

2ND EMPIRICS AND METHODS IN ECONOMICS CONFERENCE - EMCON 2017

Welcome to EMCON 2017, a two-day event featuring sixteen PhD student presentations with discussion sessions, a poster session, a keynote talk by Prof. Michael Greenstone (University of Chicago) and concluding remarks by Prof. Mar Reguant (Northwestern University). This year, the conference takes place in *Saieh Hall*, at *1160 East 58th Street, Chicago*, at the University of Chicago. The conference is generously supported by the *Becker-Friedman Institute* (BFI) at the University of Chicago, the *Center for the Study of Development Economics* (CSDE), the *Buffett Institute* and the *Center for Applied Microeconomics* (CAM) at Northwestern University.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH

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

SESSION 1: DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN ECONOMICS		
9:00-9:50	“The Aggregate and Distributional Effects of Urban Transit Networks: Evidence from Bogotá’s TransMilenio”, Nick Tsivanidis (University of Chicago Booth) <i>Discussant: Anthony Lee Zhang (Stanford University)</i>	Room 021
9:55-10:45	“Unintended Effects of Public Colleges: Evidence from Primary and Secondary Education Markets in India”, Maulik Jagnani (Cornell University) <i>Discussant: Ricardo Dahis (Northwestern University)</i>	Room 021

10:45-10:55 Coffee break

SESSION 2: POLITICAL ECONOMY		
10:55-11:45	“Corruption and firms”, Emanuele Colonnelli (Stanford University) <i>Discussant: Maulik Jagnani (Cornell University)</i>	Room 021
11:50-12:40	“Redistricting, State Capacity, and Development: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities”, Ricardo Dahis (Northwestern University) <i>Discussant: Matthew Pecenco (UC Berkeley)</i>	Room 021

Lunch and *Poster Session*

12:40-1:40 **Yuta Toyama (Northwestern), Terry O’Malley (UC Dublin), Russell Bittmann (U. Chicago), Yi Zhong (UNC Chapel Hill), Shaoda Wang (UC Berkeley), Riccardo Zago (Sciences Po), Soroush Ghazi (Duke)** Room TBD

1:40 – 2:40	Keynote session: Michael Greenstone (University of Chicago)	Room 021
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SESSION 3: LABOR ECONOMICS		
2:45-3:35	“Superstar Earners and Market Size: Evidence from the Entertainment Industry”, Felix Koenig (London School of Economics) <i>Discussant: Hyunmin Park (University of Chicago)</i>	Room 021
3:40-4:30	“Who’s help is on the way? Analyzing the importance of individual police officers to determining law enforcement outcomes”, Emily Weisburst (University of Texas Austin)	Room 021

	<i>Discussant: Pinchuan Ong (Northwestern University)</i>	
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4:30-4:45 Coffee break

SESSION 4: APPLIED MARKET DESIGN		
4:45-5:35	“Deferred Acceptance Improves Match Quality Theory and Evidence from the Field”, Jonathan Davis (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Felix Koenig (London School of Economics)</i>	Room 021
5:40-6:30	“Auctioning Charitable Giving: An investigation of the Revenue Effect on Donation in Online Auctions”, Michele Fioretti (University of Southern California) <i>Discussant: Jonathan Davis (University of Chicago)</i>	Room 021

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

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

SESSION 1A: HISTORY		
9:00-9:50	“The intergenerational consequences of incarceration: evidence from early 20th Century Iowa”, Matthew Pecenco (University of California, Berkeley) <i>Discussant: Jamie Daubenspeck (Northwestern University)</i>	Room 141
9:55-10:45	“Origins of Impersonal Markets in Commercial and Communication Revolutions of Europe”, Prateek Raj (University College London) <i>Discussant: Heyu Xiong (Northwestern University)</i>	Room 141

SESSION 1B: METHODS		
9:00-9:50	“Building a Representative Matched Sample with Treatment Doses”, Magdalena Bennett (Columbia University) <i>Discussant: Daniel Prinz (Harvard University)</i>	Room 146
9:55-10:45	“Judicial Errors: Evidence from Refugee Appeals”, Sam Norris (Northwestern University) <i>Discussant: Eliot Abrams (University of Chicago)</i>	Room 146

10:45-10:55 Coffee Break

SESSION 2A: PUBLIC ECONOMICS		
10:55-11:45	“Screening in Contract Design: Evidence from the ACA Health Insurance Exchanges”, Daniel Prinz (Harvard University) <i>Discussant: Victoria Marone (Northwestern University)</i>	Room 141
11:50-12:40	“Medium Run Impacts of Government Transfer Payments on Retail Prices and Welfare: Evidence from SNAP”, Justin Leung (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant: Magdalena Bennett (Columbia University)</i>	Room 141

SESSION 2B: MACROECONOMICS AND FINANCE		
10:55-11:45	“The Impact of the Credit Crunch on Price and Inventory Dynamics: Micro-level Evidence and Aggregate Implications”, Ryan Kim (Columbia University) <i>Discussant: Lorena Keller (Northwestern University, Kellogg)</i>	Room 146
11:50-12:40	“The Real Consequences of Capital Controls: Effects on Employment Through Changes in the Currency Composition of Debt”, Lorena Keller (Northwestern University, Kellogg) <i>Discussant: Ryan Kim (Columbia University)</i>	Room 146

12:40-1:40 Lunch

1:40-2:40	Keynote session: Mar Reguant (Northwestern University)	Room 141
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POSTER SCHEDULE

<p>“Moral Hazard in the Mortgage Market: The Impact of Foreclosure Moratoria on Default” Terry O'Malley (University College Dublin)</p>
<p>“Determinants of Charter School Location” Russell Bittmann (University of Chicago)</p>
<p>“Transmission expansion and market integration in electricity market: evidence from ERCOT” Xueting Wang (Columbia University)</p>
<p>“Are Too Large Firms Weakening Growth?” Soroush Ghazi (Duke University)</p>
<p>“Incentives to Invest, Storable Permits, and Transaction Costs in the Intertemporal Cap-and-Trade Program” Yuta Toyama (Northwestern University)</p>
<p>Job Polarization, Skill Mismatch and the Great Recession Riccardo Zago (Sciences Po)</p>
<p>Scared to Death: Information Avoidance and Diagnostic Testing Yi Zhong (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)</p>