

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2022

The Institute of Political Economy and Governance (IPEG) aims at becoming the center of reference on Political Economy of the south of Europe. During 2022 we continue the implementation of the activities proposed in previous years. During this new period, IPEG continues strengthening its research base bringing together researchers from UPF, CREI, and ICREA working in the field of political economy and conflict with an interdisciplinary perspective. The IPEG faculty spans various disciplines, and includes young researchers from economics, political science, history, etc. Currently the center counts with the collaboration of 14 Researchers, 2 Postdocs and 19 PhD students. The quality of our team and research is certified by counting with 8 ERC (European Research Council) grant holders, 6 ICREA Research Fellows, and 2 Research Professor of the BSE among our Researchers.

**The Collaborators of IPEG include 13 Senior Researchers,
2 Postdocs and 19 Ph.D. Students.
The research team includes 6 ICREA Research Fellows, 8
ERC-Grants recipients and 2 BSE Research Professors**

Our goal is to conduct research to understand and prevent the collapse of states and societies. Inequality, social protests, terrorism, and wars are currently critical problems of our world. No society can sustain high levels of inequality without generating grievances, social violence and, potentially, collapsing their institutional set-up and dissolving their social contract. Our approach relies on an Evidence Based Perspective, using research frontier methodology and new, and very detailed, data (big data sources based on GIS, satellite data, text analysis, data from cell phones connections, etc.). We use frontier research data-driven analysis to provide a new perspective to the toughest problems of our society.

1) Scientific Committee

In accordance with the new research orientation proposed by the new direction, the new IPEG created a Scientific Committee in 2017, aligned with the new goals of the center, and composed by highly influential, and internationally recognized, scholars in the field of political economy which includes:

- Timothy J. Besley, Professor of Economics, W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics, London School of Economics.
- James D. Fearon, Professor of Political Science, Theodore and Frances Geballe Professor, Stanford University.
- David D. Laitin, Professor of Political Science, James T. Watkins IV and Elise V. Watkins Professor, Stanford University.
- Torsten Persson, Swedish Research Council Distinguished Professor, Institute for International Economic Studies.
- James M. Snyder, Professor of Government, Leroy B. Williams Professor, Harvard University.
- Guido Tabellini, Professor of Political Economy, Department of Economics, University of Bocconi.

We hope that the high academic relevance of all the members of the Scientific Committee, as well as their experience, can help to drive the center to the highest scientific recognition. Their role will be critical in shaping the research lines of the center and advising on the best strategies to reach the highest academic standards. The Scientific Committee advises informally on a permanent basis, depending on the issue at hand and their specific expertise.

2. Researchers

At this time the line-up of researchers of the center is the following:

Paula Bustos, ICREA Research Professor. She has a PhD in Economics from Harvard. She specializes in Trade and Spatial Frictions Theme in the Structural Transformation and Economic Growth.

Caterina Calsamiglia, ICREA Research Professor. She has a PhD from the Department of Economics at Yale, and her research focuses on the political economy of school choice, affirmative action and welfare economics.

Antonio Ciccone (Professor at Mannheim University, and former ICREA, UPF, and BSE), PhD Stanford University; working on education, Institutional development and conflict.

Ruben Durante (UPF and BSE), ICREA Research Professor, PhD Brown University, working on media, conflict and identity.

Ruben Enikolopov, PhD in Economics from Harvard and a permanent ICREA researcher since 2014, specializing in the analysis of political institutions through experimental methods.

Aina Gallego (IBEI). She works on political participation, inequality and political conflict and ethno-national identities.

José G. Montalvo (UPF and Research Professor at the BSE), PhD Harvard University, working on education, Institutional development, conflict and electoral studies.

Albrecht Glitz (UPF and BSE), PhD University College London, working on wage inequalities, immigration, and institutions.

Gianmarco León (UPF and BSE), PhD University of California, Berkeley, working on voter behavior, selection and incentive mechanisms for public sector workers, conflict and human capital.

Humberto Llavador (UPF and BSE), PhD University of California-Davis, working on political economy, climate change and welfare economics.

Luigi Pascali (UPF and BSE), PhD Boston College, working on institutional development and conflict using historical natural experiments.

Maria Petrova, PhD in Economics from Harvard University and permanent ICREA researcher since 2013, media and policy specialist.

Giacomo Ponzetto (CREI, UPF and BSE), works on the political economy of urban development, the political economy of globalization, strategic extremism, the political economy of transportation investment and the political economy of centralization and democratization.

3. Post-doctoral Students

The personnel of the center included 2 post-docs during 2022.

4. PhD Students

There were 19 PhD students working with the researchers at IPEG.

5. Visitors

Francesco Amodio (McGill University)

Laia Navarro Solà, (International Economic Studies at Stockholm University)

6. Research Activities: grants, seminars and conferences

Research grants:

During 2022 IPEG projects have continued receiving support from three competitive grants: “Ayudas Fundación BBVA a Equipos de Investigación Científica SARS-CoV-2 y COVID-19; the “Social Research Call 2020” of “la Caixa” Foundation; and project PANDE00090 (Pandèmies Call) from the Government of Catalonia.

Moreover, at the end of 2022 IPEG projects also started receiving support from the ERC-Adv grant 2022 from Marta Reynal-Querol. This support will continue for the next five years from November 2022 until October 2027.

During 2022 IPEG organized the following seminars and workshops:

Seminars:

Nicola Mastrococco (Trinity College), Luca Braghieri (Boconi), Christopher Roth (Kohln), Ro'ee Levy (Tel Aviv), David Yanagizawa-Drott (University of Zurich)

Other activities:

Reading Group in Media and Political Economy. The reading group on media economics is organized as a weekly meeting in which participants present either their own projects on topics related to mass media or discuss recently published papers on the topic. Overall, the group consisted of 24 participants.

“Brainstorming Meetings” for PhD students in political economy at UPF. The idea of the meeting is to meet regularly students and professors interested in the application of data science techniques to political economy issues, to discuss research ideas and new data before starting a project. In these meetings they can discuss the potential of the proposed project. The meetings help also to increase the cooperation among students, and between students and professors.

Workshops:

IPEG planned the conference “**Political Economy of Development and Conflict IX**” but was postponed due to personal reasons of the organizer. It is already organized for October 2023.

Virtual Development Economics Webinar: The virtual development economics seminar series (VDEV-CEPR-BREAD) is organized by Martina Björkman Nyqvist (Stockholm School of Economics and Misum), Robin Burgess (LSE), Giacomo De Giorgi (IEE/GSEM, University of Geneva), Garance Genicot (Georgetown University), Eliana La Ferrara (Harvard), Gianmarco León-Ciliotta (U. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona School of Economics & IPEG), Karen Macours (PSE, INRAE), and Anthony Wambugu (University of Nairobi) with the support of CEPR.

It took place via Zoom bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 5pm Barcelona/Geneva/ Paris/Stockholm, 4pm BST, 11am EST, 8am PST.

The speakers were: Michael Greenstone (University of Chicago); Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University), Paula Bustos (IPEG); Debraj Ray (New York University); Shing-Yi Wang (University of Pennsylvania); and Rachel Glennerster (University of Chicago).

IPEG also participated in the organization of several workshops of the **BSE Summer Forum**, a meeting point for international researchers across dozens of fields in Economics, Finance, Data Science, and related areas.

Gianmarco Leon Ciliotta (U. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona School of Economics & IPEG) organized the **BSE Summer Forum - Workshop “Advances in Micro Development Economics”** on June 7-8, 2022.

