

# Workshop on Politics of Favoritism and its Economic Implications

4 February 2021, 10:00 – 17:45 CET (-9 LA, -6 NYC, +10 Melbourne). Meet Online.

Register at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tlwsduipqT4iG9HIFQG1of\\_nRVB2hfn2OVGH](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tlwsduipqT4iG9HIFQG1of_nRVB2hfn2OVGH)

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## Session I: Spatial diffusion of local economic shocks

Chair: Zareh Asatryan, ZEW Mannheim

### 10:00 – 10:45 Key players in economic development

*Paul Raschky, Monash University* (with Ashani Amarasinghe, Roland Hodler, and Yves Zenou)

Discussant: Matthias Flückiger, University of York

### 10:45 – 11:30 Home bias in humanitarian aid: The role of regional favoritism in the allocation of international disaster relief

*Axel Dreher, University of Heidelberg* (with Christian Bommer and Marcello Perez-Alvarez)

Discussant: Marianna Lopes da Fonseca, University of St. Gallen

## Session II: Ethno-regional politics, human capital, and productivity

Chair: Zareh Asatryan, ZEW Mannheim

### 12:00 – 12:45 Favoritism and Firms: Micro Evidence and Macro Implications

*David Gomtsyan, ZEW Mannheim* (with Zareh Asatryan, Thushyanthan Baskaran, and Carlo Birkholz)

Discussant: Andreas Fuchs, University of Göttingen

### 12:45 – 13:30 The employment effects of ethnic politics

*Francesco Amodio, McGill University* (with Giorgio Chiovelli and Sebastian Hohmann)

Discussant: Raphaël Franck, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Session III: Keynote

Chair: Thushyanthan Baskaran, University of Siegen

### 14:00 – 15:00 Religion and African educational mobility

*Elias Papaioannou, London Business School* (with Alberto Alesina, Sebastian Hohmann, and Stelios Michalopoulos)

## Session IV: Origins of ethnic and religious landscapes

Chair: Thushyanthan Baskaran, University of Siegen

### 15:30 – 16:15 Taxing identity: Theory and evidence from early Islam

*Mohamed Saleh, University of Toulouse* (with Jean Tirole)

Discussant: Theodoros Grigoriadis, FU Berlin

### 16:15 – 17:00 Cash crops, print technologies and the politicization of ethnicity in Africa

*Valeria Rueda, University of Nottingham* (with Yannick Pengl and Philip Roessler)

Discussant: Sara Lowes, University of California, San Diego

### 17:00 – 17:45 Religion and the scope of mortality: Evidence from exposure to missions in the D.R. Congo

*Augustin Bergeron, Harvard University*

Discussant: Kai Gehring, University of Zurich

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