



**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 – 9:10 am	Introduction to Y-RISE Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Y-RISE Faculty Director
9:10 am – 9:25 am	Introduction to the Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects Network Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame David Lagakos, University of California, San Diego
9:25 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 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:45 am	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
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Paul Niehaus, University of California, San Diego, <i>“The Welfare Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers”</i> Discussant: Michael Waugh, New York University
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Robin Burgess, London School of Economics, <i>“Why Do People Stay Poor?”</i> Discussant: David Lagakos, University of California, San Diego
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm	Wyatt Brooks, University of Notre Dame, <i>“Bringing Data to the Model: Quantitative Implications of an Equilibrium Diffusion Model”</i> Discussant: Tommaso Porzio, University of California, San Diego

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7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Dinner**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

9:30 am – 9:45 am **Break**

9:45 am – 10:45 am Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame, “*How important are
nonconvexities for development? Experimental Evidence from Uganda*”
Discussant: Cynthia Kinnan, Tufts University

10:45 am – 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Agenda Setting Session

12:30 pm **Lunch**