



ASREC Europe Conference 2025

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Presenter in bold.

Presenters have 20 uninterrupted minutes, followed by an 8-minute discussion.

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Last presenter in each session acts as chair.

Thursday September 18

8:30-9:00: Check in, coffee, croissants

9:00-10:40: Welcome and Session 1: Politics and Governance

“Historical Roots of Vaccine Hesitancy: Evidence from Germany”

Andreas Link (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), Christine Binzel (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

“Gods, Kings, and Missionaries: Legacies of Ancient States and Christian Missionaries on Religion in Africa”

Constantine Manda (University of California, Irvine)

“Migration policy backlash, identity and integration of second-generation migrants in France”

Thomas Baudin (IESEG), Simone Moriconi (IESEG), **Yajna Govind (Copenhagen Business School)**

10:40-11:10: Break

11:10-12:40: Session 2: Religious consequences

“A Pentecostal Ethic? Economic Outcomes from a Randomized Religious Intervention”

Sam Bird (Bates College), David Murphy (Colgate University), Susan Kilonzo (Maseno University), **Vivek Moorthy (Florida State University)**

“In the Name of God! Religiosity and the Production of Science”

Lars Harhoff Andersen (University of Copenhagen), Jeanet Sinding Bentzen (University of Copenhagen)

“Blessed are the poor. The Weberian Spirit of Capitalism Under Experimental Scrutiny.”

Tommaso Reggiani (Cardiff University), Paolo Santori (Tilburg University), **Andrea Fazio (Marche Polytechnic University)**

12:40-13:10: Lunch

13:10-14:00: Session 3: Poster Session and Coffee

Posters:

“Religion and the Prosocial Principal”

Lucas López-Manuel (University of Vigo)

“Religiosity and Education: New Evidence for Nineteenth Century France”

Joanna Williams (University of California, Irvine)

“Legalized abortion and the religious response”

Anisha Ghosh (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

“Regional Culture and Motivation: Evidence from the Western Front of WWI”

Olly Brufal (University of Groningen), Johan Ohler (LSE)

“Threat to Identity and Populism: Evidence from Francoist Street Names”

Iker Arregui-Alegria (Lund University)

“Take Thee to a Nunnery: Holy Orders and Public Goods in 19th-Century France”

Florentine Friedrich (LSE)

“Culture Matters: On the Distal Determinants of the Rule of Law”

Mahdi Khesali (University Hamburg), Stefan Voigt (University of Hamburg), Nadia von Jacobi (University of Trento)

“A U-Shaped Relation in the Global Variation of Female Olympians from 1920-2016”

Allon Vishkin (Technion - Israel Institute of Technology)

14:00-15:30: Parallel Session 4A: Industrialization and markets

“How Market Access Shapes Wellbeing and Values: Experimental Evidence from the D.R. Congo”

Nathan Nunn (University of British Columbia), Jonathan L. Weigel (University of California, Berkeley), Marina Ngoma (World Bank), Xavier Jaravel (London School of Economics), Clara Sievert (CERGE-EI)

“Engines of Empowerment: Cattle Tending, the Milking Machine, and Women in Politics”

Eva Forslund (Stockholm School of Economics), Jaakko Meriläinen (Stockholm School of Economics), Céline Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics)

“Communities of Commerce: The Legacy of Chinese Immigration on Java, Indonesia”

Sebastian Ellingsen (University of Bristol), Gedeon Lim (Hong Kong University), Quoc-Anh Do (Monash University)

14:00-15:30: Parallel Session 4B: Autocracy and State Capacity

“Off the Map: Informational Capacity and Local Development in Colonial Ireland”

Jeremy Bowles (UCL), **Gabriel Koehler-Derrick (NYU-Abu Dhabi)**

“Forces of Autocratic Support: Evidence from Russia and the War in Ukraine”

Mikael Elinder (Uppsala University), Oscar Erixson (Uppsala University), **Olle Hammar (Linnaeus University)**

“After Autocracy”

Edith Zink (University of Copenhagen)

15:30-16:00: Break

16:00-17:30: Parallel Session 5A: Islam

“Slave Trade and the Spread of Islam in Africa: Theory and Evidence”

Akwasi Ampofo (University of Adelaide), **Laura Panza (University of Melbourne)**, Umair Khalil (Deakin University), Francisco Silva (Deakin University)

“Trading Epidemics: Evidence from Eid-al-Adha”

Rohit Ticku (European University Institute), Cosimo Beverelli (University of Modena)

“Training the Vanguard: How Arab-educated religious elites catalyzed the development of conservative Islam in Africa”

Aala Abdelgadir (University of Pittsburgh)

16:00-17:30: Parallel Session 5B: Language and ethnicity

“Basque”

Gunes Gokmen (Lund University), Iker Arregui-Alegria (Lund University), Teppo Lindfors (Lund University)

“Ethnic composition, identity, and assimilation”

Vincenzo Lombardo (University of Naples Parthenope)

“Ink and Ire: The Revolutionary Impact of Russian Literature”

Sultan Mehmood (NES), **Vladimir Avetian (University Paris-Dauphine)**

Dinner, Det Glade Vanvid, Læderstræde 3

Friday September 19

8:30-9:00: Coffee and croissants

9:00-10:30: Session 6: Cultural change

“Sharing is caring: Redistributing unpaid and care work improves mental well-being for both spouses”

Tamara McGavock (Grinnell College & University of Chicago), Shivani Gupta (University of Georgia, USA), Ellen McCullough (University of Georgia), Thomas Woldu Assefa (IFPRI Kenya), and Tigabu Getahun (Policy Studies Institute, Ethiopia)

“Moment of Madness: Shifting Sentiment and the Dynamics of Revolution in Finnish Civil War”
Teppo Lindfors (Lund University)

“The Complex Dynamics of Cultural Traits”
Benjamin Tremblay-Auger (Stanford University)

10:30-11:00: Break

11:00-12:30: Parallel Session 7A: Protests and Violence

“Volcanic Protests”

Alessandro Pizzigolotto (University of Copenhagen), Jaakko Meriläinen (Stockholm School of Economics), Matti Mitrinen (University of Helsinki), Jósef Sigurdsson (Stockholm University)

“Welcoming the Tired and Poor: Grassroots Associations and Immigrant Assimilation During the Age of Mass Migration”

Davide Coluccia (University of Bristol)

“Media Sentiment under the Threat of Political Violence”

Michele Magnani (University of Bologna), Davide Cipullo (Catholic University of Milan), Luca Colombo (Catholic University of Milan), Massimiliano Onorato (University of Bologna)

11:00-12:30: Parallel Session 7B: Innovation

“Human capital shocks and innovation: Evidence from Britain’s Lost Generation”

Edward Pinchbeck (University of Birmingham), Davide Cipullo (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), **Luca Repetto (Uppsala University)**, Jan Bietenbeck (Lund University)

“From Vagabonds to Virtues: The Ideological Roots of Entrepreneurship”

Lars Harhoff Andersen (University of Copenhagen), **Tom Raster (LSE)**

“The Social Consequences of Technological Change: Evidence from U.S. Electrification and Immigrant Labor”

Sara Benetti (University of British Columbia)

12:30-13:00: Lunch

13:00-13:50: Session 8: Poster Session and Coffee

Posters: Same as day 1.

13:50-14:50: Keynote speech by Ara Norenzayan

The Disenchantment of the World and the Future of Faith

14:50-16:00: Farewell reception

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Keynote speaker: James Robinson

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