

2022 NOVAFRICA CONFERENCE

» ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 22-23 | NOVA SBE, LISBON PORTUGAL



June 22, 2022

8.30 AM

REGISTRATION

9.00 AM

OPENING SESSION

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Daniel Traça, Dean of Nova School of Business and Economics

Manuel de Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique

10.00 AM

COFFEE BREAK

10.30 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| INTRAHOUSEHOLD

Room B 127

Hidden in Plain Sight: Asymmetric Information and Hidden Income within the Household

Sally Zhang, Stanford University

Discussant: Olivier Bargain

Female Genital Cutting and Bride Price

Suzanna Khalifa, Aix-Marseille School of Economics

Discussant: Sally Zhang

Steered Away from the Fields: Short-Term Impacts of Oxen on Agricultural Production and Intra-Household Labor Supply

Andrew Brudevold-Newman, World Bank

Discussant: Suzanna Khalifa

Culture, Intra-household Distribution and Individual Poverty

Olivier Bargain, Bordeaux School of Economics

Discussant: Andrew Brudevold-Newman

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| INVESTMENTS IN HUMAN CAPITAL

Room B 137

Nudging Parental Investment in Early Childhood? Experimental Evidence from Rwanda

Marinella Leone, University of Pavia

Discussant: Alex Armand

To invest or not to invest in sanitation: the role of intra-household gender differences in perceptions and bargaining power

Bansi Malde, University of Kent

Discussant: Marinella Leone

Subsidies and the sustainability of technology adoption: Evidence from the sanitation services market in Dakar

Joshua Deutschmann, University of Chicago

Discussant: Bansi Malde

Public Service Delivery and Free Riding: Experimental Evidence from India

Alex Armand, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Joshua Deutschmann

| LABOR

Room B 129

The Interaction of Public and Private Sector in Least Developed Countries

Ija Trapeznikova, Royal Holloway University of London

Discussant: Andreas Menze

Formalized Employee Search and Labor Demand

Marc Witte, IZA

Discussant: Ija Trapeznikova

Why Networks Matter for Employment: Experimental Evidence from the Meet Your Future Program

Livia Alfonsi, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Marc Witte

The Impacts of Information in Informal Labor Markets: Experimental Evidence from Ghana

Andreas Menzel, CERGE-EI Prague

Discussant: Livia Alfonsi

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| HEALTH

Room B 130

Follow the Leader: Community-based Health Insurance in West Africa

Rute Martins Caeiro, UNU-WIDER

Discussant: Adeline Delavande

Free Health Care at Birth and Adult Mental Health: Evidence from South Africa

Arinze Nwokolo, Lagos Business School

Discussant: Rute Martins Caeiro

Women's Position in Ancestral Societies and Female HIV: The Long-Term Effect of Matrilineality in Sub-Saharan Africa

Jordan Loper, ENS Lyon

Discussant: Arinze Nwokolo

Mortality Risk Information, Survival Expectations and Sexual Behaviors

Adeline Delavande, University of Technology Sydney

Discussant: Jordan Loper

| SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Room B 131

Social Networks and Immigrant Integration: Experimental Evidence from Sweden

Akib Khan, Uppsala University

Discussant: Rita Ginja

Personalized Information Provision and the Take-Up of Emergency Government Benefits: Experimental Evidence from India

Amrit Amirapu, University of Kent

Discussant: Akib Khan

The Wellbeing Effects of an Old Age Pension: Experimental Evidence for Ekiti State in Nigeria

Maria Laura Alzua, CEDLAS - UNLP

Discussant: Amrit Amirapu

The Heterogeneous Quality in Delivery of Welfare: Evidence from Social Workers in the Chile Solidario Program

Rita Ginja, University of Bergen

Discussant: Maria Laura Alzua

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12.30 PM LUNCH

2.00 PM **KEYNOTE SPEECH: SEASONAL POVERTY**
(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University

3.00 PM COFFEE BREAK

3.30 PM **PARALLEL SESSIONS B**

| FIRMS

Room B 129

Firms amid Conflict: Performance, Production Inputs, and Market Competition

Michele Di Maio, Sapienza University of Rome

Discussant: Brais Álvarez Pereira

The Impact of a Business Plan Competition on Selected Economic Outcomes for Horticultural Farmers in Rwanda

Mohamed Abouaziza, University of Sussex

Discussant: Michele Di Maio

Impact of Market Information on Cashew Producers in Guinea-Bissau

Giulio Schinaia, University of Oxford

Discussant: Mohamed Abouaziza

Acquisitions, Management, and Efficiency in Rwanda's Coffee Industry

Ameet Morjaria, Northwestern University

Discussant: Giulio Schinaia

Group size and the use of skills diversity in production. Evidence from the lab and the field

Brais Álvarez Pereira, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Ameet Morjaria

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| PUBLIC SECTOR INCENTIVES

Room B 137

Motivating Farmer Trainers. Experimental evidence from rural Uganda

Olivia Bertelli, Université Paris-Dauphine and DIAL

Discussant: Pedro Vicente

Information Design To Improve Service Delivery: Experimental Evidence from Guinea-Bissau

