

2024 NOVAFRICA CONFERENCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 27-28 | NOVA SBE, LISBON, PORTUGAL



June 27, 2024

9.00 AM

REGISTRATION

9.30 AM

OPENING SESSION

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Pedro Oliveira, Dean at Nova SBE

10.00 AM

COFFEE BREAK

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| RELIGION

Room B137

The Social Consequences of Traditional Religion in Contemporary Africa

Sara Lowes, UC San Diego

Co-Author(s): Nathan Nunn, Etienne LeRossignol

Discussant: Alex Armand

Resisting Education? Colonisation, Religious Identity and Literacy in India

Yatish Arya, Ashoka University

Co-Author(s): Amit Chaudhary

Discussant: Sara Lowes

Religious Safety Nets and their Effects on Human Capital Accumulation

Hani Mansour, University of Colorado Denver

Co-Author(s): Naomi Gershoni, Rania Gihleb, Assaf Kott, Yannay Shanan

Discussant: Yatish Arya

Countering Violence and Islamic Radicalization amid an Armed Insurgency

Alex Armand, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Pedro Vicente, Ines Vilela

Discussant: Hani Mansour

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| GENDER I

Room B136

Bringing Work Home: Flexible Arrangements as Gateway Jobs for Women in West Bengal

Lisa Ho, MIT

Co-Author(s): Suhani Jalota, Anahita Karandikar

Discussant: Ashley Wong

The invisible family load: mental load and the gender earnings gap in Kenya

Sveva Vitellozzi, University of Bologna

Co-Author(s): Francesco Cecchi, Chiara Rapallini

Discussant: Lisa Ho

Female Entrepreneurship and Gender Norms

Timothée Demont, AMSE

Discussant: Sveva Vitellozzi

Female Entrepreneurship and Professional Networks

Ashley Wong, Tilburg University

Co-Author(s): Edward Asiedu, Francesca Truffa, Monica Lambon-Quayefio

Discussant: Timothée Demont

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| CASH TRANSFERS

Room B002

Can Digital Aid Deliver During Humanitarian Crises?

Miguel Fajardo-Steinhäuser, London School of Economics

Co-Author(s): Michael Callen (LSE), Tarek Ghani (WUSTL), Michael Findley (UT Austin)

Discussant: Richard Akresh

Timing lumpy investments with informal bridge loans and clunky formal loans: Evidence from Thailand

Anil Jain, Federal Reserve Board

Co-Author(s): Robert M. Townsend

Discussant: Miguel Fajardo-Steinhäuser

Cash Transfers and Child Welfare: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation of the Role of Conditionality and Transfer Recipient

Richard Akresh, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Co-Author(s): Damien de Walque, Harounan Kazianga

Discussant: Anil Jain

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| POLITICAL ECONOMY I

Room B003

Land Without Masters: local political competition since the Peruvian Land Reform (1969-1980)

Héctor Paredes, Paris School of Economics

Discussant: Veda Narasimhan

The Role of Local Politicians in the Privatization of Education: Evidence from India

Muneer Kalliyil, Indian Institute of Management

Co-Author(s): Soham Sahoo

Discussant: Héctor Paredes

Dominance and Dissent: Party Influence and Social Unrest in South Africa

Sebastian Jävervall, Kiel Institute

Discussant: Muneer Kalliyil

Political Institutions, Rural Development & Aggregate Growth: Evidence from India

Veda Narasimhan, New York University Abu Dhabi

Discussant: Sebastian Jävervall

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| HEALTH I

Room B004

Does others' health count for peanuts? Health, market returns, and pro-sociality

Fatou Fall, Université Paris Dauphine - PSI, DIAL

Co-Author(s): Gashaw Abate, Tanguy Bernard, Joshua Deutschmann

Discussant: Renate Hartwig

Selecting traditional healers for formal health care: Experimental evidence from Guinea-Bissau

Teresa Molina-Millan, Universidad de Alicante

Co-Author(s): Mattia Fracchia, Brais Alvarez Pereira and Pedro C. Vicente

Discussant: Fatou Fall

Convenient Access and Invitations: Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination in Kenya

Kevin Carney, University of Michigan

Co-Author(s): Michael Kremer, Leah Rosenzweig, Wendy Wong

Discussant: Teresa Molina-Millan

Religious Discrimination in Healthcare: Evidence from an Audit Study in Indonesia

