

3rd Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference EMCON 2018

Welcome to EMCON 2018, a two-day event featuring sixteen PhD student presentations with discussion sessions, a keynote talk by Prof. Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern University) and concluding remarks by Prof. Peter Hull (University of Chicago). This year, the conference takes place in the *Kellogg Global Hub*, at 2211 Campus Drive, Evanston, at Northwestern University.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th

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

<i>Session 1 : DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH ECONOMICS</i>		
9:00-9:50	<i>“The Effects of Labor Scarcity on the Rate and Direction of Technical Change: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”</i> , Muly San (NYU)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Esteban Méndez Chacón (Cornell University)	
9:50-10:40	<i>“The Legacy of King Cotton: Agricultural Patterns and the Quality of Structural Change”</i> , Yeonha Jung (Boston University)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> John Loeser (UC Berkeley)	

10:40-11:00 **Coffee Break**

<i>Session 2A : MACROECONOMICS</i>		
11:00-11:50	<i>“Propagation of Local Demand Shocks: Local Specificity and Supply Chain Network Channel”</i> , Jay Jungsik Hyun (Columbia University)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Apoorv Gupta (Northwestern University)	
11:50-12:40	<i>“Retirements, Vacancy Chains, and the Secular Decline in Worker Reallocation”</i> , Seth Murray (University of Maryland)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Jay Jungsik Hyun (Columbia University)	

Session 2B : INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION		
11:00-11:50	“ <i>Vertical Integration between Hospitals and Insurers</i> ”, Benjamin Vatter (Northwestern University)	Room 2420
	<i>Discussant:</i> Christian Cox (Michigan State University)	
11:50-12:40	“ <i>Lobbying for Government Appropriations</i> ”, Christian Cox (Michigan State University)	Room 2420
	<i>Discussant:</i> Benjamin Vatter (Northwestern University)	

12:40-2:00 **Lunch**

Session 3 : POLITICAL ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT		
2:00-2:50	“ <i>Welfare Implications of Political Involvement in Utility Provisioning</i> ”, Meera Mahadevan (University of Michigan)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Shaoda Wang (UC Berkeley)	
2:50-3:40	“ <i>Environmental Regulation and Firm Productivity in China: Estimates from a Regression Discontinuity Design</i> ”, Shaoda Wang (UC Berkeley)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Muly San (NYU)	

3:40-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:00	<i>Keynote session : Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern University)</i>	Room 1410
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6:00-10:00 **Dinner for speakers, faculty and organizers.**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13th

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

<i>Session 1 : EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL</i>		
9:00-9:50	<i>“Peer effects in college application interventions”</i> , Karen Ye (University of Chicago)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Nicolas Chanut (London School of Economics)	
9:50-10:40	<i>“Switching Costs, Quality Misconceptions and Behavioral Pricing in the Pharmaceutical Market”</i> , Aljoscha Janssen (Stockholm School of Economics)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Matthew Leisten (Northwestern University)	

10:40-11:00 **Coffee Break**

<i>Session 2A : MACROECONOMICS</i>		
11:00-11:50	<i>“Pouring of Discounts: Impact of Rainfall-Induced Demand Shocks on Producer Prices”</i> , Apoorv Gupta (Northwestern University)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Wenhao Li (Stanford University)	
11:50-12:40	<i>“Public Liquidity Supply, Bank Run Risks, and Financial Crises”</i> , Wenhao Li (Stanford University)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Seth Murray (University of Maryland)	

<i>Session 2B : LABOR MICRO</i>		
11:00-11:50	<i>“Measuring the firm wage premium: Are we only capturing noise?”</i> , Nicolas Chanut (London School of Economics)	Room 3301
	<i>Discussant:</i> Runjing Lu (UC San Diego)	
11:50-12:40	<i>“Symbolic Awards at Work: A Regression Discontinuity Design”</i> , Runjing Lu (UC San Diego)	Room 3301
	<i>Discussant:</i> Karen Ye (University of Chicago)	

12:40-2:00 **Lunch**

Session 3 : DEVELOPMENT AND METHODS

2:00-2:50	<i>“Inframarginal treatment effects: Estimating the welfare losses from groundwater depletion in India”</i> , John Loeser (UC Berkeley)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Meera Mahadevan (University of Michigan)	
2:50-3:40	<i>“Multinationals and Development Evidence from the United Fruit Company in Costa Rica”</i> , Esteban Méndez-Chacón (Cornell University)	Room 1410
	<i>Discussant:</i> Yeonha Jung (Boston University)	

3:40-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:00	<i>Closing Remarks : Peter Hull (University of Chicago)</i>	Room 1410
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