal Property Rights

- *Sara Lowes, University of California, San Diego*

8B: Economic History 3

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3rd Floor

Immigration and Development: German-Speaking Agricultural Settlers in the Kingdom of Hungary

- *Stefan Nikolic, Bocconi University*

The Fall of Constantinople and the Rise of the West

- *Andreas Link, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg*

The Causes of Ukrainian Famine Mortality, 1932-33

- *Natalya Naumenko, George Mason University*

The Legacy of Church-State Conflict: Evidence from Nazi Repression of Catholic Priests

- *Didac Queralt, Yale University*



8C: Political Economy 4

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3rd Floor

Faith and Assimilation: Italian Immigrants in the US

- *Marco Tabellini, Harvard University*

The Golden City on the Edge: Economic Geography and Jihad over the Centuries

- *Shunsuke Tsuda, Brown University*

Economic Production and the Spread of Supernatural Beliefs

- *Daniel Araujo, University of British Columbia*

Resisting Education

- *Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of Oxford*



6:15 – 7:30 PM

ASREC Keynote Address

Science Center Building - Hall A - 1st Floor

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Brown University

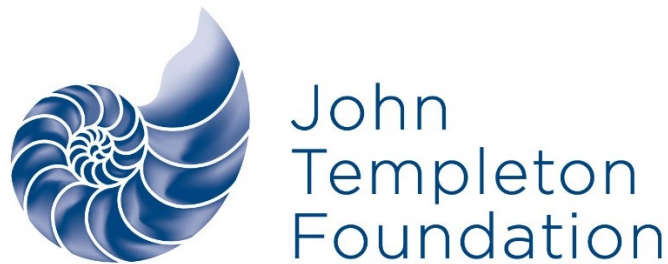
**“The Journey of Humanity: The Origins of
Wealth and Inequality”**

7:30 – 8:30 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception

Location: Science Center Café - Clover Food Lab - 1st Floor



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