Renate Hartwig, RWI & University of Bochum

Co-Author(s): Teguh Dartanto, Jan Priebe

Discussant: Kevin Carney

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PARALLEL SESSIONS A

| FIRMS

Room B005

Nudges, Managerial Planning, and Small Firm Performance: Evidence from Online Commerce

Juan Pedro Ronconi, Universidad de los Andes, Chile

Discussant: Julia Seither

Improving employment quality in Africa's small firms: Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire

Katharina Fietz, GIGA Hamburg

Co-Author(s): Tabea Lakemann, Bernd Beber, Jann Lay, Jan Priebe

Discussant: Juan Pedro Ronconi

Information, Expectations and Preferences: Occupational Choices of Young Adults in Uganda

Cristina Clerici, Stockholm School of Economics

Co-Author(s): Iacopo Bianchi and Dominik Biesalski

Discussant: Katharina Fietz

Behavioral Constraints of Micro-Entrepreneurs

Julia Seither, Universidad del Rosario

Co-Author(s): Catia Batista

Discussant: Cristina Clerici

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LUNCH

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KEYNOTE SPEECH

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Payments for conservation in developing countries

Seema Jayachandran, Princeton University

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| POLITICAL ECONOMY II

Room B137

State Expansion and Social Responses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Soeren J. Henn, Newcastle University

Co-Author(s): Vincent Tanutama

Discussant: Pedro C. Vicente

Effective Community Mobilization: Evidence from Mali

Maria Laura Alzua, Universidad de la Plata

Co-Author(s): Juan Camilo Cardenas & Habiba Djebbari

Discussant: Soeren J. Henn

The legacy of coercive cotton cultivation in colonial Mozambique

Rute M. Caeiro, UNU WIDER

Discussant: Maria Laura Alzua

Does Voting Improve Democracy? Evidence from Community Meetings in Mozambique

Pedro C. Vicente, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Alex Armand, Maren Borne, Alexander Coutts, Inês Vilela

Discussant: Rute M. Caeiro

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| GENDER II

Room B136

Rebel with a Cause: Effects of a Gender Norms Intervention for Adolescents in Somalia

Niklas Buehren, World Bank

Co-Author(s): Rajdev Brar, Sreelakshmi Papineni, Munshi Sulaiman

Discussant: Olivia Bertelli

Tackling Sexual Harassment: Short and Long Run Experimental Evidence from India Yatish Arya,

Karmini Sharma, Imperial College London Business School

Discussant: Niklas Buehren

Accepting the unacceptable: Does intimate partner violence shape the tolerance of violence?

Eugenia Maria Frezza, Trinity College, Dublin

Discussant: Karmini Sharma

The Economic Benefits of Male Adulthood: Evidence from Rural Burundi

Pedro Naso, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Co-Author(s): Ishrat Hans

Discussant: Eugenia Maria Frezza

Men's justification and practices of gender-based violence in Mali

Olivia Bertelli, University of Paris, Dauphine

Co-Author(s): Thomas Calvo, Emmanuelle Lavallée, Marion Mercier, Sandrine Mesplé-Somps

Discussant: Pedro Naso

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| BEHAVIORAL

Room B002

Too hot to be happy? Mental health effects of the 2007 and 2015 Indian heat waves

Manuela Fritz, University of Groningen

Discussant: Claude Raisaro

What doesn't kill you, makes you more anxious and depressed: The effect of civil conflict on mental health in Nepal

Wiktorija Tafesse, University of York

Discussant: Manuela Fritz

Financial Concerns and Sleeplessness

Claire Duquennois, University of Pittsburgh

Co-Author(s): Maulik Jagnani

Discussant: Wiktorija Tafesse

Motivation for Reckless Driving: Evidence from a Lab-in-the-field Experiment

Golvine de Rochambeau, IFC

Co-Author(s): Theophile Bougna

Discussant: Claire Duquennois

Incentives Justifying Nonconformity: Experimental Evidence from Motortaxi Organizations in Uganda

Claude Raisaro, Stockholm School of Economics

Discussant: Golvine de Rochambeau

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| MIGRATION

Room B003

Conflict, Route Insecurity and Migration in Mali

Marion Richard, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Bhaskar Chakravorty

Golden cities? Artisanal mining and urbanization in Africa

Edouard Pignède, University of Paris, Saclay

Co-Author(s): Victoire Girard

Discussant: Marion Richard

What Matters for the Decision to Study Abroad? A Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in Cape Verde

Pedro Freitas, Nova SBE

Co-Author(s): Catia Batista

Discussant: Edouard Pignède

Temporary Migration Response to Climate Variability: New Evidence from Three Years of Mobile Phone Data