This year speakers included: Matteo Bobba (Toulouse School of Economics); Lucia Corno (Cattolica University & LEAP); Augustin Tapsoba (Toulouse School of Economics); Yue Yu (University of Toronto); Matthew Pecenco (Brown University); Melissa Dell (Harvard University); Ada Gonzalez-Torres (Ben-Gurion University); Carlos Belchior (University of Zurich); Molly Lipscomb (University of Virginia); Manaswini Rao (University of California, San Diego); Lorenzo Casaburi (University of Zurich); and Cynthia Kinnan (Tufts University).

G. Ponzetto (CREI, UPF, BSE and IPEG) coorganized the **BSE Summer Forum – Workshop on “Geography, Trade and Growth”** on June 7-8, 2022.

The speakers were: Elisa Giannone (CREI, UPF, BSE and Pennsylvania State University); Heitor S. Pellegrina (New York University, Abu Dhabi); Marta Santamaria (University of

Warwick); Cameron Lapoint (Yale School of Management); Yannis M. Ioannides (Tufts University); Swanika Rachapalli (Princeton University); Allam Hsiao (University of Chicago); jaume Ventura (CREI, UPF and BSE); Kirill Borusyak (University College London); Yuan Tian (University of Nottingham); Marc Melitz (Harvard University); Nicholas Trachter (Federal reserve Bank of Richmond); Andrii Parkhomenko (University of Southern California); Milena Almagro (University of Chicago); Felipe Valencia Caicedo (University of British Columbia); and Ariel Burstein (University of California, Los Angeles).

IPEG and CREI organized the **BSE Summer Forum - Workshop on Political Economy**, on June 9-10, 2022. The organizers were: Ruben Durante (ICREA-UPF, IPEG and BSE), Ruben Enikolopov (NES, ICREA-UPF, IPEG and BSE), Gianmarco León-Ciliotta (UPF, IPEG and BSE), Maria Petrova (ICREA-UPF, IPEG, BSE and NES), Giacomo A. M. Ponzetto (CREI, UPF, IPEG and BSE) and Sandro Shelegia (UPF and BSE).

The speakers were: Francesco Sobbrío (Tor Vergata University of Rome); Horacio Larreguy (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México); Julien Labonne (University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government); Jaya Wen (Harvard Business School); Mark R. Rosenzweig (Yale University); Laurent Bouton (Georgetown University); Vicent Pons (Harvard Business School); Quoc-Anh Do (Northwestern University); Mattias Polborn (Vanderbilt University); Andrea Tesei (Queen Mary University of London); Gemma Dipoppa (Stanford University); Pablo Querubin (New York University); Aakaash Rao (Harvard University); Ro'ee Levy (Tel Aviv University).

Albrecht Glitz (UPF, BSE and IPEG) coorganized the **BSE Summer Forum – Workshop “Migration”** on June 13-14, 2022.

The speakers were: Enrico Moretti (University of California, Berkeley); Yujung Hwang (Johns Hopkins University); A. Nilesh Fernando (University of Notre Dame); Sulin Sardoschau (Humboldt University Berlin); Simone Bertoli (Université Clermont Auvergne, CNRS, CERDI); Andrii Chassamboulli (University of Cyprus); Anna Maria Mayda (Georgetown University); Achim Ahrens (ETH Zurich); Silvia Vannutelli (Northwestern University); Melanie Morten (Stanford University); Jan Sebastian Nimczik (ESMT Berlin); Alicia Adserà (Princeton University); Alice Mesnard (City University London); Joël Machado (LISER); Romuald Meango (Oxford University); Giacomo Battiston (University of Padova); Kurt See (Bank of Canada); and Yanos Zylberberg (University of Bristol).

Caterina Calsamiglia (IPEG) coorganized the **BSE Summer Forum – Workshop “Children’s Health, Well-Being, and Human Capital Formation”** on June 20-21, 2022.

The speakers were: Stefanie Schurer (University of Sydney); Xuechao Qian (The Ohio State University); Michele Giannola (University of Naples Federico II and the Institute for Fiscal Studies); Carolina Arteaga (University of Toronto), Anne Brenoe (University of Zurich); Alex Armand (Nova School of Business and Economics); Greg Veramendi (University of Munich); Cecilia Peluffo (University of Florida); Vivek Roy-Chowdhury (University of Cambridge); and Mette Ejrnaes (University of Copenhagen).

Maria Petrova coorganized the “**Populism and Political Economy Symposium**” jointly organized with UPF, Stockholm University and CEPR, on June 14-16, 2022 at the Stockholm University.

The speakers were: Oren Danieli (Tel Aviv University); Massimo Morelli (Università Bocconi); Emilie Sartre (Brown University); Ronny Razin (London School of Economics); Andrea Tesei (Queen Mary University of London); Ro’ee Levy (Tel Aviv University); Marco Tabellini (Harvard Business School); Vincenzo Galasso (IGIER at Università Bocconi); Jesse Shapiro (Harvard Business School); Alessandra Casella (Columbia University); Benjamin Marx (Sciences Po); Maiting Zhuang (Stockholm School of Economics); Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School); Marco Grotteria (London Business School); Emilie Sartre (Brown University); and Dana Foarta (Stanford University).

Aina Gallego (IBEI and IPEG) coorganized the **workshop “Political Impacts of Technological Change”** on March 24-25, 2022.

The speakers were: Henning Finseraas (Norwegian University of Science and Technology); Jane Gingrich (Oxford University); Yotam Margalit (Tel Aviv University); Cesc Amat (UB School of Economics); Kattalina Berriochoa (University of Konstanz); Carles Boix (Princeton University); Guillem Vidal (European University Institute); Macarena Ares (Universitat de Barcelona); Reto Bürrgisser (University of Zurich); Isabela Mares (Yale University); Guillem Amatlíer (IBEI); Jonathan Rodden (Stanford University); Nicolas Bicchí (UPF), Jordi Muñoz (Universitat de Barcelona); Peter Loewen (University of Toronto); Marta Curto (Generalitat de Catalunya); Pepe Fernández (Spanish Ministry of Social Affairs); Leire Salazar (European Commission); Thomas Kurer (University of Zurich), Aina Gallego (IBEI and IPEG); and Silja Häuserman (University of Zurich).

Paula Bustos coorganized the **Themes 3 & 4 Workshops of the Agricultural productivity and sectoral gaps & Trade and spatial frictions (STEG)** of the Theme Workshop Series on September 2022.

The speakers were: Michael Peters (Yale University); Daniel Ehrlich (University of Chicago);

Robert M, Townsend (MIT); Allan Hsiao (Princeton University); Andrés Rodríguez-Clare (University of California Berkeley); Roman Zarate (World Bank); Bruno Conte (University of Bologna); Klaus Desmet (Southern Methodist University); Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (University of Chicago); Farid Farrokhi (Purdue University); Ahmad Lashkaripour (Indiana University); Diego Restuccia (University of Toronto); Shuhei Kitamura (Osaka University); Luisa cefala (University of California, Berkeley); Michel Ndayikeza (Université Clermont Auvergne); Pedro Naso (Swedish University of Agricultural Science); Nicholas Swanson (University of California); Victor Couture (University of British Columbia); Tillman Von Carnap (Stockholm University); Catherine van der List (University of British Columbia); Vasco Carvalho (University of Cambridge); Vasily Korovkin (CERGE-EI); Alexey Makarin (Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance); Brian Cevalhos Fujiy (University of Michigan); Gaurav Khanna (UCSD); Hiroshi Toma (University of Michigan).

7. Research Lines, Laboratories and Large Projects:

As decided in previous year we keep the four research lines.

Political Economy of Media.

