



2020 RIDGE VIRTUAL FORUM
WORKSHOP
TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH
(Virtual Forum via Zoom)

2020 RIDGE DECEMBER VIRTUAL FORUM

Montevideo, Uruguay / December 10-11, 2020

Scientific Committee

Giorgio Chiovelli (Universidad de Montevideo)

Omar Licandro (Nottingham University)

Luigi Pascali (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Felipe Valencia Caicedo (University of British Columbia)

Diana Van Patten (Princeton University)

Keynote Speakers:

Nathan Nunn (Harvard University)

December 10th

Paola Giuliano (Anderson School of Management, UCLA)

December 11th

WORKSHOP PROGRAM: Towards Sustainable Growth

Presentations will be 30 minutes long, with 10 minutes for questions and answers.

Coauthors are welcome to join the chat / discussion!

NOTICE: All times are for Montevideo, Uruguay (UTC -3)

DECEMBER, Thursday 10th December

09:10 – 09:20 **Welcome Remarks, Omar Licandro, RIDGE Executive Secretary**

Session 1: Trade and Infrastructure

Chairs: Luigi Pascali and Giorgio Chiovelli

09:20 – 10:00 **Roman Transport Network Connectivity and Economic Integration**

Erik Hornung, University of Cologne (with M. Flückiger, M. Larch, M. Ludwig and A. Mees)

10:00 – 10:40 **Free and Protected: Trade and Breaks in Long-Term Persistence**

Sebastian Ellingsen, Universitat Pompeu Fabra * JMP

10:40 – 11:20 **Skilled Scalable Services: The New Urban Bias in Economic Growth**

Conor Walsh, Princeton University (with F. Eckert and S. Ganapati)

11:20 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Session 2: Famine and Discrimination

11:30 – 12:10 **The Political Economy Causes of the Soviet Great Famine, 1932–33**

Nancy Qian, Northwestern University (with A. Markevich and N. Naumenko)

12:10 – 12:50 **The Costs of Employment Segregation: Evidence from the Federal Government under Wilson**

Guo Xu, UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business (with A. Aneja)

12:50 – 13:00 Coffee Break

Session 3: Technology and Innovation

Chairs: Felipe Valencia and Diana Van Patten

13:00 – 13:40 **The Research University, Invention, and Industry: Evidence from German History**

Jeremiah Dittmar, LSE (with R. Meisenzahl)

13:40 – 14:20 **New Technologies, Productivity, and Jobs: The (Heterogeneous) Effects of Electrification on US Manufacturing**

Martin Fiszbein, Boston University (with J. Lafortune, J. Tessada and E. Lewis)

14:20 – 14:30

Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:10

Access to Information, Technology Adoption and Productivity: Large-Scale Evidence from Agriculture in India

Apoorv Gupta, Dartmouth College (with J. Ponticelli and A. Tesei)

15:10 – 15:50

Technology Transfer and Industrialization: Evidence from the Sino-Soviet Alliance

Michela Giorcelli, UCLA Economics (with B. Li)

15:50 – 16:00

Coffee Break

Keynote Speaker

16:00 – 17:00

Nomadic Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa

Nathan Nunn, Harvard University and CIFAR (with E. F. McGuirk)

DECEMBER, Friday 11th December

Session 1: Persecution and Migration

Chairs: Giorgio Chiovelli and Luigi Pascali

09:20 – 10:00

Persecution and Escape: Evidence from Academic Networks in Nazi Germany

Sascha Becker, Monash U and U Warwick (with V. Lindenthal, S. Mukand and F. Waldinger)

10:00 – 10:40

The Refugee's Dilemma: Evidence from Jewish Migration out of Nazi Germany

Seyhun Sakalli, King's College London (with J. Buggle, T. Mayer and M. Thoenig)

10:40 – 10:50

Coffee Break

Session 2: Religion

10:50 – 11:30

Religion and Social Mobility in Africa

Elias Papaioannou, London Business School (with A. Alesina, S. Hohmann and S. Michalopoulos)

11:30 – 12:10

Religion and the Scope of Morality: Evidence from Exposure to Missions in the D.R. Congo

Augustin Bergeron, Harvard University * JMC

12:10 – 12:50

Religious Festivals and Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint Day Festivals in Mexico

Eduardo Montero, University of Michigan (with D. Yang)

12:50 – 13:00 Coffee Break

Session 3: Ethnicities and Migration

Chairs: Diana Van Patten and Felipe Valencia

13:00 – 13:40 **Within-Group Heterogeneity in a Multi-Ethnic Society**

Miriam Artiles, Universitat Pompeu Fabra * JMP

13:40 – 14:10 **Immigrants, Industries, and Path Dependence**

Sebastian Ottinger, UCLA Anderson School of Management * JMP

14:10 – 14:30 Coffee Break

Session 4: Wealth and Rules

14:30 – 15:10 **History's Masters: The Effect of European Monarchs on State Performance**

Nico Voigtländer, UCLA Anderson School of Management (with S. Ottinger)

15:10 – 15:50 **Wealth Accumulation and Institutional Capture: the Rise of the Medici and the Fall of the Florentine Republic**

Roberto Galbiati, CNRS-Sciences Po (with M Belloc, F. Drago and M. Fochesato)

15:50 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Keynote Speaker

16:00 – 17:00 **The Long-term Effects of Immigrants in America**

Paola Giuliano, UCLA Anderson School of Management

17:00 – 17:10 **Closing Remarks: Scientific Committee**

Local Times

Barcelona 13:10 – 21:10
Boston 07:10 – 15:10
Chicago 06:10 – 14:10
Los Angeles / Vancouver 04:10 – 12:10
London 12:10 – 20:10
Paris / Berlin 13:10 – 21:10
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