

CEPR Conference on The Economics of Religion

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Sunday, 9 June 2019

All participants arrive. Dinner at 8.00pm.

Monday, 10 June 2019

Keynote 1: 8:45 -- 9:45: Maristella Botticini

“Nature or Nurture? Insights from Judaism and Jewish History, 70 - 1930”

Coffee break: 9:45 -- 10:00

Session 1: 10:00 -- 11:30

- 10:00 – 10:30** *Religious Practice and Student Performance: Evidence from Ramadan Fasting*
Erik Hornung (University of Cologne and CEPR) Guido Schwerdt (University of Konstanz) and Maurizio Strazzeri (University of Konstanz)
- 10:30 – 11:00** *Christ's Shadow: Non-Cognitive Skills and Prosocial Behaviour Amongst the Guarani*
Felipe Valencia Caicedo (University of British Columbia) and Hans-Joachim Voth (University of Zurich)
- 11:00 – 11:30** *Can Schools Change Religious Attitudes? Evidence from German State Reforms of Compulsory Religious Education*
Benjamin Arold (ifo Institute at the University of Munich) Ludger Woessmann (ifo Institute at the University of Munich), and Larissa Zierow (ifo Institute at the University of Munich)

Coffee break: 11:30 -- 11:45

Session 2: 11:45 -- 13:15

11:45 – 12:15 *The Institutional Foundations of Religious Politics: Evidence from Indonesia*
Samuel Bazzi (Boston University, NBER and CEPR), Gabriel Koehler-Derrick
(Harvard University) and Benjamin Marx (Sciences Po)

12:15 – 12:45 *Churching for Welfare: Politics and Religiosity in the US 1996-2010*
Jeanet Sinding Bentzen (University of Copenhagen and CEPR) and Lena Lindbjerg
Sperling (Copenhagen Business School)

12:45 – 13:15 *The Economics of Missionary Expansion: Evidence from Africa and
Implications for Development*
Remi Jedwab (George Washington University), Felix Meier zu Selhausen (University of
Sussex), Alexander Moradi (University of Sussex)

Lunch 13:15 -- 14:30

Session 3: 14:30 -- 16:00

14:30 – 15:00 *The Protestant Reformation, Vernacularization, and Institutional Change*
Rajesh Ramachandran (Heidelberg University) and **Christine Binzel** (FAU and CEPR)

15:00 – 15:30 *Was Louis XIV Wrong? Socio-Economic Consequences of the Rise and Fall of
Protestantism in Early Modern France*
Cédric Chambru (University of Geneva)

15:30-16:00 *Weber Revisited: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Nationalism*
Felix Kersting (HU Berlin), Iris Wohnsiedler (HU Berlin), and Nikolaus Wolf (HU
Berlin)

Coffee break: 16:00 -- 16:30

Session 4: 16:30 -- 18:00

16:30 – 17:00 *God Games*
Aidin Hajikhameneh (San Jose State University), **Larry Iannaccone** (Chapman
University)

17:00 – 17:30 *Supernatural Protection and Economic Behavior: Beer Retailers in Eastern DRC*
Nathan Nunn (Harvard University, NBER and BREAD), Raul Sanchez de la Sierra
(University of California, Berkeley) **Max Winkler** (University of Zurich)

17:30 – 18:00 *Randomizing Religion: The Impact of Protestant Evangelism on Economic
Outcomes*
Gharad Bryan (London School of Economics and CEPR), James J. Choi (Yale
University), Dean Karlan (Northwestern University)

Dinner: 20:00: Location TBD

Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Keynote 2: 8:45 -- 9:45: **Robert Barro** and **Rachel McCleary**
“Martyrs and Saints in Catholicism”

Coffee break: 09:45 -- 10:00

Session 5: 10:00 -- 11:30

10:00 – 10:30 *Leader Identity and Coordination*

Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex), Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III Madrid), Lakshmi Iyer (University of Notre Dame), **Joseph Vecci** (University of Gothenburg)

10:30- 11:00 *Religious Legitimacy and the Long Divergence: Culture and Institutions in the West and in the Muslim World*

Alberto Bisin (New York University and CEPR), Jared Rubin (Chapman University), Avner Seror (Chapman University), Thierry Verdier (Paris School of Economics)

11:00 – 11:30 *The Economics of Religious Communities: Social Integration, Discrimination and Radicalization*

Jean-Paul Carvalho (University of California, Irvine) and Michael Sacks (University of Louisville)

Coffee break: 11:30 -- 11:45

Session 6: 11:45 -- 13:15

11:45 – 12:15 *Religiosity and Terrorism: Evidence from Ramadan Fasting*

Roland Hodler (University of St Gallen and CEPR), Paul A. Raschky (Monash University) and Anthony Strittmatter (University of St Gallen)

12:15 – 12:45 *Secularization and Religious Backlash: Evidence from Turkey*

Seyhun Orcan Sakalli (University of Lausanne)

12:45 – 13:45 *Stop Suffering! Economic Downturns and Pentecostal Upsurge*

Francisco Costa (FGV EPGE Brazilian School of Economics and Finance)

Lunch 13:15 -- 14:30

Session 7: 14:30 -- 16:00

- 14:30 – 15:00** *Effects of Catholic Censorship during the Counter-Reformation*
Sascha O. Becker (University of Warwick and CEPR), Francisco J. Pino (University of Chile) and **Jordi Vidal-Robert** (University of Sydney)
- 15:00 – 15:30** *Sex and the Mission: The Conflicting Effects of Early Christian Investments on the HIV Epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa*
Julia Cagé (Sciences Po Paris and CEPR) and **Valeria Rueda** (Pembroke College, Oxford University)
- 15:30 – 16:00** *Ethnic and Religious Intergenerational Mobility in Africa*
Alberto Alesina (Harvard University, NBER and CEPR), **Sebastian Hohmann** (London Business School), Stelios Michalopoulos (Brown University, NBER, and CEPR), Elias Papaioannou (London Business School and CEPR)

Coffee break: 16:00 -- 16:30

Session 8: 16:30 -- 17:30

- 16:30 – 17:00** *Markov Modeling of Cultural Evolution: an Application to Theistic Dynamics*
Murat Iyigun (University of Colorado at Boulder and IZA) and Miles Kimball (University of Colorado at Boulder and NBER)
- 17:00 – 17:30** *The Strategic Game between Autocratic Power, the Military, and the Clerics*
Emmanuelle Auriol (Toulouse School of Economics), **Jean-Philippe Platteau** (University of Namur), and Thierry Verdier (Paris School of Economics)

Keynote 3: 17:30 -- 18:30: Timur Kuran

“Uncovering Links between Islam and Economic Performance: Uses of Court Records”

Dinner: 20:00: Location TBD

Each session is 30 minutes in duration Author: 20-25 mins | Questions: 5-10 mins
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