Inaugural Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics



DAY 1 - MONDAY, 27/03/2023

Venue: Essex Business School (EBS), EBS.2.50, University of Essex

10:00-10:50 Meet and Greet (with Coffee and Breakfast Pastries)

10:50-11:00 Welcome Address

11:00-12:30 Full Session 1 (Public Finance) [Chair: Tash Brooks]

• Elena Renzullo (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) -- "Political Supply or Citizens' Demand? The Political Determinants of Early Childcare Provision in Italy"

Discussant: Lucas Braga de Melo

 Isabel Micó Millán (University Carlos III) -- "The Effects of Inheritance and Gift Taxation on Upward Wealth Mobility at the Bottom: Lessons from Spain"

Discussant: Elena Renzullo

• Lucas Braga de Melo (University of Nottingham) -- "Spillover Effects from Inter-Governmental Transfers between Local Jurisdictions in Brazil"

Discussant: Isabel Micó Millán

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Keynote Address 1: Oriana Bandiera (London School of Economics) [Chair: Hettie Burn]

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 Full Session 2 (Development) [Chair: Aitor Irastorza-Fadrique]

• Azhar Hussain (London School of Economics) -- "Sea-Level Rise and Structure Investment Dynamics: Evidence from Manufacturing Plants in Indonesia"

Discussant: Samuel Marshall

 Samuel Marshall (University of Warwick) -- "Minimum Wages, Migration, and Monopsony: The Labor Market Effects of Tanzania's Sectoral Minimum Wage Bill"

Discussant: Azhar Hussain

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-18:00 Flash Session 1 [Chair: Qingchao Zeng]

- Tommaso Sartori (Institute for Social and Economic Research) -- "Boosting Attendance through Goal Setting: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment"
- Gabriel Chaves Bosch (Queen Mary University of London) -- "The Impact of Immigration on Native Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Spain"
- Friederike Hertweck (RWI Leibniz Institute for Economic Research) -- "The Effect of Rankings on University Choice"
- Omar Hussein (University of Essex) -- "Co-worker Networks and Occupational Change"
- Gerald McQuade (Lancaster University) "Some People Feel the Rain; Others just Get Wet: Early-Life Shocks and Personality Trait Formation in Peru"

19:00 Conference Dinner at Wivenhoe House Hotel

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DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 28/03/2023

Venue: Essex Business School (EBS), EBS.2.50, University of Essex

8:30-9:00 Morning Coffee (with Breakfast Pastries)

9:00-10:30 Keynote Address 2: Marco Francesconi (University of Essex) [Chair: Hettie Burn]

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Full Session 3 (**Crime and Political Economy**) [Chair: Annalivia Polselli]

• Marco Castelluccio (University College London & Institute for Fiscal Studies) -- "Mafia Infiltrations in Times of Crisis: Evidence from the Covid-19 Shock"

Discussant: Giuseppe Musillo

Antonio Laplana (Tilburg University) -- "The Retornados and the Effects of Decriminalizing (Hard)
Drugs in Portugal"

Discussant: Marco Castelluccio

• Giuseppe Musillo (Tilburg University) -- "The Persistent Effect of Entertainment Radio on Racial Attitudes: Superman and the Ku Klux Klan"

Discussant: Antonio Laplana

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Full Session 4 (Labour Economics) [Chair: Bin Yu]

• Dan Xie (Queen Mary University of London) -- "Trade Liberalization and Firms' Monopsony Power in the Labor Market"

Discussant: Ilaria Malisan

• Fabien Petit (University of Sussex) -- "Heterogeneous Adjustments of Labor Markets to Automation Technologies"

Discussant: Dan Xie

• Ilaria Malisan (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto) -- "With Honors. University Honors Programs and Graduates' Careers"

Discussant: Fabien Petit

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 Flash Session 2 [Chair: Dipanwita Ghatak]

- Pia Pannatier (University of Geneva) -- "The Effect of Opening Borders on Educational Choices in Switzerland"
- Melchior Vella (Institute for Social and Economic Research) -- "The Relationship between the Big Five Traits and Earnings: Evidence from a Meta-Analysis"
- Francisco Nobre (University of Surrey) "Business Improvement Districts in London and Property Prices: A Positive Externality from Collective Action"
- Yannis Papadakis (Queen Mary University of London) -- "Technical Change from the Top: The Role of Director Nationality in Importing Robots"

16:30-17:00 End of Conference