Paul Blanchard, IRD

Co-Author(s): Virginie Comblon, Flore Gubert, Erwan Le Quentrec, Anne-Sophie Robilliard, Stefania Rubrichi

Discussant: Pedro Freitas

Expected Benefits and Costs of Migration for Rural Youth: Experimental Evidence from India

Bhaskar Chakravorty, University of Warwick

Co-Author(s): Apurav Bhatiya, Clément Imbert and Roland Rathelot

Discussant: Paul Blanchard

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| HEALTH II

Room B004

Weather Shocks, Child Mortality, and Adaptation: Experimental Evidence from Uganda

Andrea Guariso, University of Milan-Bicocca

Co-Author(s): Martina Björkman Nyqvist, Tillmann von Carnap, Jakob Svensson

Discussant: Mattia Fracchia

Consequences of Elevated Fluoride Exposure for Cognitive Development

Ryan Brown, University of Colorado Denver

Co-Author(s): Sheetal Sekhri, Amzad Hossain, Emily Gonzalez, Thomas Kishore, Rajiv Gupta, Eric Robertson

Discussant: Andrea Guariso

Water and the Urban Mortality Decline

Erik Prawitz, Uppsala University

Co-Author(s): Thor Berger, Mounir Karadja, Martin Önnersfors

Discussant: Ryan Brown

Surviving Bad News: Health Information Without Treatment Options

Alberto Ciancio, University of Glasgow

Co-Author(s): Fabrice Kampfen, Hans-Peter Kohler, Rebecca Thornton

Discussant: Erik Prawitz

Does Performance Evidence Motivate? A Field Experiment in Guinea-Bissau's Health Sector

Mattia Fracchia, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Alberto Ciancio

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PARALLEL SESSIONS B

| EDUCATION I

Room B005

Child Labour, Human Capital and Beliefs

Devis Decet, Northwestern University

Co-Author(s): Kaman Lyu

Discussant: Adeline Delavande

Elections that Inspire: Effects of Black Mayors on Educational Attainment

Rogério Santarrosa, INSPER

Co-Author(s): Jorge Ikawa, Clarice Martins, and Pedro C. Sant'Anna

Discussant: Devis Decet

Learning together: Experimental evidence on parental involvement in education in Uganda

Arne Nasgowitz, Norwegian School of Economics

Discussant: Rogério Santarrosa

HeforShe: Bargaining Power, Parental Beliefs, and Parental Investments

Adeline Delavande, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Arne Nasgowitz

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COFFEE BREAK

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POLICY ROUNDTABLE

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

How can science contribute to development in Africa?

Magda Robalo, Co-Chair of the UHC2030 Steering Committee and former Minister of Health of Guinea-Bissau

Manuel Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique

Vivian Onano, Founder and Director at Leading Light Initiative, Kenya

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Personal Initiative Training continues to do better than Traditional Business Training 7 years later

David McKenzie, World Bank

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| MIGRANT INTEGRATION

Room B137

Leveraging Edutainment and Social Networks to Foster Interethnic Harmony

Abu Siddique, University of London - Royal Holloway

Co-Author(s): Michael Vlassopoulos and Yves Zenou

Discussant: Cátia Batista

Inclusive Teaching and Classroom Relational Climate: Spotting Social Isolation in the Classroom

Marinella Leone, University of Pavia

Co-Author(s): Sule Alan and Michela Carlana

Discussant: Abu Siddique

Integrating Rural Migrants: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique

Frederica Mendonça, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Alex Armand, Wayne Sandholtz and Pedro C. Vicente

Discussant: Marinella Leone

Integrating Immigrants as a Tool for Development: Experimental Evidence for Portugal and Cape Verde

Cátia Batista, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Lara Bohnet, Jules Gazeaud and Julia Seither

Discussant: Frederica Mendonça

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| LABOR

Room B136

Minimum Wage and Gender Gaps: Evidence from Morocco

Louise Paul-Delvaux, Harvard University

Discussant: Léa Rouanet

Cash Is Queen: Local Economy Effects of Cash Transfers to Women in West Africa

Sreelakshmi Papineni, World Bank

Co-Author(s): Paula Gonzalez, Markus Goldstein, and Jed Friedman

Discussant: Louise Paul-Delvaux

Balancing the Books and Morale: The Impact of Pay Systems and Job Rotation on Worker Turnover

