



XIII RIDGE FORUM

Workshop on PUBLIC ECONOMICS

Program

2021 RIDGE VIRTUAL FORUM

September 30 – October 1, 2021

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Keynote Speaker

John Friedman (Brown University)

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

NOTICE: All times are ET | Time allocation: 15 minutes for presentation and 8 minutes for Q&A

SEPTEMBER, Thursday 30

10:00-10:10 Welcome and opening remarks

10:10-11:20 **Session 1. Tax evasion**

[“Labor Market Consequences of Anti-tax Avoidance Policies”](#)

Katarzyna Bilicka, Utah State University

[“Effects of International Tax Provisions on Domestic Labor Markets”](#)

Eric Ohrn, Grinnell College

“Ghosting the Tax Authority: Fake Firms and Tax Fraud”

Dina Pomeranz, University of Zurich

11:20-11:30 Break

11:30-12:40pm **Session 2. Political Economy**

[“Is Charitable Giving Political? New Evidence from Wealth and Income Tax Returns”](#)

Julia Cagé, Sciences Po Paris

“What Drives Tax Policy? Political and Economic Determinants of State Tax Policy in the Past 40 Years”

Alisa Tazhitdinova, University of California Santa Barbara and National Bureau of Economic Research

[“The Costs of Bureaucracy and Corruption at Customs: Evidence from the Computerization of Imports in Colombia”](#)

Marcela Eslava, Universidad de los Andes

12:40-13:10 Lunch break

13:10-14:20

Session 2. Public Policy in Labor Markets

[“Tax Evasion and the Minimum Wage”](#)

Daniel Prinz, Institute for Fiscal Studies

[“The Labor Effects of Pro-labor Bias in Bankruptcy”](#)

Spyridon Lagaras, University of Pittsburgh

[“When do Minimum Wages Increase Social Welfare? A Sufficient Statistics Analysis with Taxes and Transfers”](#)

Damian Vergara, UC Berkeley

End of Day 1

OCTOBER, Friday 1

10:10-11:20

Session 3. Behavioral Public Economics

[“Can Behavioral Interventions Be Too Salient? Evidence from Traffic Safety Messages”](#)

Joshua Madsen, University of Minnesota

[“The \\$100 Million Nudge: Increasing Tax Compliance of Businesses and the Self-employed using a Natural Field Experiment”](#)

Alejandro Zentner, The University of Texas at Dallas

[“When Transparency Fails: Financial Incentives for Local Banking Agents in Indonesia”](#)

Gianmarco Leon Ciliotta, U Pompeu Fabra & Barcelona GSE

11:20-11:30

Break

11:30-12:40pm

Session 4. Social Policy and Labor

“Expect the Unexpected: Does Social Assistance Disincentivise Employment, Job Formality, and Mobility?”

Dyah Pritadrajati, Australian National University

“Sent Away: Long-Term Effects of Forced Displacements”

Fernanda Rojas Ampuero, UC Los Angeles

“Wage Effects of Employer-Mediated Transfers”

Darío Tortarolo, University of Nottingham & IFS

12:40-13:10

Lunch Break

13:10-14:00

Session 5. Education

“Learning About Opportunity: Spillovers of Elite School Admissions in Peru”

Ricardo Estrada, CAF–Development Bank of Latin America

“What makes a program good? Evidence from short-cycle higher education programs in Latin America and the Caribbean”

María Marta Ferreyra, The World Bank

14:00-14:10

Break

14:10-15:20

KEYNOTE TALK: “The Economic Impacts of COVID-19: Evidence from a New Public Database Built Using Private Sector Data”

John Friedman, Brown University

15:20-15:30

Closing remarks