Political Economy of Poverty, Inequality, Redistribution and Social Mobility

Political Economy of Conflict and Globalization

Political Economy of Urbanization and Climate Change

Each research line has a PI and researchers who work on the topic. Some of the research lines have a laboratory with large projects connected. Ideally, we would have one Laboratory attach to each line.

During 2022, three of the research lines were active in terms of research. And during 2022 two of them had and active Laboratory:

- Political Economy of Poverty, Inequality, Redistribution and Social Mobility (Laboratory of Inequality)
- Political Economy of Conflict and Globalization (Laboratory of Conflict Prediction)

1st Research Line: Political Economy of Media:

PI : Ruben Durante

Researchers: Ruben Enikolopov, Maria Petrova

Main work has been on Research. Its laboratory is still not active. When active Maria Petrova will

probably be the director.

2nd Research Line: Political Economy of Poverty, Inequality, Redistribution and Social Mobility:

PI : José G. Montalvo

Researchers: Caterina Calsamiglia, Ruben Durante, Ruben Enikolopov, Gianmarco León, Marta Reynal-Querol.

This is the most active and more productive line. This line concentrates not only on research publications but its laboratory held two important projects that are constantly expanding every year.

Laboratory of Inequality:

Main Researchers (director Laboratory): Jose G.Montalvo, Marta Reynal-Querol

Number of Projects: 3

Sponsorship:

ERC-Consolidator grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) until 2020

BBVA, Pandèmies, La Caixa Social Research, (Jose G.Montalvo), until early 2023.

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027

The laboratory of Inequality has now two important data projects going on and a small third one. The first one is the original one that works with satellite data and that we already started consolidating last year. The second one has been created in 2020, as was born as a result of a project related to COVID-19 that it is described later.

Project 1: Using Satellite images to estimate inequality: an update

Sponsorship:

ERC-Consolidator grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) until 2020

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027

Nightlight satellite images:

We have already consolidated the project, which builds inequality measures using satellite information, which for the first time will allow to obtain very detailed and specific data about poverty, inequality, etc. for areas smaller than 1 square kilometer worldwide.

We have been working to have the algorithms to develop this initiative during the last years together with MareNostrum BSC-CNS and a team of engineers.

We have the first version of the data, computed at the country level, administrative level 1 for all

countries in the world, at grid level and at the ethnic group level. And we have finished the construction of measures of within and between groups inequality.

Satellite day images: in collaboration with Ruben Enikolopov

The 2022 has been specially good to move on this line of the project. We started moving into a more complex type of data which is satellite day images. For this purpose, we were in contact long time ago with Planet and Digital Globe, who is the firm that provides the images to Google Earth.

Our engineers worked on potential algorithms to deal with these images. This is a very difficult task since, opposite to nightlight data, day light images are very heterogeneous in terms of the structures to be measured for proxying economic development. One way of attacking this problem is to use information on nightlight, which we know very well, to approximate rich and poor areas. Using this benchmark we can try to identify the specific characteristics of those areas in terms of structures like type of roofs, height of the buildings, etc. This part was delayed due to lack of enough resources.

During 2022, we have been in contact with Joshua Blumenstock from U.C. Berkeley School of Information and the Goldman School of Public Policy. He is the Director of the Data-Intensive Development Lab and the co-Director of the Center for Effective Global Action. Blumenstock does research at the intersection of machine learning and empirical economics, and focuses on using novel data and methods to understand the causes and consequences of global poverty. In 2022 they developed microestimates of the relative wealth and poverty of the populated surface of all 135 low and middle-income countries (LMICs) at 2.4km resolution. The estimates are built by applying machine-learning algorithms to vast and heterogeneous data from satellites, mobile phone networks, and topographic maps, as well as aggregated and deidentified connectivity data from facebook. The work is published in PNAS. They allow us to use this data to calculate new measures of inequality.

Project 2: Real Time economics: using high frequency data to track inequality: in collaboration with Ruben Durante, and CaixaBank Members (Oriol Aspachs, Josep Mestres, Alberto Graziano)

Sponsorship:

BBVA, Pandemies, La Caixa Social Research, (Jose G.Montalvo) until early 2023.

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027.

We have continued with the collaboration effort with CaixaBank Research (we started in 2020) in order to analyze wage inequality in the context of the impact of the COVID-19. We have also expanded research lines that are explained below. The idea is to use payroll data to study the evolution of wage inequality before and after the confinement period. We have also analyzed the effect of the public subsidies in taming the increase in inequality. The high frequency of the data

allows monitoring monthly the evolution of inequality, producing a monthly report. The granularity of the data allows also analyzing the impact of the sectoral distribution of the Spanish economy on the evolution of general inequality, and studying the evolution of intergenerational and geographical inequality.

This project has introduced a new methodology to track inequality in real time, and is becoming an important data production of IPEG. Moreover, it is expanding in new lines of research that are explained below.

Objective 1. Development of a methodology to calculate high frequency inequality measures (Gini indices, Lorenz curves) using bank accounts information. Demonstration that the monthly observations (3 millions) have a distribution almost identical to the distribution of the Wage Survey of the INE and, therefore, it is representative of the universe of wages in the Spanish economy. For this purpose, we used the anonymized data of Caixabank which provides a very large source of information. The monthly Gini indices show that inequality increased drastically during several months after the beginning of the pandemic and stay high during many months. We should notice that, at that time, the most updated index of inequality available from wages referred to 2018 while we were calculating Gini indices for months of 2020. The continuous update of this monthly indicator has shown that by the end of 2021 the level of inequality has returned to the pre-pandemic level. We also show that between groups inequality did not increase significantly by gender. The between component of age increases significantly in April and May of 2020 to reduce its importance thereafter. The between inequality between foreign born and native workers increases drastically in March and stays up most of the months. The inequality between regions increases significantly between April and September of 2020. Finally, the inequality between rural and urban areas goes down significantly during all the months after April 2020.

Objective 2. We developed a methodology to analyze the heterogeneity of the recovery of consumption after the worst moments of the pandemic. For the purposes of this objective we had to use the information on bank accounts of households that could cover all their expenses. In general, this is not feasible using data from bank accounts of just one financial institution. For these reason, we decided to sign an agreement with a personal finance company (Fintonic), that aggregates the information of all financial institutions where households have accounts or credit cards. This strategy allows to have a 360 view of the finances of households although it implies a significant reduction in sample sizes. Using these data, we show the heterogeneous behavior of Spanish consumers by income, age and balance account. Recent research proposes to target government's support to the groups of society that respond more to public policy actions, in order to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic. Several papers have shown that, in some countries, low-income consumers have

recover their spending faster than their high-income counterparts. This is the case of the US and the UK. Our results show that, in the Spanish case, there is not a significant difference in the recovery rate of spending in function of the income of the consumers. We also show the capability of data from financial aggregation and service applications to analyze timely and accurately many important economic issues.

Objective 3. Using data on the location of POS (TPV), and the expenditure using credit cards, we analyze the geographical evolution of expenditure around large metropolitan areas in Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Seville). The results show the usefulness of this type of data to analyze, almost in real time, the movement of population and economic activity. We find that the temporal evolution of the geographical distribution of expenditure across several large metropolitan areas in Spain shows a clear heterogeneity that delivers two patterns related with the physical geography of the area. In one type of metropolitan areas the pandemic implied the movement of household expenditures outside of the center of the functional area (Barcelona, Valencia) in a higher proportion than in the others (Madrid, Seville). Secondly, the expenditure returned to the usual geographical pattern quite soon after the end of the pandemic in Madrid or Seville but it was still higher, during 2022, than before the pandemic in Barcelona and Valencia.

Objective 4. We have analyzed empirically and presented the first results on the impact of the most important economic policy measures approved during the pandemic: ERTes and extended unemployment benefits; minimum guaranteed income (IMV); and ICO credits.