Lame Ungwang, ISDC

Co-Author(s): Erika Deserranno, Miri Stryjan, Julia Salmi

Discussant: Sreelakshmi Papineni

The Returns to Skills During the Pandemic: Experimental Evidence from Uganda

Livia Alfonsi, Harvard Business School

Co-Author(s): Vittorio Bassi, Imran Rasul, Elena Spadini

Discussant: Lame Ungwang

Exploring the drivers of youth pursuing vocational training in high-paying sectors in Côte d'Ivoire

Léa Rouanet, World Bank

Co-Author(s): Manil Zenaki and Estelle Koussoubé

Discussant: Livia Alfonsi

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| AGRICULTURE

Room B002

Farm Household Misallocation

Jedediah Silver, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Paulo Santos

Pricing and Allocation of New Agricultural Technologies

Mai Mahmoud, Tufts University

Discussant: Jedediah Silver

The (perceived) quality of agricultural technology and its adoption: Experimental evidence from Uganda

Caroline Mieke, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Mai Mahmoud

Self-control and vulnerability to food insecurity

Paulo Santos, Monash University

Co-Author(s): Stefan Meyer (World Food Program)

Discussant: Caroline Mieke

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| PUBLIC SECTOR

Room B003

Becoming Legible to the State: The Role of Identification and Collection Capacity in Taxation

Oyebola Okunogbe, World Bank

Discussant: Jaime Millán-Quijano

Cash Wages, Informality, and Tax Evasion: Evidence from Uruguay

Maximiliano Lauletta, Federal Reserve Board

Co-Author(s): Marcelo Bérgolo, Javier Feinmann

Discussant: Oyebola Okunogbe

Do Information Frictions and Corruption Perceptions Kill Competition? A Field Experiment on Public Procurement in Uganda

Francesco Loiacono, EBRD

Co-Author(s): Emanuele Colonnelli; Edoardo Teso; Edwin Muhumuza

Discussant: Maximiliano Lauletta

Welfare Eligibility Manipulation: Evidence From Georgia

Jaime Millán-Quijano, NCID, University of Navarra

Co-Author(s): Brendon McConnell (City, University of London)

Discussant: Francesco Loiacono

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| HEALTH III

Room B004

Disease, Disparities, and Development: Evidence from Chagas Disease Control in Brazil

Eduardo Montero, University of Chicago

Co-Author(s): Jon Denton-Schneider, Clark University

Discussant: Alexander Coutts

Colonial Labor Institutions, Marriage Markets, and HIV: Evidence from Mozambique

Jon Denton-Schneider, Clark University

Discussant: Eduardo Montero

Alcohol, Labor, and Agricultural Productivity

David Murphy, Colgate University

Discussant: Jon Denton-Schneider

Belief Systems and Health Behaviors in Guinea-Bissau

Alexander Coutts, York University

Co-Author(s): Brais Álvarez Pereira, Teresa Molina Millán, Pedro Vicente

Discussant: David Murphy

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PARALLEL SESSIONS C

| EDUCATION II

Room B005

Experimental evidence on the role of coaching within bundled ultra-poor graduation programmes

Rocco Zizzamia, University of Oxford

Co-Author(s): Narayan Das, Stefan Dercon, Rozina Haque, Maliha Noshin Khan, Ashley Pople

Discussant: Saravana Ravindran

Multidimensional Impacts of Financial Education in Schools: Experimental Evidence from Brazil

Daniele Chiavenato, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Ricardo A. Madeira (University of São Paulo); Victor Vaccaro (Insper)

Discussant: Rocco Zizzamia

Delivering Remote Learning in Developing Countries using a Low-tech Solution: Evidence from Bangladesh

Xing Xia, Yale-NUS College and National University of Singapore

Co-Author(s): Paul Glewwe; Asad Islam; Khandker Wahedur Rahman

Discussant: Daniele Chiavenato

Should LMICs Build Preschools or Improve Primary Education? Experimental Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire

Bastien Michel, Nantes University

Co-Author(s): Péfougne Abraham Yeo (Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale de Côte d'Ivoire) and Seydou Maiga (Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale de Côte d'Ivoire)

Discussant: Xing Xia

From Access to Achievement: The Primary-School-Age Impacts of an At-Scale Preschool Construction Program in Highly Deprived Communities

Saravana Ravindran, National University of Singapore

Co-Author(s): Marina Bassi, Bruno Besbas, Lelys Dinarte-Diaz, Ana Reynoso

Discussant: Bastien Michel

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Structural Change and Agricultural Productivity in Africa

