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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

Rules of the game: Each paper is relegated 25-30 minutes, of which 20 minutes is uninterrupted presentation time and 5-10 minutes is discussion time. The last person in each session is the chair.

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration - Argyros Forum 209

7:45 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - AF 209

8:30 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Gender

Room: AF 209A

Can Edutainment Shape Gender Attitudes? Experimental Evidence from Egyptian Soap Operas

- **Salma Mousa**, UCLA

Norms and honesty: A cultural explanation for the gender equality paradox

- **Jonathan Schulz**, George Mason
- Caroline Graf, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Andreas Pondorfer, TU Munich

Towards Gender Equality: Uncovering gender stereotypes in Afghan school textbooks

- **Kazi Md Mukitul Islam**, Boston University
- Niaz Asadullah, Monash University

Mothers

- **Michael Poyker**, UT Austin
- Maxim Ananyev, University of Melbourne



1B: Civil Rights

Room: AF 209B

Political Foundations of Racial Violence in the Post-Reconstruction South

- **Patrick Testa**, Tulane University
- Jhacova Williams, American University

Power of the Pulpit: The Effect of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Speeches on the Civil Rights Movement

- **Erick Gong**, Middlebury College

The Consequences of Eastern European Slavery

- **Volha Charnysh**, MIT / Stanford

World War II and the Roots of the Civil Rights Movement

- **Silvia Farina**, UC Berkeley Haas
- Andreas Ferrara (University of Pittsburgh); Marco Tabellini (Harvard Business School); Sarah Walker (University of New South Wales)

1C: Firms

Room: AF 209C

Doing Business Far From Home: Multinational Firms and Labor Market Outcomes in Saudi Arabia

- **Alessandra González**, University of Chicago
- Xianglong Kong, University of Chicago

Cross-Pressured Business: Ethnic Attachments of the Indian Family Firm

- **Sukrit Puri**, MIT

The Role of Middle Managers in Enhancing Workplace Mental Health

- **Yuan Pei**, Harvard University

Corporate Moral Values

- **Stefano Manfredonia**, Fordham University
- Iftekhhar Hasan (Fordam University), Yukun Liu (Barauch College)



10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Station

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Inheritance

Room: AF 209A

Inheritance Customs, the European Marriage Pattern and Female Empowerment

- **Joanne Haddad**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Paula Gobbi; Mathew Curtis; Marc Goni

Revolutionary Transition: Inheritance Change and Fertility Decline

- **Victor Gay**, Toulouse School of Economics
- Paula Gobbi (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Marc Goñi (Bergen University)

Networked Coevolution in Political Cultures

- **Kerice Doten-Snitker**, Santa Fe Institute
- Marc Wiedermann, Robert Koch Institute and Humboldt University Berlin

2B: Religion and politics

Room: AF 209B

Political Regulation of Social Norms: The Trade-off between Religious Identity and Voting for Religious Parties

- **Jean-Paul Carvalho**, University of Oxford
- Jared Rubin (Chapman) and Avital Livny (UIUC)

The Causes and Implications of the Pentecostal Movement: Evidence from Nigeria

- **Daniel Sonnenstuhl**, University of Chicago

God Politics

- **Jeanet Sinding Bentzen**, University of Copenhagen
- Lena Lindbjerg Sperling, University of Copenhagen



2C: Cultural determinants

Room: AF 209C

The Persistence of Son Preference: Cultural Transmission of Chinese Migrants in Taiwan

- **Yifan Zhang**, Toulouse School of Economics

Integration vs Cultural Persistence: Fertility and Labor among Second-Generation Migrants in France

- **Keiti Kondi**, Université Catholique de Louvain
- Thomas Baudin (UCLouvain - IESEG)

The Cultural Determinants of Patent Rights: Cross-Country Analysis

- **Ani Harutyunyan**, Sunwater Institute, Washington DC

Irrigation, Group Identity, and Intergroup Discrimination in Cooperation: Global Evidence

- **An Huang**, Monash University
- Yan Chen, The University of Michigan

12:30 – 2:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK



2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Religion and Inequality

Room: AF 209A

Foreshadowing Mars: Religiosity and pre-Enlightenment warfare

- **Tim Krieger**, University of Freiburg
- Luke Barber (UWA), Michael Jetter (UWA)

Keeping while Giving: The Perpetuation of Inequalities through the Islamic Waqf

- **Timur Kuran**, Duke University

Religious Minorities and Public Service Provision: Evidence from 19th and early 20th Century Egypt