Mattia Fracchia, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Olivia Bertelli

Promotions and Productivity: The Role of Meritocracy and Pay Progression in the Public Sector

Gianmarco León-Ciliotta, Univ Pompeu Fabra & BSE

Discussant: Mattia Fracchia

Motivating Volunteer Health Workers in an African Capital City

Pedro Vicente, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Gianmarco León-Ciliotta

| POLITICAL ECONOMY I

Room B 127

Uncertainty, investment, and donations

Steven Poelhekke, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Discussant: Alexander Coutts

Development via Administrative Redistricting: Evidence from Brazil

Ricardo Dahis, PUC-Rio

Discussant: Steven Poelhekke

Decentralization in Indonesia and Local Outcomes Estimating Spending Efficiency

Stephane Straub, Toulouse School of Economics

Discussant: Ricardo Dahis

Traditional leaders and local government in South Africa

Leonard le Roux, Sciences Po

Discussant: Stephane Straub

Measuring corruption in the field using behavioral games

Alexander Coutts, York University

Discussant: Leonard le Roux

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| GENDER

Room B 130

Whom would you rather work with? An experiment on gender discrimination in the referral system in Uganda

Pedro de Souza Ferreira, Bocconi University

Discussant: Ana Garcia-Hernandez

Job Search Technology, Social Networks and Gender: Experimental Evidence from Urban India

Nikita Sangwa, Indian Statistical Institute

Discussant: Pedro de Souza Ferreira

Addressing gender-based segregation through information: Evidence from a randomized experiment in the Republic of Congo

Léa Rouanet, World Bank

Discussant: Nikita Sangwa

Gender, Work, and Structural Transformation

Charles Gottlieb, University of St. Gallen

Discussant: Léa Rouanet

Wheels of Change: Transforming Girl's Lives with Bicycles

Ana Garcia-Hernandez, Universidad del Rosario and IPA

Discussant: Charles Gottlieb

| EDUCATION

Room B 131

Identifying and Teaching High-Growth Entrepreneurship: Experimental Evidence from Academies for University Students in Uganda

Timm Opitz, Max Planck Institute

Discussant: Julia Seither

An Aspiring Friend Is a Friend Indeed: On the mechanisms behind peer influences on human capital accumulation

Jessica Gagete-Miranda, University of Milan-Bicocca

Discussant: Opitz Timm

Information, Student-Parent Communication, and Secondary School Choice: Experimental Evidence from Kenya

Stephanie Bonds, Center for Global Development

Discussant: Jessica Gagete-Miranda

Lowering Barriers to Remote Education: Experimental Impacts on Learning and Parental Response

Emily Beam, University of Vermont

Discussant: Stephanie Bonds

The Economics of Women's Entrepreneurship

Julia Seither, Universidad del Rosario

Discussant: Emily Beam

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COFFEE BREAK

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POLICY ROUNDTABLE: *CLOSING GENDER GAPS*

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Chair: Catia Batista, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Argentina Matavel, United Nations Population Fund

Esselina Macome, Financial Sector Deepening Moçambique and UEM

Magda Robalo Silva, Women in Global Health

Wendy Teleki, World Bank

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| PROPERTY RIGHTS

Room B 127

Land Rental Markets: Experimental Evidence from Kenya

Jack Willis, Columbia University

Discussant: Ragnar Torvik

Property Rights and Social Dependence How Informal Institutions Shape Land Formalization in Weak States

Pablo Ezequiel Balán, Tel Aviv University

Discussant: Jack Willis

Land Security and Mobility Frictions

Diego Restuccia, University of Toronto

Discussant: Pablo Ezequiel Balán

On the Origins and Consequences of Communal Property Rights

Eduardo Montero, University of Chicago

Discussant: Diego Restuccia

On the Political Economy of Autocratic Land Reform

Ragnar Torvik, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Discussant: Eduardo Montero

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| TAXATION

Room B 129

Taxation in Africa from Colonial Times to Present Evidence from former French colonies 1900-2018

Sandrine Mesplé-Somps, Paris School of Economics

Discussant: Alejandro Zentner

Widening the Tax Base when Information is Scarce: the Role of Agents' Discretion

Justine Knebelmann, JPAL MIT

Discussant: Sandrine Mesplé-Somps

Rewarding Allegiance: Political Alignment and Fiscal Outcomes in Local Government

Samuel Obeng, University of Warwick

Discussant: Justine Knebelmann

Where Do My Tax Dollars Go? Tax Morale Effects of Perceived Government Spending

Alejandro Zentner, University of Texas at Dallas

Discussant: Samuel Obeng

| MIGRATION

Room B 137

'Left behind' but at school? Heterogeneous effects of migration on education: Evidence from Mali

Florence Arestoff, Université Paris Dauphine

Discussant: Catia Batista

COVID-19 and Intentions to Migrate from The Gambia: Survey Evidence and a Salience Experiment

Tijan Bah, Navarra Center for International Development

Discussant: Florence Arestoff

Responses to Temperature Shocks: Labor Markets and Migratory Decisions in El Salvador

Andrea Velasquez, University of Colorado Denver

Discussant: Tijan Bah

Informing Risky Migration: Evidence from a field experiment in Guinea

Giacomo Battiston, University of Padova

Discussant: Andrea Velasquez

Can Information and Alternatives to Irregular Migration Reduce "Backway" Migration to Europe?

