

Y-RISE Inaugural Conference December 2018

List of Speakers and Presentations

Political Economy Effects Presentations

Michael Callen, University of California, San Diego, “The Political Determinants of Successful Reforms: Evidence from a Health Experiment in Pakistan” and “Moving from Pilot Projects to National Programs: Integrating Successful Pilots into the Broader State Apparatus”

Katherine Casey, Stanford University, “Barriers to Scaling Political Information Campaigns”

Adnan Khan, London School of Economics, “The gap between RCTs and Government Policy: A practitioner’s perspective”

Michael Kremer, Harvard University, [“There is No Place Like Home: Theory and Evidence on Decentralization and Politician Preferences”](#) and [“Which Innovations Reach More than 100,000 or One Million People? Evidence from the Development Innovation Ventures Portfolio”](#)

Eliana La Ferrara, Bocconi University, [“The Political Economy of Program Enforcement: Evidence from Brazil”](#)

Spillovers, Network, and General Equilibrium Effects Presentations

Arun Advani, University of Warwick, [“Insurance Networks and Poverty Traps”](#)

Mohammad Akbarpour, Stanford University, [“Just a Few Seeds More: Value of Network Information for Diffusion”](#)

Lori Beaman, Northwestern University, [“Can Network Theory-based Targeting Increase Technology Adoption?”](#)

Emily Breza, Harvard University, [“Scabs: The Social Suppression of Labor Supply”](#)

Benjamin Golub, Harvard University, [“Targeting Interventions in Networks”](#)

Sean Higgins, University of California, Berkeley, [“Financial Technology Adoption”](#)

Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University, [“Demand Estimation with Strategic Complementarities: Sanitation in Bangladesh”](#)

Christopher Neilson, Princeton University, [“The Equilibrium Effects of Informed School Choice”](#)

Andrew Newman, Boston University, [“The Top-Ten Way to Integrate High Schools”](#)

Rossa O’Keeffe-O’Donovan, Nuffield Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Oxford University, [“Water, Spillovers and Free Riding: Provision of Local Public Goods in a Spatial Network”](#)

Mark Rosenzweig, Yale University, “Risk, Investment and Anticipatory Migration”

Macro, Growth, and Welfare Effects Presentations

Wyatt Brooks, University of Notre Dame, [“Bringing Data to the Model: Quantitative Implications of an Equilibrium Diffusion Model”](#)

Robin Burgess, London School of Economics, “Why Do People Stay Poor?”

Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame, “How important are nonconvexities for development? Experimental Evidence from Uganda”

Melanie Morten, Stanford University, [“Border Walls”](#)

Paul Niehaus, University of California, San Diego, “The Welfare Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers”

Adam Szeidl, Central European University, “Direct and Indirect Effects of Financial Access on SMEs”

Robert Townsend, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Spatial Spillovers and Labor Market Dynamics: Evidence from Village Financial Interventions in Thailand”

Evidence Aggregation and External Validity Presentations

Michael Bates, University of California, Riverside, “Do Learning Communities Increase First Year College Retention? Testing the External Validity of Randomized Control Trials”

Michael Gechter, Pennsylvania State University, [“Evaluating Ex Ante Counterfactual Predictions Using Ex Post Causal Inference”](#)

Michael Kremer, Harvard University, “Meta-Analysis and Public Policy: The Case of Mass Deworming”

Charles Manski, Northwestern University, “Wishful Extrapolation of Trial Findings to Clinical Uncertainty” ([“Reasonable Patient Care Under Uncertainty”](#))

Rachael Meager, London School of Economics, “Vitamin A Supplements and Child Mortality: Resolving a Controversy in Meta-Analysis”

Costas Meghir, Yale University, [“Early Stimulation and Nutrition: The Impacts of a Scalable Intervention”](#)

Yusuke Narita, Yale University, “Ethical Experiments”

Alexander Torgovitsky, University of Chicago, “Identification of Causal Effects with Multiple Instruments: Problems and Some Solutions”

Eva Vivalt, Australian National University, “Using Priors to Improve Extrapolation”

Christopher Walters, University of California, Berkeley, “Reasonable Doubt: When are Call-backs a Crime?”