- **Ashrakat Elshehawy**, Stanford University
- Mohamed Saleh (LSE)

3B: Sanctions

Room: AF 209B

Why institutions fail: The interaction between formal and informal sanctioning mechanisms

- **Alain Schläpfer**, Stanford University
- Vasiliki Fouka, Stanford University

Weak States and Hard Censorship

- **Yu Sasaki**, University of Tokyo

What makes Effective Leaders: Evidence from Civil War Captains and their Soldiers

- **Andreas Ferrara**, University of Pittsburgh
- Christian Dippel (Western University, Ivey Business School)



3C: Religious leaders

Room: AF 209C

Religious Leadership in Burundi

- **Pedro Naso**, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- Tim Swanson, the Graduate Institute of Geneva

Religious Identity and Economic Development: Evidence from the Protestant Reformation, 1517-1806

- **Marcel Caesmann**, University of Zurich

The Religious Origins of State Capacity in Europe and China

- **Hilton Root**, George Mason University

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Religion and salvation

Room: AF 209A

An Economic Theory of Salvation Religions

- **Weijia Li**, Monash University

Historical Narratives and Political Behavior

- **Diego Ramos-Toro**, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College
- Elsa Voytas, Quantitative Social Sciences, Dartmouth College

Catholic Schools Add Value in Africa

- **Wayne Sandholtz**, Nova School of Business and Economics
- Clark Gibson, UCSD; Lee Crawford, CGD



4B: Religious institutions

Room: AF 209B

Early Christian Growth: A Scale-Free Story?

- **Sean Everton**, Naval Postgraduate School

Externalities and the Origins of Religion

- **Anthony Gill**, University of Washington

The Future of the Past: Do Historic Protestant Missions still Influence Democracy in the Global South?

- **Robert Woodberry**, Baylor University

4C: *Freedoms Delayed*: Discussion with Timur Kuran

Room AF 209C

Discussion and Q&A with Timur Kuran on his new book, *Freedoms Delayed: Political Legacies of Islamic Law in the Middle East*

5:30 – 6:00 PM: Coffee Break



6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

ASREC Keynote Address

Room: Beckman 404

**Anna Grzymala-Busse
Stanford University**

“Sacred and Societal Foundations of the State”

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

ASREC Reception

Location: Beckman 404



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

8:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration - Argyros Forum

8:00 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Station

8:30 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Religious change

Room: AF 209A

Cultural Politics and Rapid Cultural Reversals: Church-State Integration and Secularization Dynamics

- **Benjamin Tremblay-Auger**, Stanford GSB

Religious Roots of Political Preferences: The Case of Old Believers in Imperial Russia

- **Georgy Tarasenko**, Cornell University
- Timur Natkhov (HSE University)

Secularist Reform, Human Capital, and Polarization: Islam and Ataturk's Turkey

- **Hazal Sezer**, Tilburg University
- Alice Dominici (Bocconi) and Quang Phúc Phùng (Tilburg)

Religious Identity Choice: Evidence from Indian Names

- **Feyaad Allie**, Harvard University
- Tanushree Goyal (Princeton), Saad Gulzar (Princeton), Gufran Pathan (Berkeley)



5B: Conflict

Room: AF 209B

Social Identity and Conflict: Evidence from the Census of British India

- **Rahul Mehrotra**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Roland Hodle, - University of St Gallen

Cultural Transmission from Refugees to the Host Country

- **Naci Mocan**, LSU

The Economics of Mobilizing Free-riders: Evidence from the Chinese Civil War 1945-1949

- **Peiyuan Li**, Duke Kunshan University

One Question at a Time: The Impact of the American Civil War on Mobilization for Women's Suffrage

- **Alice Calder**, UNSW

5C: Coping and social cohesion

Room: AF 209C

Coping with War Through God: Islamic Traditions and the Promotion of Mental Health Among Refugees

- **Mohammad Isaqzadeh**, Harvard University

Religious Discrimination in Healthcare: Evidence from an Audit Study in Indonesia

- **Renate Hartwig**, University of Göttingen
- Teguh Dartanto, University of Indonesia; Jan Priebe, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine

Scared Straight? Threat and Assimilation of Refugees in Germany

- **Sulin Sardoschau**, Humboldt University

Divided for Good: Football Rivalries and Social Cohesion in Latin America

- **Juan Pedro Ronconi**, Universidad de los Andes



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11:00 - 12:30 PM Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Pioneers, mobility, and integration

