



ASREC 2020
Association for the Study of
Religion, Economics, and Culture
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Chapman University - Orange, CA
March 27-28, 2020



FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

8:00 – 5:00 PM: Registration

7:45 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Parallel Sessions 1

1A: Leadership and Identity

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Jean-Paul Carvalho

Radicalization

- *Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine*
- *Michael Sacks, University of Louisville*

Charismatic Leaders and Nation Building: Ataturk's Visits in Turkey

- *Lydia Assouad, Paris School of Economics*

Building Faithful Nations: 'Fascist Men' in the 20th Century of Italy

- *Alessandro Belmonte, IMT Lucca and University of Warwick*

Political Impact of Opinion Leaders: Evidence from Father Coughlin

- *Tianyi Wang, University of Pittsburgh*



1B: Culture, Credit, and the Safety Net

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Resul Cesur

Does Religion Provide Psychological Coping or Economic Insurance? Evidence from Three Distinct Demand Shocks

- **Resul Cesur**, *University of Connecticut*
- **Duha Altindag**, *Auburn University*

Gender Gap in Financial Literacy: Are there Cultural Effects?

- **Maddalena Davoli**, *Goethe University*
- **Nuria Rodriguez**, *City University of New York*

Culture, Individualism and Preferences for Redistribution

- **Olle Hammar**, *Uppsala University*

The Dark Side of Social Capital? Battles and Mortgage Lending

- **Mintra Dwarkasing**, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*

1C: Gender Norms and Discrimination

Room: AF 209 C

Chair: Bastien Chabe-Ferret

Cultural Norm of Breastfeeding and the Effectiveness of Public Policies

- **Bastien Chabe-Ferret**, *LISER*
- **Emilia del Bono**, *University of Essex*
- **Birgitta Rabe**, *University of Essex*

The Role of Conflict in Sex Discrimination: The Case of Missing Girls

- **Anna Minasyan**, *University of Groningen*
- **Astghik Mavisakalyan**, *Curtin University*

Non-traditional Gender Norms and Motherhood Employment Penalties in Europe

- **Nuria Rodriguez-Planas**, *City University of New York*
- **Simone Moriconi**, *IESEG School of Management*

Marriage Norms and Missionary Activities: Evidence from Togo and Benin

- **Hugues Champeaux**, *University Clermont Auvergne*



10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room

11:00 – 12:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2

2A: The Long Shadow of the Past

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Fernando Arteaga

The Historical Legacy of (Pre?)Colonial Indigenous Settlements in Mexico

- *Fernando Arteaga, University of Pennsylvania*

Colleges for Christ: The Economic Impact of Jesuit Missions in Goa

- *Malcolm King, George Mason University*

Religious Festivals and Long-Run Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint-Day Celebrations in Mexico

- *Eduardo Montero, University of Michigan*
- *Dean Yang, University of Michigan*

WWI Anti-German Sentiment and Economic Growth in U.S. Counties

- *Andreas Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh*
- *Price Fishback, University of Arizona*



2B: Religious Identity and Values

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Carolyn Warner

Identity, Meaning and Values in Religious and Secular Clubs: a Comparison

- *Carolyn Warner, University of Nevada, Reno*
- *Adam B. Cohen, Arizona State University*
- *Leah Doane, Arizona State University*

On the Origin of Religious Values: Does Italian Weather Affect Bolivian Values

- *Lewis Davis, Union College*

Religiosity and Honesty: An Application of the Die-Under-Cup Experiment

- *Vurain Tabvuma, Saint Mary's University*
- *Maryam Dilmaghani, Saint Mary's University*

Does Religious Affiliation Protect People's Well-being? Evidence from the Great Recession After Correcting for Selection Effects

- *Christos Makridis, Arizona State University*
- *Byron Johnson, Baylor University*
- *Harold G. Koenig, Duke University*



2C: Identity and Conflict

Room: AF 209 C

Chair: Stergios Skaperdas

External Intervention, Identity, and Civil War

- *Stergios Skaperdas, UC Irvine*
- *Nicholas Sambanis, University of Pennsylvania*
- *William Wohlforth, Dartmought College*

