



## **ASREC Europe 2019**

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**Lund University**  
**September 26-28, 2019**

**Location: AF Borgen, Sandgatan 2, Lund**

**Plenary Sessions: Sångsalen**

**Parallel sessions A: Sångsalen**

**Parallel sessions B: Kerstins Rum**

**Note: Last presenter chairs the session.**

# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**13:00 – 14:00: Registration and Welcome**

**14:00 – 15:30: Session 1. Room: Sångsalen**

The Political Economy of Religious Language: Evidence using texts of sermons and congressional speeches

- **Anthony Tuckwell** - *University of Warwick*
- **Elliott Ash** - *ETH Zurich*
- **Thomas Hills** - *University of Warwick*

The Power of Religion

- **Gunes Gokmen** - *Lund University*
- **Jeanet Bentzen** - *University of Copenhagen*

Cultural and Economic Power: Evidence from Five Thousand Languages

- **Julian Dyer** - *University of Toronto*
- **Arthur Blouin** - *University of Toronto*

**15:30 – 16:00: Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:30: Session 2**

**2A. Room: Sångsalen**

An Estimable General-Equilibrium Structural Model of Immigrants' Neighborhood Sorting and Social Integration

- **Yujung Hwang** - *University of Geneva*

State-run Groceries in Turkey

- **Mustafa Kaba** - *European University Institute*

Racial Bias and In-group Bias in Judicial Decisions: Evidence from Virtual Reality Courtrooms

- **Naci Mocan** - *Louisiana State University, NBER and IZA*
- **Samantha Bielen** – *Hasselt University*
- **Wim Marneffe** - *Hasselt University*

## 2B. Room: Kerstins Rum

Love thy neighbour? Ethnic favouritism and trust in Indonesia

- **Almedina Music** - *World Bank & Paris School of Economics*

Does religious fractionalization impact electricity provision? Evidence from parliamentary elections in Lebanon

- **Marie Layoun** - *Paris II Panthéon-Assas University*

The Construction of National Identities

- **David Andrés-Cerezo** - *European University Institute*
- **Milena Almagro** - *New York University*

## 17:45: Casual Bite at the PUB (Inferno Pub, Paradisgatan 1)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:30 - 11:00: Session 3

3A. Room: Sångsalen

The Historical Roots of Ethnic Differences: The Role of Geography and Trade

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

Animal Spirits: The Natural Geography of Economic Behavior

- **Toman Barsbai** - *University of St Andrews & Kiel Institute for the World Economy*
- **Andreas Pondorfer** - *University of Bonn*

The imperial roots of global trade

- **Pierre-Louis Vezina** - *King's College London*
- **Gunes Gokmen** - *Lund University*
- **Wessel Vermeulen** - *Newcastle University London*

### 3B. Room: Kerstins Rum

The Origins of Cultural Divergence: Evidence from a Developing Country

- **Ola Olsson** - *University of Gothenburg*
- **Hoang-Anh Ho** - *University of Gothenburg*
- **Peter Martinsson** - *University of Gothenburg*

Cultural Values and Productivity

- **Andreas Ek** - *Lund University*

Jumping the gun: how dictators got ahead of their subjects

- **Asger Mose Wingender** - *University of Copenhagen*
- **Jacob Gerner Hariri** - *University of Copenhagen*

**11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 12:45: Keynote Address. Room: Sångsalen**

Nico Voigtländer – UCLA, Anderson School of Management  
“How Merchant Towns Shaped Parliaments”

**12:45 – 14:00: Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00: Session 4**

**4A. Room: Sångsalen**

Collateral Damage: The Legacy of Laos Secret War

- **Felipe Valencia Caicedo** - *University of British Columbia*
- **Juan Felipe Riaño** - *University of British Columbia*

Enemies of the People

- **Gerhard Toews** - *New Economic School*
- **Pierre-Louis Vezina** – *King's College London*

Stabs in the Back – Veterans, Propaganda and the Fate of Weimar Democracy

- **Christoph Koenig** - *University of Bristol*

Voting Retrospectively: Critical Junctures and Party Identification

- **Eren Arbatli** - *Higher School of Economics*
- **David Gomtsyan** - *Higher School of Economics*

**4B. Room: Kerstins Rum**

Religion and Labor Market Performance: Is It What You Believe or How Much?

- **Philipp Öhlmann** - Humboldt University
- *Jochen Kluge – RWI & Humboldt University*

Can trust surveys be trusted?

- **Andreas Bergh** - Lund University
- *Christian Bjørnskov - Aarhus University and IFN*
- *Richard Öhrvall - Linköping University and IFN*

Building up faith: The relationship between economic activity and church investments

- **Alexandra L. Cermeño** - Lund University
- *Kerstin Enflo - Lund University*

God Politics

- **Jeanet Bentzen** - University of Copenhagen
- *Lena Lindbjerg Sperling - DEA Copenhagen*

**16:00 – 16:30: Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 17:45: Keynote Address. Room: Sångsalen**

Guido Tabellini – Bocconi University  
“Identity, Beliefs and Political Conflict”

**18:00 Dinner at the Museum of Sketches (Finngatan 2)**

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**9:30 - 11:00: Session 5**

**5A. Room: Sångsalen**

The Terror of History: Solar Eclipses and the Origins of Critical Thinking and Complexity

- **Eric Roca Fernandez** - Aix-Marseille University
- *Anastasia Litina - University of Ionanina*

Vernacularization, the Protestant Reformation and Development

- **Rajesh Ramachandran** - Heidelberg University
- *Christine Binzel* - University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- *Andreas Link* - University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Political Geography and Pre-Industrial Development: A Theory and Evidence for Europe 1000-1850

- **Sara Lazzaroni** - University of Bologna
- *Matteo Cervellati* – University of Bologna
- *Giovanni Prarolo* – University of Bologna
- *Paolo Vanin* – University of Bologna

#### 5B. Room: Kerstins Rum

Women's Position in Ancestral Societies and Female HIV: The Long-Term Effect of Matrilineality in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Jordan Loper** - Aix-Marseille School of Economics

Missionary education under different colonial regimes - The historical roots of educational development in Cameroon, 1868 to 1960

- **Nicolai Baumert** - Lund University

Railways (and Roadways) to Trust

- **Anastasia Litina** - University of Ionanina
- *Georgios Tsiachtsiras* - University of Barcelona

#### 11:00 - 11:30: Coffee Break

#### 11:30 - 12:30: Session 6

#### 6A. Room: Sångsalen

Food and Faith: Measuring the Impact of the Reintroduction of Meatless Fridays for (some) British Catholics

- **Shaun Larcom** - University of Cambridge
- *Po-Wen She* – University of Cambridge

The Evolution of Waqfs in the Ottoman Empire

- **Sadullah Yildirim** - Ibn Haldun University
- *Erol Ozvar* – Marmara University

#### 6B. Room: Kerstins Rum

Limited and Generalized morality: evidence from Greenland

- **Gustav Agneman** - University of Copenhagen

- *Esther Chevrot-Bianco - University of Copenhagen*

Irrigation and Gender Bias

- ***Per Fredriksson** - University of Louisville*
- *Satyendra Kumar Gupta – O.P. Jindal Global University*

**12:30 – 13:30: Lunch**

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