Room: AF 209A

Does Mobility Make a Nice Person? Theory and Evidence from Across the Globe

- **Ziqi Lu**, Harvard University

Breaking the ice: the persistent effect of pioneers on trade relationships

- **Tom Raster**, Paris School of Economics

America's Frontier Culture: A Particular(ist) Individualism

- **Samuel Bazzi**, UC San Diego
- Martin Fiszbein, Boston University; Maximiliano Garcia Gonzalez, Boston University

No al Cous Cous: Populist Food Policy in Italy and Immigrant Integration

- **Paige Hill**, Stanford University



6B: Science and technology

Room: AF 209B

Cultural Links and Technology Diffusion: Evidence from Industry in Late Imperial Russia

- **Tamar Matiashvili**, Stanford University
- Timur Natkhov, Center for Institutional Studies at the Higher School of Economics

Enlightenment Ideals and Belief in Science in the Run-up to the Industrial Revolution: A Textual Analysis

- **Jared Rubin**, Chapman University
- Ali Almelhem, World Bank; Murat Iyigun, University of Colorado, Boulder; Austin Kennedy, University of Colorado, Boulder

The Word of God or Man? Bibles, Dictionaries, and the Vernacular Shift

- **Alexander Taylor**, George Mason University

Does diversity increase trust in science? Addressing vaccine hesitancy through representation

- **Kirsten Cornelson**, Ivey Business School, Western University
- Boriana Miloucheva, Dalai Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

6C: Identity and nationalism

Room: AF 209C

Crafting Identity: Rise of Hindu Nationalism

- **Resuf Ahmed**, HEC Lausanne
- Akhila Kovvuri (Stanford University), Alessandro Saia (University of Bologna)

The Equilibrium Distribution of Identity

- **Dev Patel**, Harvard University

From Alien to Citizen: The Power of Inclusive Propaganda during World War I

- **Joung Yeob Ha**, University of Pittsburgh

Economic Identities and The Historical Roots of Climate Change Denial

- **Edgar Dewitte**, University of Oxford



12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break

2:00 - 3:30 PM Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Measuring cultural values

Room: AF 209A

Eliciting Values and Social Norms from Folktales – Introducing the Historical Values Survey

- **Stefan Voigt**, University of Hamburg
- Mahdi Khesali; University of Hamburg and Max-Planck-Institute Bonn, Nadia von Jacobi; università degli studi di Trento

Cultural non-independence in the Ethnographic Atlas and what to do about it

- **Boris Gershman**, American University
- Tinatin Mumladze, American University

Measuring Norms: A Comparison of the Predictive and Descriptive Power of Three Methods

- **Erik Kimbrough**, Chapman University
- Diego Aycinena, Penn; Francesco Bogliacino, Bergamo

7B: Ethnicity and Early History

Room: AF 209B

Ethnic-Occupational Niches: Theory and Historical Evidence from Jewish Tailors

- **Eli Locke**, Boston University

Early Hominins and the Reversal of Dominance Hierarchy

- **Michael McBride**, UC Irvine

Ethnic Proximity, Politics and Segregation: Evidence from Malaysia

- **Gedeon Lim**, The University of Hong Kong



7C: Religion and morality

Room: AF 209C

Religiosity and Local Debt Repayment: Evidence from Italian Mayors

- **Luca Vitale**, New York University

Innovation, the Church, and WEIRD Psychology

- **Viacheslav Savitskiy**, Harvard University
- Joseph Henrich (Harvard University), Jonathan Schulz (George Mason University), Max Posch (University of Exeter)

Our Party, Our Movement: Belief and Belonging in the Discursive Culture of Early National Socialism

- **Steven Pfaff**, University of Washington
- Sean Everton, Naval Postgraduate Institute

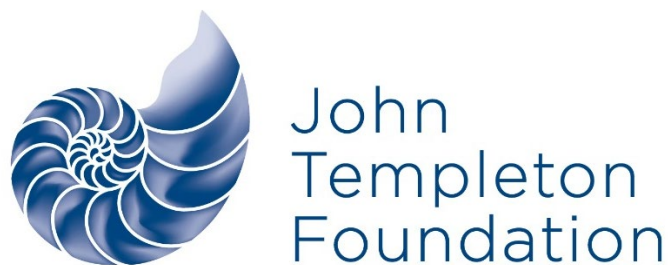
Religion as a Political Double-Edged Sword

- **Felipe Valencia**, UBC
- Tommaso Colussi (Milan), Dominic Rohner (Lausanne), Andrea Tesei (Queen Mary)

3:30 – 6:00 PM
ASREC Farewell Reception
Beckman 404



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