The Marriage Market and Anti-Muslim Violence in Colonial Burma

- *Feyaad Allie, Stanford University*

Electoral Competition, Identity Triggers, and Conflict: Theory and Evidence

- *Raghul Srinivasan Venkatesh, Aix-Marseille School of Economics*
- *Rohit Ticku, Chapman University*

Dynamics of Discrimination in Contests: Theory and Experiment

- *Nishtha Sharma, UCI*

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3

3A: The Origin and Evolution of Cultural Traits

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Jared Rubin

Optimization and Social Learning in Static and Dynamic Environments

- **Jared Rubin**, *Chapman University*
- **Erik Kimbrough**, *Chapman University*
- **Ryan Oprea**, *UC Santa Barbara*

By Reverence, not Fear: Prestige, Religion, and Autonomic Regulation in the Evolution of Cooperation

- **Hillary Lanfesty**, *Arizona State University*
- **Thomas Morgan**, *Arizona State University*

On the Historical Roots of Gender Norms: Evidence from Matrilineal Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Eva Tène**, *Toulouse School of Economics*

The Terror of History: Solar Eclipses and the Origins of Social Complexity and Complex Thinking

- **Eric Roca Fernandez**, *Aix-Marseille Université*
- **Anastasia Litina**, *University of Ioannina*



3B: Culture, Persistence, and Diversity

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Daniel Hungerman

Every Day is Earth Day: Measuring the Impact of Voluntary Behavior on April 22

- *Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame University*
- *Vivek Moorthy, Notre Dame*

Why Aren't People Leaving "Janesville?": Industry Persistence, Trade Shocks, and Mobility

- *Michael Poyker, Columbia University*
- *Sebastian Ottinger, UCLA*

The Institutional, Cultural, and Economic Legacies of Immigration

- *Marie Amanda Guimbeau, Brandeis University*

Diversity Taxes

- *Saumya Deojain, Washington University in St. Louis*
- *David Lindequist, Washington University in St. Louis*

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room



4:00 – 5:15 PM
ASREC Keynote Address
AF 209 A & B

Ran Abramitzky
Stanford University
**“Is Income Equality Possible:
Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz”**

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Reception

Location: Argyros Forum 3rd Floor South Patio



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

8:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room

9:00 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions 4

4A: Missions and Persistence

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Maggie Jones

The Legacy of Indian Missions in the United States

- *Maggie Jones, University of Victoria*
- *Donna Feir, Center for Indian Country Development, Minneapolis Fed, and University of Victoria*
- *David Scoones, University of Victoria*

Religion and the Scope of Morality: Evidence from Exposure to Missions in the DRC

- *Augustin Bergeron, Harvard University*

Protestant Missions in Korea: Examining Long-Run Impacts of Comity Agreements on Education

- *Jonathan Oxley, Florida State University*



4B: Ideology, Religion, and Culture in History

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Taylor Jaworski

The Emergence of Regional Cultures in the United States

- *Taylor Jaworski, University of Colorado*
- *Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University*

Resource Blessing? The Oil Age Roots of Religiosity in the U.S. South

- *Patrick Testa, Tulane University*
- *Andreas Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh*

Do Books Cause Revolutions? An Empirical Test of Darnton's Forbidden Books in Pre-Revolutionary France

- *Yu Sasaki, Waseda University*

Shaping Ideology and Institutions: Economic Incentives and Slavery in the US South

- *Michele Rosenberg, Northwestern University*
- *Federico Masera, University of New South Wales*

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room



11:00 - 12:30 PM Parallel Sessions 5

5A: Religion, Transacting, and Contracting

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Anthony Gill

The Efficient Smoke of Burnt Offerings: Religion, Trust, and Transaction Costs in the Gift Economy

- *Anthony Gill, University of Washington*
- *Michael D. Thomas, Creighton University*

Contracting with Religion-centered Agents: Designing Optimal Incentives Schemes in Public and Private Organizations

- *Nicoleta Acatrinei, Princeton University*

Delegating War

- *Giulio Iacobelli, Paris School of Economics*

Between the Sacred and the Secular: Why States Regulate Religious Institutions?

