

# 2026 NOVAFRICA PhD Workshop

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

JUNE 17 | NOVA SBE, LISBON, PORTUGAL



June 17, 2026

9.00 AM

REGISTRATION

9.20 AM

OPENING REMARKS

Room B 008

9.30 AM

SESSION A

Room B 008

| ENVIRONMENTAL

***Rural Internet and Collective Action: Evidence from 3.7 Million Land Parcels***

Nadine Woolley (University of Lucerne)

Discussant: Natalia Labrador

***Twice the Heat: Gender, Labor Supply, and Time Use in Urban Colombia***

Natalia Labrador (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

Discussant: Cristina Cibin

***The Price of Devotion: Collective Rituals, Pollution, and Child Mortality***

Cristina Cibin (Heidelberg University)

Discussant: Nadine Woolley

11.00 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS B

ROOM B 008

| FIRMS AND INNOVATION

***From Boom to Bust: The Structural Transformation of Chile's Industrial Sector After the Nitrate Collapse***

Alejandra Rodríguez-Morales (University of Lucerne)

Discussant: David Morales

***Informality and Financial Frictions***

David Morales (Toulouse School of Economics)

Discussant: Alessandro Giacardi

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## ***Disasters and Innovation: Firm-Level Evidence from China***

Alessandro Giacardi (Sapienza University of Rome)

Discussant: Alejandra Rodríguez-Morales

### **| EDUCATION AND PUBLIC POLICY**

## ***When Educators Become Politicians***

Gabriel de Campos (Pompeu Fabra University)

Discussant: Tomás Buitrago

## ***Discovering and Supporting Hidden Talents through Math Olympiads in Colombia***

Tomás Buitrago (University of Chicago)

Discussant: Cécile Pierre

## ***Free Primary Schooling and the Decline of Female Genital Mutilation: Evidence from Kenya***

Cécile Pierre (European University Institute)

Discussant: Gabriel de Campos

**ROOM B 009**

**1.00 PM**

**LUNCH**

**2.15 PM**

**SESSION C**

**Room B 008**

### **| GENDER**

## ***Broadcasting Norms: State Media, Intrahousehold Dynamics, and Child Welfare***

Jesita Ajani (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford)

Discussant: Melodie Al Daccache

## ***Cash Transfers and Couple-Based Interventions to Mitigate Intimate Partner Violence: Causal Evidence from Conflict-Affected Syria***

Melodie Al Daccache (Humboldt University of Berlin, ISDC)

Discussant: Anna Jolivet

## ***It Takes a Lineage: Kinship Structure and Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa***

Anna Jolivet (University of Namur)

Discussant: Jesita Ajani

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3.45 PM

**COFFEE BREAK**

4.15 PM

**SESSION D**

**Room B 008**

**| LABOR MARKETS AND IDENTITY**

***Commercial Farming and Gendered Labor Reallocation: Evidence from Senegal***

Regina Schnars (German Institute for Global and Area Studies)

Discussant: Winnie Njoroge

***Expected Discrimination and Job Seeking Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Kenya***

Winnie Njoroge (CERGE-EI)

Discussant: Nicholas J. Wilson

***The Value of Democracy, Revisited: Settlement Schemes and Strategic Land Allocation in Kenya***

Nicholas J. Wilson (Nova School of Business and Economics)

Discussant: Regina Schnars

6.00 PM

**DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**

**Room B 009**

***Refugee Stories: Voices from Kakuma***

A research-based documentary on displacement, livelihoods, and representation in Kakuma, Kenya.

7.15 PM

**DINNER (at own expense). Location to be announced.**