

**Conference on Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects
 December 17-18, 2018**

Monday, December 17, 2018

8:30 am – 8:45 am	Registration
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Introduction to Y-RISE Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Y-RISE Faculty Director
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Introduction to the Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects Network Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame David Lagakos, University of California, San Diego
9:15 am – 10:25 am	Adam Szeidl, Central European University, “ <i>Direct and Indirect Effects of Financial Access on SMEs</i> ” Discussant: Yongseok Shin, Washington University in St. Louis
10:25 am – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 am – 12:00 pm	Robert Townsend, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “ <i>Spatial Spillovers and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from Village Financial Interventions in Thailand</i> ” Discussant: Francisco Buera, Washington University in St. Louis
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:40 pm	Paul Niehaus, University of California, San Diego, “ <i>The Welfare Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers</i> ” Discussant: Michael Waugh, New York University
2:40 pm – 2:50 pm	Break
2:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Kevin Donovan, Yale University, “ <i>Bringing Data to the Model: Quantitative Implications of an Equilibrium Diffusion Model</i> ” Discussant: Tommaso Porzio, University of California, San Diego
4:00 pm – 4:20 pm	Break
4:20 pm – 5:30 pm	Robin Burgess, London School of Economics, “ <i>Why Do People Stay Poor?</i> ” Discussant: David Lagakos, University of California, San Diego

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7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Dinner**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:30 am – 9:40 am Melanie Morten, Stanford University, “*Border Walls*”
Discussant: Michael Peters, Yale University

9:40 am – 9:50 am **Break**

9:50 am – 11:00 am Joe Kaboski, Yale University, “*How Important are Non-convexities for
Development? Experimental Evidence from Uganda*”
Discussant: TBD

11:00 am – 11:10 am **Break**

11:10 am – 12:30 pm Agenda Setting Session

12:30 pm **Lunch**