- *Pranav Gupta, UC Berkeley*



5B: Religion, Culture, and Pro-Social Behavior

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Felipe Valencia Caicedo

In Deu Speramus: Religion, Prosociality and Cooperation across the Globe

- *Felipe Valencia Caicedo, University of British Columbia*
- *Thomas Dohmen, University of Bonn*
- *Andreas Pendorfer, University of Bonn*

Does Religion Reduce Crime? Evidence from the Welsh Revival of 1904-05

- *Matt Lowe, The University of British Columbia*

The Causal Effect of Cultural Identity on Cooperation

- *Dietmar Fehr, University of Heidelberg*
- *Jeff Butler, UC Merced*

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break



2:00 – 3:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 6

6A: Institutions, Culture, and Conflict in pre-modern Europe

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Mark Koyama

The Political Economy of Status Competition: Sumptuary Laws in Preindustrial Europe

- *Mark Koyama, George Mason University*
- *Desiree Desierto, University of Rochester*

Droughts, Conflict, and Local Governance in Pre-Industrial Europe

- *Evan Wigton-Jones, Husson University*

At the Margin of the State; Corsica under Genoan Rule (1453-1769)

- *Oivind Schoyen, Hitotsubashi University*
- *Jean-Pascal Bassion, École normale supérieure de Lyon*

Modernization before Industrialization: Cultural Roots of the Demographic Transition in France

- *Guillaume Blanc, Brown University*



6B: Economics of the Clergy and Congregations

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Charles North

Treasure in Heaven: Returns to schooling in Clergy Labor Markets

- *Grant Seiter, Baylor University*
- *Scott Cunningham, Baylor University*
- *Charles North, Baylor University*

Sexual Identity and Priesthood: Theory and Evidence

- *Rohit Ticku, Chapman University*
- *Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economic*

The Role of Local Congregations in Gentrification

- *Dave Kresta, Portland State University*

Losing Religion: An OLG Model Exploration of Demographic Changes within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- *Ryan Wessel, The Church of Jesus Christ*

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee/Tea - Press Room



4:00 – 5:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 7

7A: Religion and Political Economy

Room: AF 209 A

Chair: Avner Seror

Judicial Independence, Religion, and Politics: Theory and Evidence

- *Avner Seror, Aix Marseille School of Economics*
- *Sultan Mehmood, Aix Marseille School of Economics*

A Political Economy of Ethnicity in Africa

- *Valeria Rueda, University of Nottingham*
- *Yannick Pengl, EPR, ETH Zurich*
- *Philip Roessler, School of Government*

Stereotypes in High-Stakes Decisions: Evidence from U.S. Circuit Courts

- *Daniel Chen, Toulouse School of Economics*
- *Arianna Ornaghi, University of Warwick*
- *Elliott Ash, ETH Zurich*

Hindu Religiosity and Political Behavior in India

- *Ajay Verghese, UC Riverside*



7B: Culture, Language, and the Spread of Ideas

Room: AF 209 B

Chair: Peter Grajzl

Characterizing a Legal-Intellectual Culture: Bacon, Coke, and Seventeenth-Century England

- *Peter Grajzl, Washington and Lee University*
- *Peter Murrell, University of Maryland*

Does Ideational Diffusion Explain the Rise of Witch-hunting? Exploring the Spread of Witch Persecution in Early Modern Europe

- *Kerice Doten-Snitker, University of Washington*
- *Steven Pfaff, University of Washington*

(Machine) Learning Languages: Do Societies Strategically Reduce Linguistic Distance?

- *Julian Dryer, University of Toronto*
- *Arthur Blouin, University of Toronto*

Network Diffusion of Competitive Contagion

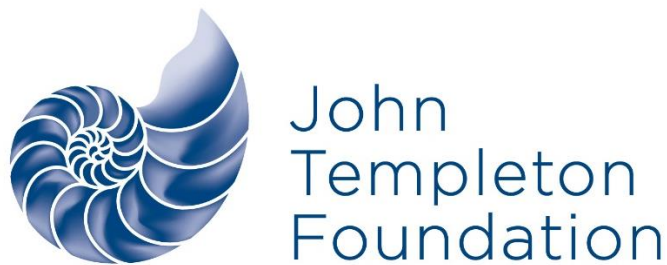
- *Yuan Hsiao, University of Washington*

5:30 – 7:30 PM: ASREC Farewell Reception

Location: Argyros Forum 3rd Floor South Patio



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