



2nd GW Student Research Conference in Economics Conference Agenda

Duquès Hall, 2201 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20052
Saturday, April 21, 2018

Room 151	Registration	08:00 am – 08:45 am
Room 151	Opening Remarks	08:45 am – 09:00 am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Sumit Joshi, Chair of Department of Economics, <i>George Washington University</i> Steven (Ruoyu) Chen, Vice President of <i>GW Student Association for Graduate Economists (SAGE)</i> 	
SESSION I		09:00 am – 10:00 am
Room 152	PANEL 1A: Microeconomic Theory Chair: Constantin Bürgi	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Shunjie Tu, University of Maryland</i> “Sequential Auctions with New Entrants” <i>Arthur Dolgoplov, George Mason University</i> “Revealed Social Preferences” 	
Room 250	PANEL 1B: International Economics Chair: Hani Kawar	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sung Ah Bahk, Johns Hopkins University</i> “Distributional Effects of Ability Learning and Career Choice” <i>Hani Kawar, George Washington University</i> “Retraining in the Welfare State and a Solution for its Instability” 	
	Coffee Break	10:00 am – 10:30 am

SESSION II		10:30 am–12:00 pm
Room 152	PANEL 2A: Environment and Energy Chair: Cheng Xu	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hind Alnafisah, Howard University and Princess Nourah University</i> “Would Crude Oil Prices More Significantly Influence the Diffusion Rate of The Renewable Energy Portfolio in The United States?” • <i>Becka Brolinson, Georgetown University</i> “Does Increasing Block Pricing Decrease Energy Use?” • <i>Cheng Xu, George Washington University</i> “Do Chinese Drivers Respond to Gasoline Price Changes?” 	
Room 250	PANEL 2B: Poverty, Migration, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination Chair: Nazmul Hoque	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nazmul Hoque, George Washington University</i> “Madrassa Trap? Poverty, Preference, and Muslim Religious Schooling in Indonesia” • <i>Hanchen Jiang, Johns Hopkins University</i> “The Impact of Paternal Migration on Child Non-cognitive Skills: Evidence from Rural China” • <i>Dario Sansone, Georgetown University</i> “Same-Sex Marriage, Discrimination, and Labor Supply” 	
Room 259	PANEL 2C: Financial and Monetary Economics Chair: Constantin Bürgi	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chang Ma, Johns Hopkins University</i> “Financial Stability, Growth and Macroprudential Policy” • <i>Paul Sangrey, University of Pennsylvania</i> “Jumps, Realized Densities, and News Premia” • <i>Kevin Yuan, Johns Hopkins University</i> “The Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks on Bank Stock Returns” 	
	Lunch	12:00 pm – 01:00 pm

SESSION III		01:00 pm – 02:30 pm
Room 152	PANEL 3A: Economic Policy Chair: Abhilasha Sahay	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Amira Alghumgham, Howard University</i> “Does the District 2012 Income Tax Policy Increase Tax Revenue?” • <i>Abhilasha Sahay, George Washington University</i> “Designing Policy in Weak States: Unintended Consequences of Alcohol Prohibition in Bihar” • <i>Divya Singh, Columbia University</i> “Safer Elections and Women Turnout: Evidence from India” 	
Room 250	PANEL 3B: Urban and Regional Chair: Trenton Chen Jin	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lei Ge, Georgetown University</i> “Natural Disasters and Real Estate Markets. The Tenure Choice Channel” • <i>James Graham, New York University</i> “Consumption Responses to House Price Heterogeneity” • <i>Trenton Chen Jin, George Washington University</i> “Reassessing the Benefit of Tax Treatment of Owner-Occupied Housing” 	
Room 259	PANEL 3C: International Capital Flows Chair: Bo Jiang	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gao Chen, George Washington University</i> “Rethinking the Balassa-Samuelson Effect: Central Bank’s Capital Control Policy and Real Exchange Rate Misalignments” • <i>Robert A. McDowall, New York University</i> “Sovereign Default and Capital Controls” • <i>Owen Nie, University of Michigan</i> “The Information Content of Capital Controls” 	
	Coffee Break	02:30 pm – 03:00 pm

SESSION IV		03:00 pm – 04:30 pm
Room 152	PANEL 4A: Institutions and Economic Outcomes Chair: Alicia Huong Dang	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alicia H. Dang, George Washington University</i> “Industrial Policy and the Multi-Dimensionality of Political Connections” • <i>Maryiam Haroon, Lahore School of Economics</i> “Does spatial Proximity Matter? Understanding the Costs and Benefits of Agglomeration” • <i>Moogdho Mahzab, University of Virginia</i> “Dishonest Politicians and Public Goods Provision” 	
Room 250	PANEL 4B: Macroeconomic Forecasting Chair: Olga Beshpalova	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Olga Beshpalova, George Washington University</i> “Can the SPF and FOMC Participants Learn from Each Other?” • <i>Marta Boczoń, University of Pittsburgh</i> “Forecasting Recessions: A Hybrid Alternative to DSGE Models” • <i>S. Yanki Kalfa, Johns Hopkins University</i> “Forecasting the Federal Open Market Committee’s Forecasts” 	
Room 151	Closing Remarks	04:45 pm – 05:00 pm

Organizing Committee:

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