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PROGRAM

DECEMBER 1ST

8:15 – 8:45 **Registration and welcome coffee - Via Roentgen, 1, floor -2**

8:45 – 10:45 **Parallel Sessions 1a – AS01**

Giovanni Prarolo (University of Bologna), Who Becomes a Populist?
Proximity to Immigrants and Refugees and Individual Voting Behaviour

Avner Seror (Aix Marseille School of Economics), Trade Geography and
Religion: Evidence from South Asia

Giulia Buccione (Brown University), Religious Messages and Adaptation to
Water Scarcity: Evidence from Jordan

Kalle Kappner (LMU Munich), Geography and the Formation of Exclusive
Communities in Europe: A Long Run View

8:45 – 10:45 **Parallel Sessions 1b – AS02**

Sebastian Ottinger (CERGE-EI), The American Origin of the French
Revolution

Luca Repetto (Uppsala University), The lost generation: the effect of WWI
deaths on innovation in Britain

Paula Gobbi (Université libre de Bruxelles, ECARES), Revolutionary
Transition: Inheritance Change and Fertility Decline

Lakshmi Iyer (University of Notre Dame), Religion and Demography: Papal
Influences on Fertility (via Zoom)



10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:45 **Parallel Session 2a – AS01**

Gunes Gokmen (Lund University), Traditional Norms and Parental Investment in Human Capital

Stefano Gagliarducci (University of Rome Tor Vergata), Religious Schools and Immigrants' Assimilation

Guillame Blanc (University of Manchester), French

11:15 – 12:45 **Parallel Session 2b – AS02**

Anne Sofie Beck Knudsen (University of Copenhagen), Modernization and the Rise of Individualism

Max Deter (DIW Berlin and Magdeburg University), The Church of Resistance

Felipe Valencia (University of British Columbia), Religion and Conflict: Evidence from China, 1860-1911

12:45– 13:30 **Plenary Session – Elias Papaioannou:**

“Private Colonialism in Africa”

13:30 – 14:45 **Lunch Break**



14:45 – 16:45 **Parallel Session 3a – AS01**

Jeanet Bentzen (University of Copenhagen), In the Name of God! Religiosity and the Emergence of Modern Science and Growth

Edgard Dewitte (Oxford University), Science under Inquisition: the allocation of talent in early modern Europe

Matias Cabello (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg), The Counter-Reformation, Science, and Long-Term Growth: A Black Legend?

Georgios Tsiachtsiras (University of Bristol), A Light Bulb Goes On: Religiosity and the Adoption of Electrical Technologies in 19th century France

14:45 – 16:45 **Parallel Session 3b – AS02**

Elisabetta Campagna (UCLA Anderson), Religious Beliefs as a Cure for Uncertainty: the Case of Pentecostalism in Africa

Alexsandros Cavgias Martins Fraga (Ghent University), Spoils of colonization. The impact of British colonial institutions on sexual prejudice: evidence from contemporary Africa

Sara Lowes (UC San Diego), Supernatural Authority and Political Power in the DRC

Jacob Weisdorf (University of Rome La Sapienza), Aid effectiveness in Africa and the offset of ethnic borders: Evidence from the benign activities of Christian missionary

16:45 – 17:15 **Coffee Break**

17:15 – 18:00 **Plenary Session – Davide Cantoni:**

“Names, identity, and the use of natural experiments in history”

20:00 – 22:00 **Dinner “Cantine della Vetra”**



DECEMBER 2ND

8:30 - 9:00 Welcome coffee

9:00 -10:30 Parallel Session 1a – AS01

Massimo Pulejo (University of Milan and CLEAN), The Political Economy of Church Spending

Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed (Stanford University), Religious Cycles of Government Responsiveness: Why Governments Distribute in Ramadan

Daniela Solá (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), The Catholic Church and its effects on Redistributive Conflict in Brazil

9:00 – 10:30 Parallel Session 1b – AS02

Christoph Koenig (University of Roma Tor Vergata), The Political Effects of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Weimar Germany

Shaun Larcom (University of Cambridge), Do Religious People Cope Better in a Crisis? Evidence from the Pandemic Lockdowns in the United Kingdom

Tamar Matiashvili (Stanford University), Culture, Economic Stress, and Missing Girls: Evidence from the 1891-1892 Famine of the Russian Empire

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break



11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 2a – AS01

Mohamed Saleh (London School of Economics), *The Counter-Mission: Religious Competition and Provision of Public Goods* (via Zoom)

Fabrizio Panebianco (Università Cattolica), *Norms, guilt, and religion: public good contribution among Catholics and Protestants*

Luca Bagnato (UCLA Anderson & University of Milan), *From Taxation to Fighting for the Nation: Historical Fiscal Capacity and Military Draft Evasion during WWI*

11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 2b – AS02

Eva Raiber (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), *Faith-Based Organizations as Platforms*

Massimo Morelli (Bocconi University), *Corruption and Extremism*

Tommaso Colussi (Università Cattolica), *Crusaders and Pilgrims: Religion as an Enduring Double-Edged Sword*

12:30– 13:15 Plenary Session: Guido Tabellini

“Institutional and Cultural Bifurcation: The Great Divergence between China and Europe”

13:15– 14:45 Lunch Break



14:45 – 16:45 Parallel Session 3a – AS01

Dean Hoi (University of Melbourne), *Building Walls, Shaping Minds: Immigration Restrictions and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the US*

Diego Marino Fages (University of Nottingham), *Migration and Trust: Evidence on Assimilation from Internal Migrants*

Cem Ozguzel (Paris School of Economics & IZA), *Corruption Exposure, Political Trust, and Immigrants*

Melissa Rubio-Ramos (University of Cologne), *Murphy's Law or Luck of the Irish? Disparate Treatment of the Irish in 19th Century Courts*

14:45 – 16:45 Parallel Session 3b – AS02

Miguel Alquezar-Yus (CUNEF), *The Reversal of the Mission: The Influence of Religious Leaders on Sociopolitical Attitudes*

Giampaolo Lecce (University of Groningen), *Persistent Specialization and Growth: The Italian Land Reform*

Stefan Nikolic (Loughborough University), *Cultural diversity and firm performance: evidence from Yugoslav textiles, 1934-1941*

Elona Harka (University of Bergamo), *Dialects, human capital and labour market outcomes*



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