

1ST EMPIRICS AND METHODS IN ECONOMICS CONFERENCE - EMCON 2016

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Welcome to EMCON 2016, a two-day event featuring twenty PhD student presentations with discussion sessions, two poster sessions and keynote talks by Prof. Matt Notowidigdo (Northwestern) and Prof. Alessandra Voena (University of Chicago). This year, the conference takes place in Evanston at Northwestern University, in the Kellogg School of Management, Jacobs building, rooms 101 and 160.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST

- 8:00-9:00 **Breakfast, registration**
9:00-9:05 **Opening Remarks by Prof. Lori Beaman (Northwestern)**

SESSION 1: PUBLIC ECONOMICS		
9:05-9:50	"The Effects of Compliance Reminders on Personal Income Tax payments in Greece: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Approach", Antonios Koumpias (Georgia State University) <i>Discussant: Thomas Hoe</i>	Room 160
9:50-10:35	"Stochastic Demand, Patient Flow and Quality of Care: Evidence from the English National Health Service", Thomas Hoe (University College London) <i>Discussant: Antonios Koumpias</i>	Room 160

10:35-10:45 Coffee break

SESSION 2: POLITICAL ECONOMY		
10:45-11:30	"Jobs for Sale: Corruption and Allocational Efficiency in Government Hiring", Jeff Weaver (Yale University) <i>Discussant: Edoardo Teso</i>	Room 160
11:35-12:20	"Local Politics and the (Mis)allocation of Public Sector Jobs", Edoardo Teso (Harvard University) <i>Discussant: Jeff Weaver</i>	Room 160

12:30-1:30 **Lunch and Poster Session**

SESSION 3A: ECONOMETRICS		
1:30-2:15	“A Mechanism Design Approach to Identification and Estimation”, Anthony Lee Zhang (Stanford GSB) <i>Discussant: Karl Schurter</i>	Room 160
2:20-3:05	“Identification and Inference in First-Price Auctions with Collusion”, Karl Schurter (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Alan Griffith</i>	Room 160

SESSION 3B: MACROECONOMICS		
1:30-2:15	“Are firm-level idiosyncratic shocks important for U.S. aggregate volatility?”, Chen Yeh (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Jeanne Commault</i>	Room 101
2:20-3:05	“Financial Crises and the Transmission of Monetary Policy to Consumer Credit Markets”, Sasha Indarte (Northwestern University) <i>Discussant: Chen Yeh</i>	Room 101

3:05-3:15 Coffee break

SESSION 4A: ECONOMETRICS		
3:15-4:00	“Random Assignment with Non-Random Peers: A Structural Approach to Counterfactual Treatment Assessment”, Alan Griffith (University of Michigan) <i>Discussant: Anthony Lee Zhang</i>	Room 160
4:05-4:50	“How Does Consumption Respond to Transitory Income Shocks? Reconciling Natural Experiments and Structural Estimations”, Jeanne Commault (École Polytechnique) <i>Discussant: Sasha Indarte</i>	Room 160

SESSION 4B: HISTORY		
3:15-4:00	“Collectivization of Soviet agriculture and 1932-1933 famine”, Natalya Naumenko (Northwestern University) <i>Discussant: Matthew Pecenco</i>	Room 101
4:05-4:50	“The Intergenerational Consequences of Incarceration: Evidence from Early 20th Century Iowa”, Matthew Pecenco (UC Berkeley) <i>Discussant: Natalya Naumenko</i>	Room 101

5:00-6:00	Keynote Talk: Matt Notowidigdo (Northwestern University)	Room 160
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND

8:00-9:00 **Breakfast and registration**

9:00-9:05 **Opening remarks by Prof. Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern)**

SESSION 1: LABOR & DEVELOPMENT		
9:05-9:50	“Marriage Market Integration and Female Empowerment: the Impact of ‘Exporting Brides’”, So Yoon Ahn (Columbia University) <i>Discussant: Hongyu Xiao</i>	Room 160
9:50-10:35	“Pensions, Labor Supply, and the Disutility of Labor: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Brazil”, Ben Thompson (University of Michigan) <i>Discussant: So Yoon Ahn</i>	Room 160

10:35-10:45 Coffee break

SESSION 2: LABOR & DEVELOPMENT		
10:45-11:30	"Formal Firms, Informal Workers, and Household Labor Supply in Mexico", Brenda Samaniego de la Parra (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Ben Thompson</i>	Room 160
11:35-12:20	"Closer Workers, More Productive Workers?", Hongyu Xiao (University of Pennsylvania) <i>Discussant: Brenda Samaniego de la Parra</i>	Room 160

12:30-1:20 Lunch and Poster Session

1:20-2:20	Keynote Talk: Alessandra Voena (University of Chicago)	Room 160
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SESSION 3: EDUCATION		
2:30-3:15	"Distorted quality signals in school markets", José Ignacio Cuesta (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Claudia Allende</i>	Room 160
3:20-4:05	"Information frictions and school choice: Evidence from a quality disclosure policy", Claudia Allende (Columbia University) <i>Discussant: Jose Igancio Cuesta</i>	Room 160

4:05-4:15 Coffee break

SESSION 4: EDUCATION		
4:15-5:00	"Parent and Children: A collective model of household behavior and child development", Rodrigo Azuero (University of Pennsylvania) <i>Discussant: Francesco Agostinelli</i>	Room 160
5:05-5:50	"Estimating the Technology of Children's Skill Formation", Francesco Agostinelli (Arizona State University) <i>Discussant: Rodrigo Azuero</i>	Room 160