Objective 4.1. With respect to ERTes we show how to construct a measure of monthly Gini indices that takes into account furlough schemes (ERTESs) and show that the market Gini index is much higher than the Gini index including furlough schemes around two months after the beginning of this measure. Government action was somewhat less effective in April, when the post-transfer Gini index reached its peak, about 11 points higher than in the same month of 2019. This was arguably due to the delay in the disbursement of subsidy and ERTes in the early stage of the crisis, which temporarily left some of the most vulnerable workers without a safety net. Therefore, the main results show that, in the absence of the large public scheme activated soon after the beginning of the pandemic, earnings inequality would have risen dramatically. This tendency was mainly driven by the severe effect of the pandemic on low-wage workers, many of whom suffered large wage cuts or lost their job altogether. The rise in inequality was especially strong during the lockdown months and gradually weakened following the reopening of the economy. The effect was especially pronounced among young people and immigrants, and in regions more dependent on sectors, like tourism, heavily affected by the mobility restrictions put in place to limit the spread of the virus. Comparing the

inequality index before and after considering the public benefits we show that government transfers and furlough schemes were very effective at mitigating the rise in inequality, and at providing a much needed safety net to the most affected segments of the population.

Objective 4.2. With respect to the IMV, we are able to distinguish households that received the IMV and their cohort (basically the month in which they started receiving it). We are still working on this evaluation, which is extremely difficult, but we have already concluded that during the first year after the IMV the increase in hours worked of the recipients is not statistically significant from the control group. In addition, we have also found, that households receiving the IMV do not increase their banking activity and are still using a lot of cash in their transactions (even for the payment of electricity or phone bills which are usually paid by direct debit by most households).

We plan to continue using this type of data to analyze in real time the impact of new public policies. In particular, we plan to extend the line of research on the impact of the IMV to analyze the change in the conditions for receiving the IMV derived from the modification in the conditions of the program approved at the end of 2022 (people receiving the IMV could be working and receiving IMV if they did not make more than 60% of what they received as IMV). We also want to create a publicly available measure of inflation inequality for each decile of the distribution.

Project 3: Optimization for Development: new line of research: Helena Ramalhino and Jessica de Armas

Sponsorship:

DKV (postponed) from 2023

In line with the idea of applying Data Science techniques to analyze political economy problems, we explore an interdisciplinary project that applies optimization techniques to development/inequality problems. This is quite an unexplored area since researchers with knowledge of optimization techniques have usually worked on topics related with business operations. With the access to spatial information on variables related to infrastructure, education, etc. we started to develop this innovative new research line.

Helena Ramalhino and Jesica de Armas are in charge of this line. During the past years this was very exploratory since it was not clear how this would be received either by the research or policy community. At the moment we have generated one piece of work using very detailed information for a Mexican urban center, Benito Juarez. This line has a lot of potential for policy application. Some outcomes of this research project have been published in PLOS ONE and have received very good feedback in conferences and among policy audience. We have now decided to reactivate the project

but instead of an independent laboratory, as one line among the inequality projects. The reason is that it addresses injustice and inequality topics but with a different perspective.

3rd Research line: Political Economy of Conflict and Globalization

PI: Marta Reynal-Querol

Researchers: Ruben Durante, Ruben Enikolopov, Jose G.Montalvo, Luigi Pascali.

This is becoming a very active line. This line concentrates not only on research publications but its laboratory held two important projects.

Laboratory of Conflict:

Main Researchers (director Laboratory): Ruben Enikolopov, Marta Reynal-Querol

Number of Projects: 2

Sponsorship:

ERC-Consolidator grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) until 2020

ERC-Starting grant (Ruben Enikolopov) until 2022

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027

The laboratory of Conflict has now two important data projects. The first one is the original one that we have been working for some years. The second one has just started.

Project 1: Sentiment analysis to predict conflict

Sponsorship:

ERC-Consolidator grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) until 2020

ERC-Starting grant (Ruben Enikolopov) until 2022

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027

As explained in previous Action Plans, we have started to work on conflict prediction. This is an extremely complicated topic that needs interdisciplinary work specially the collaboration of engineers. After a careful reading of the literature and after a special consultation with engineers and computer science specialists we decided in 2019 to start this novel project.

For the prediction idea we explored different lines of research: text analysis, sentiment analysis and Google searches. During the last years we have focused on text analysis.

The main novelty compared with existing literature was precisely the application of research frontier methods for the analysis of conflict prediction. The literature that has worked on this comes uniquely from social sciences. Although they tried to apply some techniques they have done it from a social

science background with papers being, from a computer science perspective, extremely weak and not well developed. The joint collaboration with engineers allows applying very novel and sophisticated prediction techniques that have been used in other areas but never in conflict prediction, providing new and more precise results. We have been working with the methodology and algorithms, and during the past years we have been trying to get the data we need to apply them. During 2021 we bought FACTIVA data sources. Moreover, in order to get access to PROQUEST dataset, we applied to a very competitive program to get free access to this data and our proposal has been one of the five research projects to be awarded a 6 months access to TDM studio. The access to this data started in 2021. During 2021 we worked using this methodology. Results were not as promising as we expected, and although we improved previous literature, we did not consider them good enough. In 2022, we have been exploring new methods, which includes the analysis using twitter. Given the unexpected issues raised this year with Twitter we postpone the advance on this. We have been defining the new project which it is briefly described below.

Project 2: Using News to predict conflict: In collaboration with Ricardo Baeza

Sponsorship:

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol) from 2023 to 2027

Future: International Sponsorship: we are working with Ricardo Baeza on this.

Together with Ricardo Baeza, during the second half of 2022 we have defined a new methodology that we plan to start implementing during 2023. The plan is to design an application for analyzing how news change over time. This will be designed to discover how entities such as people and locations associated with a query changes over time. By searching on time expressions extracted automatically from text, the application allows the user to explore not only how topics evolved in the past but also how they will continue to revolve in the future. The new application will be developed based on the "Time Explorer", and application created by Yahoo Labs researchers with Ricardo Baeza in 2010.

4th Research line: Political Economy of Urbanization and Climate Change

PI: Ruben Enikolopov

Researchers: Paula Bustos, Humberto Llavador, Giacomo Ponzetto, Marta Reynal-Querol

Main work has been on Research. Its laboratory is still not active.

Laboratory of Climate Change:

Main Researchers (director Laboratory): TBA

Projects: 2

Sponsorship:

ERC-Advanced grant (Marta Reynal-Querol)

Submitted: AGAUR (joint with BSC)

Project 1: The effect of climate change using Satellite data

no sponsorship

Our plan was to use high-resolution satellite images with high temporal variability. The initial objective was to be able to locate and track the migratory movement of people caused by climate change, and its consequences. This is an issue that is considered very important but there has been little advances until today. After several conversation with Joshua Bloomenstock we realize that at the moment this is quite unfeasible.

Following the suggestion of Pep Martorell in last year's meeting, we started some conversation with Paco Doblas director of earth Sciences in BSC (Barcelona Super computing Center). After some discussion we need to prepare a short project. This has been delayed due to the unfeasibility of our initial idea on the project.

Project 2: Climate change, health and economic vulnerability

Sponsorship:

Submitted: AGAUR (joint with BSC)

This project is included in a proposal initiated by BSC:

The sub-project that they will develop with IPEG aims to address the interaction between the health impact of climate change and the socioeconomic variables. The main idea would be to identify the most vulnerable areas in which the impact of climate change could have more devastating effects. It is extremely important to define accurate policies that could have a real impact on these most vulnerable areas and individuals. For this purpose, we need very detailed data at subnational level. We have access to these data that will allow an analysis at the electoral census level.

