

5th Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference EMCON 2020

Welcome to EMCON 2020, a three-day event featuring sixteen PhD student presentations with discussion sessions, and a keynote talk by Prof. Pietro Tebaldi (University of Chicago). This year, the conference will take place virtually. All program times are listed in CDT.

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd

Session 1: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

10:00-10:50 *“Coordination and Commitment in International Climate Action: Evidence from Palm Oil,”* **Allan Hsiao (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)** Room 1

Discussant: Tomás Domínguez-Iino (New York University)

10:50-11:40 *“Climate Change, Incomplete Regulation, and Imperfect Competition: Evidence from South American Agriculture,”* **Tomás Domínguez-Iino (New York University)** Room 1

Discussant: Allan Hsiao (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Session 2A: LABOR ECONOMICS

1:00-1:50 *“Affirmative Action, Mismatch, and Economic Mobility after California's Proposition 209,”* **Zachary Bleemer (University of California, Berkeley)** Room 1

Discussant: Sara Signorelli (Paris School of Economics)

1:50-2:40 *“Do Skilled Migrants Compete with Native Workers? Analysis of a Selective Immigration Policy,”* **Sara Signorelli (Paris School of Economics)** Room 1

Discussant: Zachary Bleemer (University of California, Berkeley)

Session 2B: HOUSEHOLD & CORPORATE FINANCE

1:00-1:50 “Does Private Equity Ownership Make Firms Cleaner? The Role Of Environmental Liability Risks,” **Aymeric Bellon (Penn Wharton)** Room 2

Discussant: Pedro Tremacoldi-Rossi (University of Illinois)

1:50-2:40 “Automation Adoption and Financial Regulation: Evidence from Stock Trading Firms and Workers,” **Pedro Tremacoldi-Rossi (University of Illinois)** Room 2

Discussant: Aymeric Bellon (Penn Wharton)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd

Session 1A: DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

10:00-10:50 “Spousal Communication and Information Sharing: Evidence from Migrants and their Spouses,” **Obeid Ur Rehman (University of Michigan)** Room 1

Discussant: Gabriel Tourek (Harvard University)

10:50-11:40 “Local Elites as State Capacity: How City Chiefs Use Local Information to Increase Tax Compliance in the D.R. Congo,” **Gabriel Tourek (Harvard University)** Room 1

Discussant: Obeid Ur Rehman (University of Michigan)

Session 1B: MACROECONOMICS

10:00-10:50 “Banking Networks and Economic Growth: From Idiosyncratic Shocks to Aggregate Fluctuations,” **Nishant Vats (Chicago Booth)** Room 2

Discussant: Jonathan Garita (University of Texas Austin)

10:50-11:40 “Firm Dynamics and The Minimum Wage: Evidence from Costa Rica's Multi-Tier System,” **Jonathan Garita (University of Texas Austin)** Room 2

Discussant: Nishant Vats (Chicago Booth)

Session 2: POLITICAL ECONOMY & ECONOMIC HISTORY

1:00-1:50	<i>"The Long-Run Effect of Public Libraries on Children: Evidence from the Early 1900s,"</i> Ezra Karger (University of Chicago) <i>Discussant:</i> Guillaume Blanc (Brown University)	Room 1
1:50-2:40	<i>"Modernization Before Industrialization: Cultural Roots of the Demographic Transition in France,"</i> Guillaume Blanc (Brown University) <i>Discussant:</i> Ezra Karger (University of Chicago)	Room 1
3:30-4:30	Happy Hour	Gather .town

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

Session 1: PUBLIC & HEALTH ECONOMICS

9:30-10:20	<i>"I Wish I Were Born in Another Time: Unintended Consequences of Immigration Enforcement on Birth Outcomes,"</i> Hoa Vu (University of Kansas) <i>Discussant:</i> Linea Hasager (University of Copenhagen)	Room 1
10:20-11:10	<i>"Sick of Your Poor Neighborhood? Quasi-experimental evidence on neighborhood effects in health,"</i> Linea Hasager (University of Copenhagen) <i>Discussant:</i> Hoa Vu (University of Kansas)	Room 1
12:00-1:00	Keynote Session: Pietro Tebaldi (University of Chicago)	Room 1

Session 2: INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

1:30-2:20 *“Choice Frictions in Large Assortments,”* **Olivia Natan (Chicago Booth)** Room 1

Discussant: Ebehi Iyoha (Vanderbilt University)

2:20-3:10 *“Production Function Estimation in the Presence of Spillovers,”* **Ebehi Iyoha (Vanderbilt University)** Room 1

Discussant: Olivia Natan (Chicago Booth)