

## 4<sup>th</sup> Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference

### EMCON 2019

Welcome to EMCON 2019, a two-day event featuring sixteen PhD student presentations with discussion sessions, and keynote talks by Prof. Joshua Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Prof. Molly Schnell (Northwestern University). This year, the conference will take place in *Saieh Hall for Economics, 5757 South University Avenue*, at The University of Chicago.

The conference is generously supported by the Becker Friedman Institute at The University of Chicago, and the Department of Economics at Northwestern University.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30-9:30 **Breakfast and Registration**

#### *Session 1A: EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT*

9:30-10:20	<p><i>“Educational Technology, Student Motivation, and Optimal Certification Standard: Experimental Evidence and Structural Estimates from Tanzania.”</i>, Samuel Seo (The University of Chicago)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Leonard Goff (Columbia University)</p>	Room 021
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10:30-11:20	<p><i>“The Precocious Period: The Impact of Early Menarche on Schooling in India”</i>, Madhulika Khanna (Georgetown University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Jessica Gagete Miranda (Bocconi University)</p>	Room 021
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#### *Session 1B: GROWTH & MACROECONOMICS*

9:30-10:20	<p><i>“Technological Proximity and Distance in the M&amp;A Market”</i>, Danqing Mei (Columbia University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Peter McCrory (The University of California, Berkeley)</p>	Room 112
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10:30-11:20	<p><i>“Tradable Spillovers of Fiscal Policy: Evidence from the 2009 Recovery Act”</i>, Peter McCrory (The University of California, Berkeley)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Danqing Mei (Columbia University)</p>	Room 112
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11:30-12:20 **Keynote session: Joshua Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)** Room 021

12:20-1:30 **Lunch**

**Session 2: METHODS & POLITICAL ECONOMY**

1:30-2:20 “*A Vector Monotonicity Assumption for Multiple Instruments*”, Leonard Goff (Columbia University) Room 021

*Discussant:* Jack Light (The University of Chicago)

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2:30-3:20 “*Misallocation and Infrastructure Investment: Evidence from Healthcare in Indonesia*”, Allan Hsiao (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Room 021

*Discussant:* José Luis Flor Toro (Northwestern University)

3:20-3:40 **Coffee Break**

**Session 3: ENVIRONMENTAL & HOUSING MARKETS**

3:40-4:30 “*Intrafirm Leakage*”, Felix Samy Soliman (University of Oxford) Room 021

*Discussant:* Apoorv Gupta (Northwestern University)

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4:40-5:30 “*International student migration and local housing markets*”, Pedro Tremacoldi-Rossi (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Room 021

*Discussant:* Allan Hsiao (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

6:30-10:00 **Dinner for speakers, faculty and organizers.**

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30-9:30 **Breakfast and Registration**

### *Session 1: THEORY & BEHAVIORAL*

9:30-10:20 “*Learning from unknown information sources*”, Yucheng Liang (Stanford University) Room 021  
*Discussant: Carlo Schwarz (The University of Warwick)*

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10:30-11:20 “*From Hashtag to Hate Crime: Twitter and Anti-Minority Sentiment*”, Carlo Schwarz (The University of Warwick) Room 021  
*Discussant: Rafael Jimenez (The University of Chicago)*

11:30-12:20 **Keynote Session: Molly Schnell (Northwestern University)** Room 021

12:20-1:30 **Lunch**

### *Session 2A: INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION*

1:30-2:20 “*Firm Heterogeneity, Demand for Quality and Price Dynamics : Evidence from India*”, Apoorv Gupta (Northwestern University) Room 021  
*Discussant: Eliot Abrams (The University of Chicago)*

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2:30-3:20 “*Assessing Bank Market Power Given Limited Consumer Consideration*”, Eliot Abrams (The University of Chicago) Room 021  
*Discussant: Eilidh Geddes (Northwestern University)*

### *Session 2B: EDUCATION*

1:30-2:20 “*The Long-Run Impacts of Special Education*”, Briana Ballis (The University of California, Davis) Room 112  
*Discussant: Andrew Jordan (The University of Chicago)*

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2:30-3:20 “*An aspiring friend is a friend indeed: school peers and college aspirations in Brazil*”, Jessica Gagete Miranda (Bocconi University) Room 112  
*Discussant: Samuel Seo (The University of Chicago)*

3:20-3:40 **Coffee Break**

**Session 3: LABOR & INCOME MOBILITY**

3:40-4:30	<i>“Why Pay More? The Effects of Increased Wage Replacement Benefits in Workers’ Compensation”</i> , Lu Jinks (University of Illinois at Chicago) <i>Discussant</i> : Briana Ballis (The University of California, Davis)	Room 021
4:40-5:30	<i>“Spatial Influences in Upward Mobility”</i> , Garrett Anstreicher (University of Wisconsin – Madison) <i>Discussant</i> : Pedro Tremacoldi-Rossi (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)	Room 021