Christopher Udry, Northwestern University

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| CONFLICT

Room B137

Attitudes and Policies toward Refugees: Evidence from Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Thomas Ginn, Center for Global Development

Co-Author(s): Cevat Giray Aksoy; Franco Malpassi

Discussant: Victoire Girard

Inequality and Security in the Aftermath of Internal Population Displacement Shocks: Evidence from Nigeria

Marta Talevi, University College Dublin

Co-Author(s): Barbora Šedová, Lars Ludolph

Discussant: Thomas Ginn

Water Wars

Andrea Marcucci, University of Lausanne

Co-Author(s): Devis Decet

Discussant: Marta Talevi

The economics of violence against civilians

Victoire Girard, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Jeremy Laurent-Lucchetti and Maleke Fourati

Discussant: Andrea Marcucci

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| CONTRACTS

Room B136

Can I get that in writing?" Lessons from a Contracting Field Experiment in Urban Malawi

Laura Aquino, Boston University

Co-Author(s): Mahesh Karra

Discussant: Ines A. Ferreira

Good Policy Gone Bad? Health Insurance, Premium Changes and Labour Supply in Rwanda

Emmanuel Nshakira-Rukundo, RWI Leibniz Institute

Co-Author(s): Sarah Schroeder, Mehtap Hisarciklar, Andy McKay

Discussant: Laura Aquino

Fairness views, norms and preferences for redistribution

Ines A. Ferreira, University of Copenhagen

Co-Author(s): Rachel M. Gisselquist and Finn Tarp

Discussant: Emmanuel Nshakira-Rukundo

Tax morale, public services, and politics: Experimental evidence from Mozambique

Wayne Sandholtz, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Pedro Vicente, Manuel de Araujo

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| CLIMATE CHANGE

Room B002

Climate Change Risk Assessment for Hydropower: Kakono case

Lara Carimo, MHYD

Discussant: Arinze Nwokolo

Comparative valuation of mangrove forest conservation: Assessing rural and urban willingness to Work and Pay

Margarida Ortigão, Nova SBE

Co-Author(s): Alberto Charrua; Stefan Leeffer

Discussant: Lara Carimo

Multiple Water Source Use and Water Supply Choices: Evidence from Democratic Republic of Congo

Komlavi II Adjegan, Université of Paris, Dauphine

Co-Author(s): Virginie Comblon; Flore Gubert; Camille Saint-Macary

Discussant: Margarida Ortigão

The Impact of Air Pollution on Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from Gas Flares in Nigeria

Arinze Nwokolo, Lagos Business School

Discussant: Komlavi II Adjegan

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| MOBILE PHONES

Room B003

The political consequences of Africa's mobile revolution

Alex Yeandle, London School of Economics

Discussant: Brais Alvarez Pereira

Mobile technologies and firm formalization: Evidence from Uganda

Olivia Wirth, University of Passau

Co-Author(s): Marina Dodlova, Krisztina Kis-Katos, Anna Kochanova

Discussant: Alex Yeandle

Does Free Sound Too Cheap? A Randomized Experiment on SMS Incentives for Youth Employment in Côte d'Ivoire

Joséphine Tassy, World Bank

Co-Author(s): Estelle Koussoubé, Clara Delavallade

Discussant: Olivia Wirth

Evaluating the impact of a support hotline for cashew producers in Guinea-Bissau

Brais Alvarez Pereira, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Co-Author(s): Giulio Schinaia, Mattia Fracchia, Matilde Gracio, Dayvikson Tavares, Adewusi Mendonça, Aliu Ba Jau, Nerio Simão Cá

Discussant: Joséphine Tassy

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PARALLEL SESSIONS D

| FERTILITY

Room B004

Children are a Poor Women's Wealth: How Inheritance Rights Affect Fertility

Mathilde Sage, University of Paris, Dauphine

Discussant: Christine Valente

Communicating Change: Mass Media and Family Planning in Malawi

Yannik Schenk, Nova SBE and NOVAFRICA

Discussant: Mathilde Sage

Women's (and Men's) Probabilistic Beliefs about Contraception in a High-Fertility Environment

Christine Valente, University of Bristol

Co-Author(s): Grant Miller, Aureo de Paula

Discussant: Yannik Schenk

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POLICY ADDRESS

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The Evolution and the Future of Human Development: Concept and Metrics

Pedro Conceição, United Nations Development Programme

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CLOSING REMARKS

(Auditorium Champalimaud | Room B137)

Catia Batista, NOVAFRICA Scientific Director

Pedro Vicente, NOVAFRICA Scientific Director

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