



# 2023 ASREC Graduate Student Workshop “Introduction to the Economics of Religion”

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Harvard University - Cambridge, MA





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## THURSDAY, March 16, 2023

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Walk to Harvard University – Science Center Building
<b>8:15-9:00 AM</b>	Coffee/Tea and Pastries at the Science Center Café (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
<b>9:00-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Welcome /Religious Individuals &amp; Groups – Science Center Building Room 309 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)</b> Laurence Iannaccone: Introductions; religious production & capital; religious groups; clubs & free rider problems; sacrifice & extremism, etc.
<b>10:30-10:45 AM</b>	Coffee/Tea and Pastries at the Science Center Café (1st floor)
<b>10:45-12:00 PM</b>	<b>Religion and Culture - Science Center Building Room 309 (3rd floor)</b> Jean Paul Carvalho: Religion and Cultural Transmission
<b>12:00-2:00 PM</b>	Lunch (Local restaurants)
<b>2:00-3:15 PM</b>	<b>The Politics of Religion and Culture - Science Center Building Room 309 (3rd floor)</b> Avital Livny
<b>3:15-3:30 PM</b>	Coffee/Tea and Pastries at the Science Center Café (1st floor)
<b>3:30-4:45 PM</b>	<b>Religion and Political Economy - Science Center Building Room 309 (3rd floor)</b> Jared Rubin
<b>4:45-5:15 PM</b>	Wrap-up / Debrief
<b>5:15-6:15 PM</b>	Drinks and Conversation – TBA
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Dinner – TBD

**\*\*\*All Presentations on Thursday (other than Breaks, Lunch, and Dinner) will be held at  
Harvard University Science Center Building Room 309**



## **ASREC 2023**

Association for the Study of  
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**Harvard University - Cambridge, MA**

**March 17-18, 2023**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**



**8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration - Science Center Building - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall**

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

**8:30 – 10:15 AM: Parallel Sessions 1**

**1A: Gender 1**

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Panelists

- *Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine*

- *Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University*

- *Doug Norton, Florida State University*



## **1C: Culture 1**

Room: Science Center Building Room 309A – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Overkill, Extinction, and the Neolithic Revolution

- *Motohiro Kumagai, Brown University*

Settlers and Norms

- *Joanne Haddad, Université 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hallway**

**4:15 – 6:00 PM: Parallel Sessions 4**

**4A: Culture 3**

Room: Science Center Building Room 309 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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***, *Université de Namur*

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

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





## 2:00 – 3:45 PM: Parallel Sessions 7

### 7A: Special Issue Session

Room: Science Center Building Room Hall A – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Coşgel, 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- *Kieu-Trang Nguyen, Northwestern University*

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

- *Wladislaw Mill, University of Mannheim*



**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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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

- *Stefan Nikolic, Bocconi University*

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Oded Galor**

**Brown University**

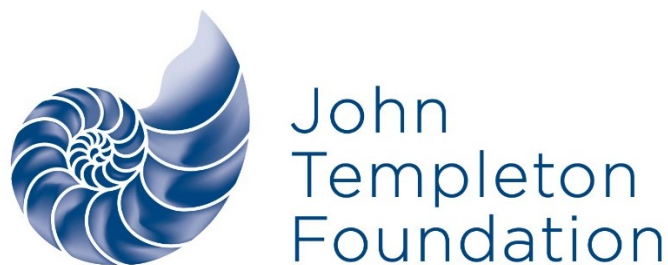
**“The Journey of Humanity: The Origins of  
Wealth and Inequality”**

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

**Location: Science Center Café - Clover Food Lab - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**



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