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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

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

7:45 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea and Pastries

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Networks and Cooperation - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Jared Rubin, Chapman University

Cooperation, Beliefs, and Theory of Mind: Experimental Evidence

- *Michael McBride, UC Irvine*
- *Garret Ridinger, UC Irvine*

Networked Reciprocity

- *Julien Gagnon, University of Cambridge*
- *Alex Harris, University of Cambridge*

Piety in Public: The Fatwa and the Saudi State

- *Paige A. Sechrest, University of Washington*

1B: Religion and Finance - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Dan Hungerman, University of Notre Dame

Religiosity & Financial Crises in the United States

- *Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville*

Religious Polarization, Municipal Spending, and Taxes

- *Jannett Highfill, Bradley University*
- *Kevin O'Brien, Bradley University*

Levirate Marriage and Widowhood Protection

- *Yuya Kudo, Institute of Developing Economies*



10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: Identity and Social Capital - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Michael McBride, UC Irvine

A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State

- *Valery Dzutsati, Arizona State University*

Individualism, Collectivism and Trade

- *Aidin Hajikhameneh, Simon Fraser University*
- *Erik Kimbrough, Simon Fraser University*

Does Internal Conflict Help or Harm State Capacity? Evidence from Tuareg Migration

- *Maxim Anayev, UCLA*
- *Michael Poyker, UCLA*

2B: Institutions and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine

On the Foundations of Ideological and Institutional Evolution

- *Jared Rubin, Chapman University*
- *Murat Iyigun, University of Colorado*

Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration

- *Katherine Eriksson, University of California, Davis*
- *Ran Abramitzky, Stanford University*
- *Leah Boustan, University of California, Los Angeles*

The Community Trap – Why Ultra-Orthodox Boys in Israel Stopped Attending High-Schools

- *Eitan Regev, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel*



2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: Law and Economic Outcomes - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Eli Berman, UC San Diego

Islam and the Protection of Intellectual Property Right

- *Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna*
- *Giuseppe Pignataro, University of Bologna*

Religion, Economics, and the Electoral Success of the Nazis

- *Jorg L Spenkuch, Northwestern University*
- *Philipp Tillmann, University of Rochester*

Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe

- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*
- *Noel D Johnson, George Mason University*

3B: Religion in Different Guises - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama in Huntsville

The Church of UFC: Do Mixed Martial Arts Make Less Violent Citizen?

- *Andrea Molle, Chapman University*

Classifying Religions

- *Resit Ergener, Bosphorus University*

America's Invisible Religion: The McLennan County Church Survey

- *J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University*
- *Todd Ferguson, Baylor University*

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Break



4:00 – 5:15 PM
ASREC Keynote Address
Argyros Forum 209

Eli Berman
University of California, San Diego
“Propositions from Purgatory”

5:15 – 6:45 PM: ASREC Post-Keynote Reception
4th Floor Patio, Beckman Hall

8:00 – 10:00 PM: ASREC Late Night Social
IRES Building, 338 N. Glassell St.



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

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

7:45 – 8:30 AM: Coffee/Tea and Pastries

8:30 - 10:00 Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Ethnic Diversity - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Julien Gagnon, University of Cambridge

Ethnic Heterogeneity, Sub-ethnic Fractionalization and Corruption

- *Duman Bahrami-Rad, Simon Fraser University*
- *Mahsa Akbari, Simon Fraser University*
- *Erik O. Kimbrough, Simon Fraser University*

New Estimates of Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Diversity Using Sampled Survey Data

- *Avital Livny, University of Illinois*
- *Mitchell Goist, Pennsylvania State University*

Subnational Diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from a New Dataset

- *Boris Gershman, American University*
- *Diego Rivera, American University*

4B: Religion and Family - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Paul Wilson, University of Arizona

Union Formation Behaviour and Outcomes of Individuals without any Tie with Religion or Spirituality: Evidence from Canada

- *Maryam Dilmaghani, Saint Mary's University*

Fertility Decisions and Religious Diversity

- *Md Nazmul Ahsan, USC*
- *Arya Gaduh, University of Arkansas*

The Incidental Fertility Effects of School Condom Distribution Programs

- *Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame*
- *Kasey Buckles, Notre Dame*



10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 - 12:00 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Social and Demographic Outcomes - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Christopher Bader, Chapman University

Religion and Depression in Adolescence

- *Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge*
- *Jane Cooley Fruehwirth, University of North Carolina*
- *Anwen Zhang, London School of Economics*

Bowling Online

- *Charles North, Baylor University*
- *Scott Cunningham, Baylor University*

Welfare State, Religiosity and Church Participation

- *Federico Masera, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*

5B: The Dark Side of Religion and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Mark Koyama, George Mason University

The Deterrent Effect of the Death Penalty? Evidence from British Commutations During World War I

- *Daniel L. Chen, IAST/TSE/Harvard*

Plague, Politics, and Pogroms: The Black Death, Fragmented states, and the persecution of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire

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

Peer Effects, Socialization and the Development of the Gender Gap in Risk Preferences: Evidence from Rural China

- *Xuejing Zuo, University of Houston*
- *Elaine M. Liu, University of Houston*



1:30 – 3:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Extremism - Argyros Forum 209A

Chair: Daniel L. Chen, IAST/TSE/Harvard

Community Fragmentation and Fragility

- *Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine*

Impunity and Religious Extremism: Understanding Electoral Incentives in Indonesia

- *Kerry Persen, Stanford University*

Sunday, Bloody Sunday: Causal Evidence from Northern Ireland for the Effect of Ethnic Diversity

- *Paul Zachary, University of California, San Diego*
- *Joseph Brown, University of Massachusetts-Boston*
- *Gordon C. McCord, University of California, San Diego*

6B: Theories of Religion and Culture - Argyros Forum 209B

Chair: Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge

The Literary Inquisition: The Persecution of Intellectuals and Human Capital Accumulation in China

- *Melanie Meng Xue, UCLA*
- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*

The Last Days of Magic: Religiosity in Modern India

- *Ajay Verghese, University of California, Riverside*

Does Culture Matter? A Test of the Harrison Hypothesis

- *Paul N. Wilson, University of Arizona*
- *Colin Moore, University of Arizona*

3:00 – 4:30 PM: ASREC Closing Reception
Argyros Forum 3rd Fl. South Patio

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