NEW PROJECT: joint with BSC and Harvard's IQSS

The project is to create a new transversal program in the BSC, which covers the field of "Computational Social Sciences", directed by Prof. Mercè Crosas, which promotes research in social sciences based on the use of HPC and associated technologies. This program is joint with Harvard's IQSS and UPF's IPEG, and would have the following short-term objectives:

Position Itself in the European/national research ecosystem in social sciences, in particular in the use of data/HPC for these disciplines.

Participate in the proposal for the creation of a large data lake for social science research in Spain
The initial funding for the initiative would come from the BSC budget to cover the salary of prof. Crosas, and the contribution from IPEG. Possible financing should also be explored through Severo Ochoa, some contracts with companies, financing by Foundations potentially interested in this topic, and obviously competitive projects (mostly European).

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VDEV, CEPR, BREAD Seminars - 35

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Schedule:

Sessions will take place bi-weekly on Tuesdays.

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- 27 Sept: **Michael Greenstone** (University of Chicago and CEPR) - *Can Pollution Markets Work in Developing Countries? Experimental Evidence from India*
- 11 Oct: **Dilip Mookherjee** (Boston University) - *Network Expansion and Overhang: Entrepreneurship in China's Structural Transformation*
- 25 Oct: **Paula Bustos** (CEMFI and CEPR) - *The Effects of Climate Change on Labor and Capital Reallocation*
- 8 Nov: **Debraj Ray** (New York University) - *Measuring Upward Mobility*
- 22 Nov: **Shing-Yi Wang** (University of Pennsylvania) - *The Benefits and Costs of Guest Worker Programs: Experimental Evidence from the India-UAE Migration Corridor*
- 6 Dec: **Rachel Glennerster** (University of Chicago) - *The Media or the Message: Experimental Evidence on Mass Media and Contraception in Burkina Faso*

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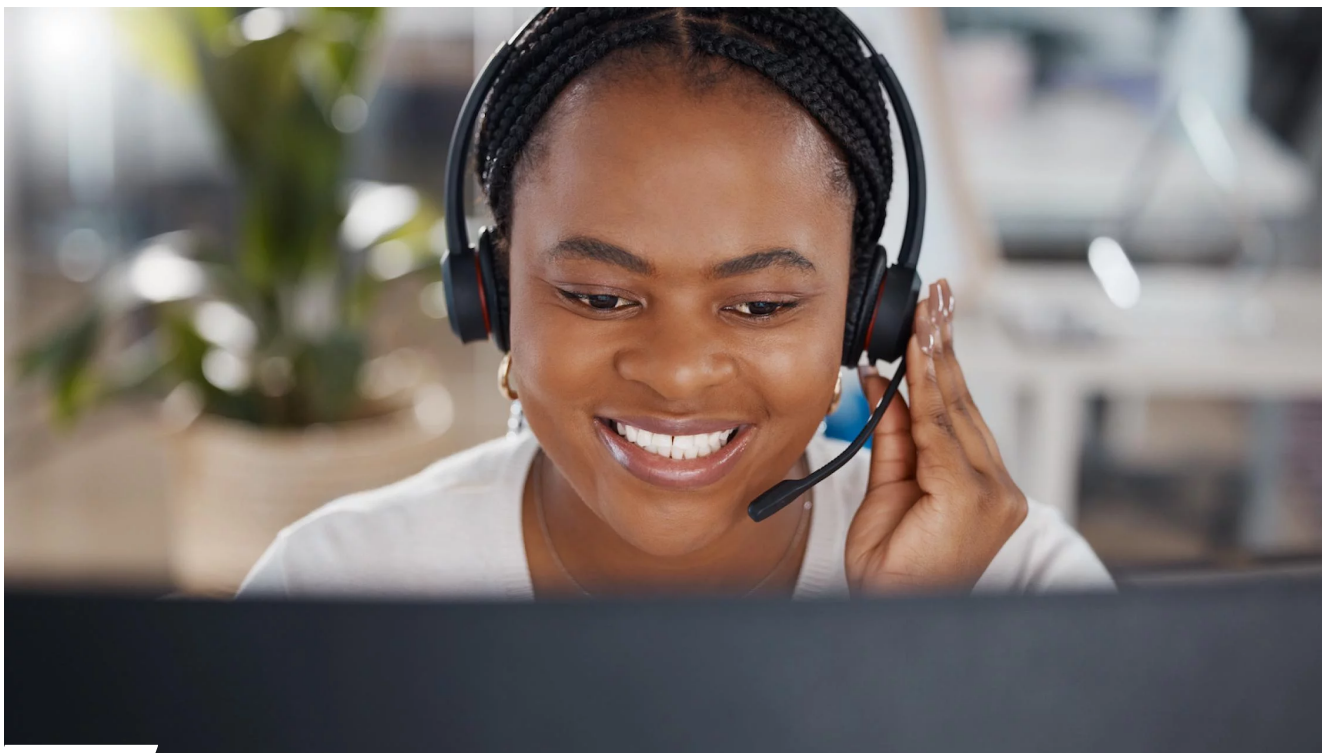


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ADVANCES IN MICRO DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

June 7-8, 2022, Room 33 (Third Floor)

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 7th

09:30	<i>Registration and Welcome</i>
Session 1	
10:00-11:00	Matteo Bobba (Toulouse School of Economics) "Enhancing Human Capital at Scale" (with Francesco Agostinelli and Ciro Avitabile)
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 2	
11:30-12:30	Lucia Corno (Cattolica University & LEAP) "Norms Replacements. A Field Experiment on Female Genital Cutting" (with Eliana La Ferrara)
12:30-13:30	Augustin Tapsoba (Toulouse School of Economics) "Polygyny and the Economic Determinants of Family Formation Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa"
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch*</i>
Session 3	
14:30-15:30	Yue Yu (University of Toronto) "Input Sourcing in Lopsided Low-income Economies" (with Alan Griffith and Jonas Hjort)
15:30-16:30	Matthew Pecenco (Brown University) "Opportunities and Entrepreneurship: Evidence on Advanced Labor Market Experience" (with Carlos Schmidt-Padilla and Hamilton Taveras)
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 4	
17:00-18:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE (On-line, joint with VDEV-CEPR-BREAD virtual seminar series) Melissa Dell (Harvard University) TBD
20:00 □	<i>Workshop Dinner, location TBD*</i>

PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th

Session 5	
10:00-11:00	Ada Gonzalez-Torres (Ben-Gurion University) "Monitoring Harassment in Organizations" (with Laura Boudreau, Sylvain Chassang and Rachel Heath)
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 6	
11:30-12:30	Carlos Belchior (University of Zurich) "Unpacking Neighborhood Effects: Experimental Evidence from a Large Scale Housing Program in Brazil" (with Gustavo Gonzaga and Gabriel Ulyssea)
12:30-13:30	Molly Lipscomb (University of Virginia) "Agricultural Productivity and Deforestation: Evidence from Brazil" (with Juliano Assunção, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak and Dmitri Szman)
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch*</i>
Session 7	
14:30-15:30	Manaswini Rao (University of California, San Diego) "Poverty Traps, Structural Transformation, and Rural Land Concentration in India" (with Juan Eberhard and Prashant Bharadwaj)
15:30-16:30	Lorenzo Casaburi (University of Zurich) "Land Rental Markets: Experimental Evidence from Kenya" (with Michelle Acampora and Jack Willis)
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 8	
17:00-18:00	Cynthia Kinnan (Tufts University) "Effect of Health Insurance in India: A Randomized Controlled Trial" (with Phoebe Holtzman, Kosuke Imai, Anup Malani, Morgen Miller, Shailender Swaminathan, Alessandra Voena, Bartosz Woda and Gabriella Conti)