Catia Batista, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Giacomo Battiston

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| FINANCE

Room B 130

Bank Presence and Health

Kim Fe Cramer, London School of Economics

Discussant: Jules Gazeaud

Microequity and Mutuality: Experimental Evidence on Credit with Performance-Contingent Repayment

Muhammad Meki, University of Oxford

Discussant: Kim Fe Cramer

Do Index Insurance Programs Live Up to their Promises? Aggregating Evidence from Multiple Experiments

Jules Gazeaud, J-PAL

Discussant: Muhammad Meki

| POLITICAL ECONOMY II

Room B 131

Doing business while holding public office: Evidence from Mozambique's firm registry

Sam Jones, UNU-WIDER & University of Copenhagen

Discussant: Wayne Sandholtz

Countering Islamic Radicalization in Northern Mozambique through Radio Campaigning

Inês Vilela, Royal Holloway, U. of London and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Sam Jones

Soft Skills Training and Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Youth in Post-Conflict Côte d'Ivoire: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial

Assi J. C. Kimou, Copenhagen Business School

Discussant: Inês Vilela

The Effect of Social Media on Voters: Experimental Evidence from an Indian Election

Kevin Carney, University of Chicago

Discussant: Assi J. C. Kimou

Do voters reward service delivery? Experimental evidence from Liberia

Wayne Sandholtz, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Kevin Carney

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11.30 AM COFFEE BREAK

12.00 PM **KEYNOTE SPEECH: IT'S (ALSO) WHAT YOU PRODUCE: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**
(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Jakob Svensson, Stockholm University

1.00 PM LUNCH

2.30 PM **PARALLEL SESSIONS D**

| CONFLICT

Room B 137

Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa

Eoin McGuirk, Tufts University

Discussant: Victoire Girard

Inequality and antisocial behavior: an experiment in West Africa

Matilde Grácio, Nova SBE and NOVAFICA

Discussant: Eoin McGuirk

Building reputation: Proxy wars and transnational identities

Marion Mercier, Paris-Dauphine

Discussant: Matilde Grácio

Sexual violence as a weapon of war

Victoire Girard, Nova SBE and NOVAFICA

Discussant: Marion Mercier

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| FERTILITY

Room B 129

Defusing a Population Explosion? Jobs and Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa

Celine Zipfel, Stockholm School of Economics

Discussant: Renate Hartwig

Chad: Human Fertility, Crop Production and Changing Weather Patterns

Jake Organ, Colorado College

Discussant: Celine Zipfel

Firstborn Girls and Family Structure: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa

Maria Hernandez de Benito, Universidad de Alicante

Discussant: Jake Organ

Is Religion Driving Fertility? An Analysis of the Religion-Fertility Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa

Renate Hartwig, University of Goettingen

Discussant: Maria Hernandez de Benito

| REFUGEES

Room B 130

The Freedom to Choose: Theory and Quasi-Experimental Evidence on Cash Transfer Restrictions

Jade Siu, University of Oxford

Discussant: Gregory Lane

Engaging the Private Sector in the Refugee Crisis: Evidence from Uganda

Francesco Loiacono, IIES - Stockholm University

Discussant: Jade Siu

Can Aid Change Attitudes toward Refugees? Experimental Evidence from Uganda

Thomas Ginn, Center for Global Development

Discussant: Francesco Loiacono

The Psychosocial Value of Employment

Gregory Lane, American University

Discussant: Thomas Ginn

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| NATURAL RESOURCES

Room B 131

The Effect of Nature's Wealth on Human Development: Evidence from Renewable Resources

Ivan Jomin Kim Taveras, Bocconi University

Discussant: Teresa Molina Millan

The Resource Curse? Anticipation, Disappointment, and Governance after Oil Discoveries

Erik Steven Katovich, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Ivan Jomin Kim Taveras

Interest-based Negotiation over Natural Resources

Alessandro Toppeta, UCL

Discussant: Erik Steven Katovich

Artisanal mining in Africa

Teresa Molina Millan, University of Alicante

Discussant: Alessandro Toppeta

| ENVIRONMENTAL

Room B 127

Gone with the wind: the welfare effect of desert locust outbreaks

Myriam Marending, Copenhagen Business School

Discussant: Stefan Leeffers

Quality signaling and demand for renewable energy technology - Evidence from a randomized field experiment

Ann-Kristin Reitmann, Leibniz University Hannover

Discussant: Myriam Marending

Efficient Irrigation and Water Conservation: Evidence from South India

Ram Fishman, Tel Aviv University

Discussant: Ann-Kristin Reitmann

Preparing for Urban Floods in Mozambique - A Field Experiment on Risk Communication

Stefan Leeffers, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Ram Fishman

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COFFEE BREAK

5.00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS: HIGHLIGHTING THE 10TH NOVAFRICA ANNIVERSARY

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Cátia Batista and Pedro Vicente, Scientific Directors of NOVAFRICA

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