

# Workshop in the Economics of Religion

October 28-29, 2022

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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
- 3:40-4:15pm “Shocks, Superstition, and Solidarity: How Irrelevant Risk Raises Contributions in Public Goods Experiments”  
 Aidin Hajikhameneh, San Jose State University  
**Laurence R. Iannaccone, Chapman University**
- 5:00-6:30pm Cocktail hour  
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- 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
- 10:40-11:15am “Opiates of the Masses? Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion”  
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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