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GEOGRAPHY, TRADE AND GROWTH
JUNE 7-8, 2022 – Room 18 (first floor)

PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, JUNE 6

20:30	<i>Workshop Dinner* (by invitation only)</i>
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PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 7

08:45 - 09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome</i>
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Session 1

09:00 – 10:00	ELISA GIANNONE (CREI, UPF, BSE and Pennsylvania State University) "Consumption Segregation" (with Corina Boar)
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10:00 – 11:00	HEITOR S. PELLEGRINA (New York University, Abu Dhabi) "Trade, Technology, and Agricultural Productivity" (with Farid Farrokhi)
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11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break *</i>
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Session 2

11:30 - 12:30	MARTA SANTAMARÍA (University of Warwick) "Border effects in Public Procurement: The Aggregate Effects of Governments' Home Bias" (with Manuel García-Santana)
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12:30 - 13:30	CAMERON LAPOINT (Yale School of Management) "Place-Based Policies and the Geography of Corporate Investment" (with Shogo Sakabe)
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13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch*</i>
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Session 3

14:30 - 15:30	YANNIS M. IOANNIDES (Tufts University) "The Diffusion of Epichoric Scripts and Coinage in the Ancient Hellenic Poleis" (with Yuxian Chen)
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15:30 - 16:30	SWAPNIKA RACHAPALLI (Princeton University) "Trade and Diffusion of Embodied Technology: An Empirical Analysis" (with Stephen Ayerst, Faisal Ibrahim and Gaelan MacKenzie)
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16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
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Session 4

17:00 – 18:00	ALLAN HSIAO (University of Chicago) "Educational Investment in Spatial Equilibrium: Evidence from Indonesia"
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18:00 – 19:00	JAUME VENTURA (CREI, UPF and BSE) “Borders within Europe” (with Marta Santamaría and Uğur Yeşilbayraktar)
20:30	<i>Workshop Dinner*</i> (by invitation only)

PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Session 5

09:00 - 10:00	KIRILL BORUSYAK (University College London) “Non-Random Exposure to Exogenous Shocks” (with Peter Hull)
10:00 - 11:00	YUAN TIAN (University of Nottingham) “Trade Disruptions Along the Global Supply Chain” (with Alejandro G. Graziano)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break *</i>

Session 6

11:30 – 12:30	MARC MELITZ (Harvard University) “Moving Parts: When More Restrictive Content Rules Backfire” (with Keith Head and Thierry Mayer)
12:30 – 13:30	NICHOLAS TRACHTER (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond) “Plants in Space” (with Ezra Oberfield, Esteban Rossi-Hansberg and Pierre-Daniel Sarte)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch *</i>

Session 7

14:30 – 15:30	ANDRII PARKHOMENKO (University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business) “Spatial Implications of Telecommuting” (with Matthew J. Delventhal)
15:30 – 16:30	MILENA ALMAGRO (University of Chicago, Booth School of Business) “The Effects of Urban Renewal Programs on Gentrification and Inequality: Evidence from Chicago Public Housing Demolitions” (with Eric Chyn and Bryan Stuart)
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break*</i>

Session 8

17.00 – 18:00	FELIPE VALENCIA CAICEDO (University of British Columbia) “Collateral Damage: The Legacy of the Secret War in Laos” (with Juan Felipe Riaño)
18:00 – 19:00	ARIEL BURSTEIN (University of California, Los Angeles) “Unequal expenditure switching: Evidence from Switzerland” (with Raphael Auer, Sarah Lein and Jonathan Vogel)



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JUNE 9-10, 2022 – Room 13 (first floor)

PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9

09:45 - 10:00	<i>Registration and Welcome</i>
Session 1	
10:00 - 11:00	FRANCESCO SOBBRIO (Tor Vergata University of Rome) "Fact-Checking Politicians" (with Andrea Mattozzi and Samuel Nocito)
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break *</i>
Session 2	
11:30 - 12:30	HORACIO LARREGUY (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) "Accountability under Polarization" (with José Ramón Enríquez, John Marshall and Alberto Simpser)
12:30 - 13:30	JULIEN LABONNE (University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government) "Voter Responses to Emotional Appeals: Evidence from Door-to-Door Visits in the Philippines" (with Cesi Cruz and Francesco Trebbi)
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch *</i>
Session 3	
14:30 - 15:30	JAYA WEN (Harvard Business School) "State Employment as a Strategy of Autocratic Control in China"
15:30 - 16:30	MARK R. ROSENZWEIG (Yale University) "Democratization, Elite Capture and Economic Development" (with Andrew D. Foster)
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Coffee Break *</i>
Session 4	
17:00 - 18:00	LAURENT BOUTON (Georgetown University) "Voting in Shareholders Meetings" (with Aniol Llorente-Saguer, Antonin Macé and Dimitrios Xefteris)
18:00 - 19:00	VINCENT PONS (Harvard Business School) "Electoral Turnovers" (with Benjamin Marx and Vincent Rollet)
20:30	<i>Workshop Dinner* (by invitation only)</i>

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Session 5

10:00 - 11:00	QUOC-ANH DO (Northwestern University) "J'Accuse! Antisemitism and Financial Markets in the Time of the Dreyfus Affair" (with Roberto Galbiati, Benjamin Marx and Miguel A. Ortiz Serrano)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break *

Session 6

11:30 - 12:30	MATTIAS POLBORN (Vanderbilt University) "Morals as Luxury Goods and Political Polarization" (with Benjamin Enke and Alex Wu)
12:30 - 13:30	ANDREA TESEI (Queen Mary University of London) "Mobile Internet and the Rise of Political Tribalism in Europe" (with Marco Manacorda and Guido Tabellini)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch *

Session 7

14:30 - 15:30	GEMMA DIPOPPA (Stanford University) "How Criminal Organizations Expand to Strong States: Migrant Exploitation and Political Brokerage in Northern Italy"
15:30 - 16:30	PABLO QUERUBIN (New York University) "Plata and Plomo: How Higher Salaries Expose Politicians to Criminal Violence" (with Massimo Pulejo)
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break*

Session 8

17:00 - 18:00	AAKAASH RAO (Harvard University) "Justifying Dissent" (with Leonardo Bursztyrn, Georgy Egorov, Ingar Haaland and Christopher Roth)
18:00 - 19:00	RO'EE LEVY (Tel Aviv University) "The Effects of Social Movements: Evidence from #MeToo" (with Martin Mattsson)
20:30	Workshop Dinner* (by invitation only)

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June 13-14, 2022, Room 13 (1st floor)

PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, JUNE 13

8:30	<i>Registration</i>
8:50	<i>Welcome</i>
Session 1	
9:00 - 10:00	Invited Speaker Enrico Moretti (University of California, Berkeley) Size Matters: The Benefits of Looking for a Job in a Large Labor Market
10:15 - 10:45	Yujung Hwang (Johns Hopkins University) Neighborhood Effects on Intergenerational Cultural Transmission
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 2	
11:15 - 12:00	A. Nilesh Fernando (University of Notre Dame) Regulation by Reputation? Intermediaries, Labor Abuses, and International Migration
12:00 - 12:45	Sulin Sardoschau (Humboldt University Berlin) Scared Straight? Threat and Assimilation of Refugees in Germany
12:45 - 13:30	Simone Bertoli (Université Clermont Auvergne, CNRS, CERDI) Border Apprehensions and Federal Sentencing of Hispanic Citizens in the United States
13:30 - 14:45	<i>Lunch*</i>
Session 3	
14:45 - 15:30	Andri Chassamboulli (University of Cyprus) Immigration, Legal Status and Fiscal Impact
15:30 - 16:15	Anna Maria Mayda (Georgetown University) The Fiscal Impact of Immigration in the United States: Evidence at the Local Level
16:15 - 16:45	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
Session 4	
16:45 - 17:30	Achim Ahrens (ETH Zurich) The Labor Market Effects of Restricting Refugees' Employment Opportunities (with Andreas Beerli, Dominik Hangartner, Selina Kurer, Michael Siegenthaler)
17:30 - 18:15	Silvia Vannutelli (Northwestern University) Immigrants' Legalisation and Firms: Evidence from the 2007 EU Enlargement
20:00	<i>Workshop Dinner*</i>

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Session 5

9:00 - 10:00	Invited Speaker Melanie Morten (Stanford University) Missing Migrants: Border Closures as a Labor Supply Shock
10:15 - 10:45	Jan Sebastian Nimczik (ESMT Berlin) The Long -Run Effects of Immigration Across a Barrier to Settlement
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break*</i>

Session 6

11:15 - 12:00	Alicia Adserà (Princeton University) Cognitive Abilities, Gender, and Migration Aspirations
12:00 - 12:45	Alice Mesnard (City University London) Temporary Foreign Work Permits: Honing the Tools to Defeat Human Smuggling
12:45 - 13:30	Joël Machado (LISER) Selective Migration and Economic Development: A Generalized Approach
13:30 - 14:45	<i>Lunch*</i>

Session 7

14:45 - 15:30	Romuald Meango (Oxford University) The Option -Value of Overstaying
15:30 - 16.15	Giacomo Battiston (University of Padova) Informing Risky Migration: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Guinea
16:15 - 16:45	<i>Coffee Break*</i>

Session 8

16:45 - 17:30	Kurt See (Bank of Canada) Immigrant Misallocation
17:30 - 18:15	Yanos Zylberberg (University of Bristol) Floating Population: Consumption and Location Choices of Rural Migrants in China

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Children's Health, Well-Being, and Human Capital Formation
June 20, 21, 2022 – Room 13 (1st floor)

PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, JUNE 20

Session 1	
10:00 - 11:00-	<p>STEFANIE SCHURER (University of Sydney)</p> <p>"Child Health and Parental Responses to an Unconditional Cash Transfer at Birth" (with Alexandra de Gendre, John Lynch, Aurélie Meunier, Rhiannon Pilkington)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Cecilia Peluffo (University of Florida)</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break*
11:30 - 12:30-	<p>XUECHAO (JANE) QIAN (The Ohio State Univeristy)</p> <p>"Pandemic Babies: The Effects of Medical Procedure Delays on Infant and Maternal Health"</p> <p><i>Discussant: David Slusky (University of Kansas)</i></p>
12:30 - 13:30-	<p>MICHELE GIANNOLA (University of Naples Federico II and the Institute for Fiscal Studies)</p> <p>"Parental Beliefs, Perceived Health Risks and Time Investments in Children during COVID-19" (with Gabriella Conti, Alessandro Toppeta)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Judit Vall (IEB, Universitat de Barcelona and CRES-UPF)</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch*
14:30 - 15:30-	<p>CAROLINA ARTEAGA (University of Toronto)</p> <p>"A Manufactured Tragedy: The Origins and Deep Ripples of the Opioid Epidemic" (with Victoria Barone)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Laia Maynou (Universidad de Barcelona)</i></p>
15:30 - 16:30-	<p>ANNE BRENØE (University of Zurich)</p> <p>"Causal Effects of Breastfeeding Promotion on Child Health: Understanding the Role of Nutrition" (with Jenna Stearns)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Gabriella Conti (University College London)</i></p>
136:30 – 17:00	Coffee break*
17:00 - 18:00-	<p>ALEX ARMAND (Nova School of Business and Economics, CEPR)</p> <p>"The Effect of Nature's Wealth on Human Development: Evidence from Renewable Resources" (with Iván Kim Taveras)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Greg Veramendi (University of Munich)</i></p>
20:00	Workshop dinner* (by invitation only)

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Session 1	
10:00 - 11:00-	<p>GREG VERAMENDI (University of Munich)</p> <p>"The Labor Market Returns to Delaying Pregnancy" (with Yana Gallen, Juanna Joensen, Eva Rye Johansen)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Elisabetta Aurino (Universidad de Barcelona)</i></p>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break*</i>
11:30 - 12:30-	<p>CECILIA PELUFFO (University of Florida)</p> <p>"Parents' Effective Time Endowment and Divorce: Evidence from Extended School Days" (with Maria Padilla-Romo, Mariana Viollaz)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela (Universidad de Barcelona)</i></p>
12:30 - 13:30-	<p>VIVEK ROY-CHOWDHURY (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>"Self-Confidence and Motivated Memory Loss: Evidence From Schools"</p> <p><i>Discussant: Caterina Calsamiglia (IPEG)</i></p>
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch*</i>
14:30 - 15:30-	<p>METTE EJRNÆS (University of Copenhagen)</p> <p>"Before and after out-of-home placement: Child health, education and crime" (with Petra Gram Cavalca, Mette Goertz)</p> <p><i>Discussant: Suncica Vujic (University of Antwerp)</i></p>

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14-16 June 2022

Hosted by: Department of Economics, Stockholm University

Programme

Please note this programme is still a draft and may be subject to change.

Tuesday June 14

POPULISM

Opening Remarks (2:00-2:15pm)

Session 1 (2:15-3:45pm)

Decomposing the Rise of the Populist Right

Oren Danieli (Tel Aviv University)

Co-authors: Noam Gidron (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shinnosuke Kikuchi (MIT), Ro'ee Levy (Tel Aviv University School of Economics)

Mobilization and the Strategy of Populism Theory and Evidence from the United States

Massimo Morelli (Università Bocconi and CEPR)

Co-authors: Gloria Gennaro (ETH Zurich), Giampaolo Lecce (University of Groningen and CEPR)

Coffee Break (3:45-4:15pm)

Session 2 (4:15pm-5:45pm)

The Increase in Partisan Segregation in the United States

Emilie Sartre (Brown University)

Co-authors: Jacob R. Brown (Harvard University), Enrico Cantoni (University of Bologna), Ryan D. Enos (Harvard University), Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School and CEPR)

Political social-learning: Short-term memory and cycles of polarisation

Ronny Razin (LSE and CEPR)

Co-authors: Gilat Levy (LSE and CEPR)



Wednesday June 15

POPULISM

Session 3 (9am-10:30am)

Mobile Internet and the Rise of Political Tribalism in Europe

Andrea Tesei (Queen Mary University of London and CEPR)

Co-authors: Marco Manacorda (Queen Mary University of London and CEPR), Guido Tabellini (Università Bocconi and CEPR)

Social-Media and Mental Health

Ro'ee Levy (Tel Aviv University School of Economics)

Co-authors: Luca Braghieri (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München and CEPR), Alexey Makarin (EIEF and CEPR)

Coffee Break (10:30-11am)

Session 4 (11am-12:30pm)

Economic Integration and the Transmission of Democracy

Marco Tabellini (Harvard Business School and CEPR)

Co-author: Giacomo Magistretti (EIEF)

Fighting Populism on Its Own Turf: Experimental Evidence

Vincenzo Galasso (IGIER at Università Bocconi and CEPR)

Co-authors: Massimo Morelli (Università Bocconi and CEPR), Tommaso Nannicini (Università Bocconi and CEPR), and Piero Stanig (Università Bocconi)

Plenary Session (2pm-3pm)

Keynote: "Mass Polarization in the US and Elsewhere"

Jesse Shapiro (Harvard Business School)

Coffee Break (3:00-3:30pm)

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Session 5 (3:30-5:45pm)

Delegation under Liquid Democracy: Two Experiments

Alessandra Casella (Columbia University and CEPR)



Co-authors: Joseph Campbell (Columbia University), Lucas de Lara (Columbia University), Victoria Mooers (Columbia University), Dilip Ravindran (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Electoral Turnovers

Benjamin Marx (Sciences Po and CEPR)

Co-authors: Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School and CEPR), Vincent Rollet (MIT)

Anti-Japanese Protests, Social Media Hate Speech and Television Shows in China

Maiting Zhuang (Stockholm School of Economics)

Thursday June 16

POLITICAL ECONOMY and PUBLIC ECONOMICS

Session 6 (9am-10:30am)

Small Campaign Donors

Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School and CEPR)

Co-authors: Laurent Bouton (Georgetown University and CEPR), Julia Cagé (Sciences Po and CEPR), Edgard Dewitte (Sciences Po)

Foreign Influence in U.S. Politics

Marco Grotteria (London Business School)

Co-authors: S. Lakshmi Naarayanan (London Business School)

Coffee Break (10:30-11am)

Session 7 (11am-12:30pm)

Toxic Loans and the Rise of Populist Candidacies

Emilie Sartre (Brown University)

Co-authors: Gianmarco Daniele (University of Milan and CEPR), Paul Vertier (Banque de France)

Complexity and the Reform Process

Dana Foarta (Stanford University and CEPR)

Co-author: Massimo Morelli (Università Bocconi and CEPR)



POLITICAL IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Dates March 24-25 2022

Venue Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals
Ciutadella Campus Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Mercè Rodoreda Building, Sala Polivalent

Schedule

Day 1	10:00-10:15	Welcome
	10:15-11:00	Presenter: Henning Finseraas "The Political Consequences of Technological Change that Increases Demand for Low-Skilled Jobs" Discussant: Jane Gingrich
	11:00-11:45	Presenter: Yotam Margalit "The Cultural Origins of Populism" Discussant: Cesc Amat
	11:45-12:00	Break
	12:00-12:45	Presenter: Kattalina Berriochoa "Local Knowledge Economies and Political Preferences: New Survey Evidence from the Case of German" Discussant: Carles Boix
	12:45-13:45	Lunch
	13:45-14:30	Presenter: Guillem Vidal "Job Tasks and Social Classes in Europe: An Old Model of Employment Relations?" Discussant: Macarena Ares
	14:30-15:15	Presenter: Reto Bürgisser "Policy Responses to Technological Change in the Workplace" Discussant: Isabela Mares
	15:15-15:30	Break

- 15:30-16:15 Presenter: Guillem Amatller “The telegraph and turnout: Evidence from Sweden”
 Discussant: Jonathan Rodden (online)
- 20:00 Dinner at Xiroi Ca la Nuri, Passeig Marítim de la Nova Içària, 38

Day 2

- 9:15-10:00 Presenter: Nicolas Bicchi “Preferences over policies related to workplace digitalization”
 Discussant: Jordi Muñoz
- 10:00-10:45 Presenter: Peter Loewen
 Discussant: Henning Finseraas
- 10:45-11:00 Break

Round table

- 11:00-12:30 Discussion about experiences in policy-making with Marta Curto (General Director of Economic Analysis, Generalitat de Catalunya), Pepe Fernández Albertos (Advisor to the Spanish Minister of Social Affairs), Leire Salazar (DIGCLASS (Social Classes in the Digital Age), Joint Research Centre, European Commission)
- 12:30-13:00 Concluding discussion and directions for further research
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session about research designs (TECHNO project)

- 14:00-14:45 Presenter: Thomas Kurer “Can Government Policies Moderate Political Backlash to Technological Change?”
 Discussant: Nicolas Bicchi
- 14:45-15:30 Presenter: Aina Gallego “Questionnaire design”
 Discussant: Silja Häuserman
- 15:30-16:15 Work meeting of the TECHNO project
- 17:30 Walk to Montjuic and guided tour through the Castle
 Meeting places: 16:30 at the door of the hotel. 17:30 at the Castle
- 19:30 Dinner in Poble Sec, Koska Taverna



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WORKSHOP

Themes 3 & 4 Workshop 2022

STEG Theme Workshop Series 2022

19 September 2022 at 14:00 BST, London

Each of the six STEG Themes will host online workshops in September 2022. These workshops will play a role in helping to share knowledge of the current research frontier and in identifying open research questions.

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This joint workshop with Theme 3 & Theme 4 focused on how market integration – both internal and global -- shapes the structural transformation process in developing countries.

The recording of the workshop is available [here](#) for day 1 and [here](#) for day 2. Timestamps for each presentation can be found in the description of the videos.

Programme:

Day 1 - Monday 19 September

14:00 *Welcoming remarks*

Session 1: Spatial Equilibrium - moderated by Michael Peters (Yale University)

14:05 *Spatial Spillovers and Labor Market Dynamics: Village Financial Interventions in Thailand* - **Daniel Ehrlich** (University of Chicago) and Robert M Townsend (MIT)

14:45 *Educational Investment in Spatial Equilibrium: Evidence from Indonesia* - **Allan Hsiao** (Princeton University) [Paper](#)

15:25 *Break*

Session 2: Climate Change - moderated by Andrés Rodríguez-Clare (University of California, Berkeley)

15:45 *The Real Effects of Climate Change in the Poorest Countries: Evidence from the Permanent Shrinking of Lake Chad* - **Roman Zarate** (World Bank)

16:25 *Break*

16:45 *On the Geographic Implications of Carbon Taxes* - **Bruno Conte** (University of Bologna), Klaus Desmet (Southern Methodist University), Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (University of Chicago)

17:25 *Can Trade Policy Mitigate Climate Change?* - **Farid Farrokhi** (Purdue University) and Ahmad Lashkaripour (Indiana University) [Paper](#)

18:05 *Workshop ends*

Day 2 - Tuesday 20 September

14:00 *Welcoming remarks*

Session 3: Technology Adoption in Agriculture - moderated by Diego Restuccia (University of Toronto)

14:05 *Tillers of Prosperity: Land Ownership, Reallocation, and Structural Transformation* - **Shuhei Kitamura** (Osaka University) [Paper](#)

14:45 *Appropriability of the Returns to Training as a Barrier to Agricultural Technology Adoption: Evidence from Burundi* - Luisa Cefala (University of California, Berkeley), Michel Ndayikeza (Université Clermont Auvergne), Pedro Naso (Swedish University of Agricultural Science and **Nicholas Swanson** (University of California, Berkeley)

15:25 *Break*

Session 4: The Location of Economic Activity - moderated by Victor Couture (University of British Columbia)

15:45 *Rural marketplaces and the emergence of a market economy* - **Tillmann Von Carnap** (Stockholm University) [Slides](#)

16:25 *How do Establishments Choose their Location? Taxes, Monopsony, and Productivity* - **Catherine van der List** (University of British Columbia)

17:05 *Break*

Session 5: Networks - moderated by Vasco Carvalho (University of Cambridge)

17:25 *Production Networks and War: Evidence from Ukraine* - Vasily Korovkin (CERGE-EI) and **Alexey Makarin** (Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance)

18:05 *Cultural Proximity and Production Networks* - Brian Cevallos Fujiy (University of Michigan), Gaurav Khanna (UCSD) and **Hiroshi Toma** (University of Michigan) [Slides](#)

18:45 *Closing Remarks*

18:45 *Workshop ends*

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