

# 7th Workshop on Urban Economics

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14:00 – 14:30		Registration and Opening	
		ROOM 1	ROOM 2
14:30 – 15:50		<p><b>Session 1a – SEGREGATION, TRANSPORT, AND PUBLIC GOODS</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mariaflavia Harari <b>Unequal Access: Racial Segregation and the Distributional Impacts of Interstate Highways in Cities</b> Laura Weiwu (MIT) <b>Discussant:</b> Mariaflavia Harari (University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p><b>Residential patterns and public goods in Brazil</b> Mariaflavia Harari (University of Pennsylvania) <b>Discussant:</b> Laura Weiwu (MIT)</p>	<p><b>Session 1b – CITIES AND HISTORY</b> <b>Chair:</b> Yan Hu <b>Factory Location: Resistance to Technology Adoption and Local Institutions</b> Michele Rosenberg (University of Essex) (with Federico Curci) <b>Discussant:</b> Yan Hu (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p><b>The roadblock effect</b> Yan Hu (University of Edinburgh) <b>Discussant:</b> Michele Rosenberg (University of Essex)</p>
15:50 – 16:20		Coffee break	
16:20 – 18:20		<p><b>SESSION 2a – HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT</b> <b>Chair:</b> Yue Yu <b>Do Homebuyers Value Energy Efficiency? Evidence From an Information Shock</b> Jaime Millán-Quijano (Universidad de Navarra) (with Arpita Ghosh and Brendon McConnell) <b>Discussant:</b> Mariona Segú (CY Cergy Paris Université)</p> <p><b>Success and Failure of a Zero-Interest Green Loan program: Evidence from France</b> Mariona Segú (CY Cergy Paris Université) (with Ilya Eryzhenskiy and Louis-Gaëtan Giraudet) <b>Discussant:</b> Yue Yu (University of Toronto)</p> <p><b>The Value of Cleaner Waterways: Evidence from the Black-and-Odororous Water Program</b> Yue Yu (University of Toronto) (with Qianyang Zhang) <b>Discussant:</b> Jaime Millán-Quijano (Universidad de Navarra)</p>	<p><b>Session 2b – LOCAL LABOR MARKETS</b> <b>Chair:</b> Christoph Hedtrich <b>Public Sector Pay</b> Joan Monras (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) (with Arthur Guillouzoic and Emeric Henry) <b>Discussant:</b> Greg Howard (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)</p> <p><b>The Dynamics of Internal Migration: A New Fact and its Implications</b> Greg Howard (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) (with Hansen Shao) <b>Discussant:</b> Christoph Hedtrich (Uppsala University)</p> <p><b>The Equilibrium Effects of Workers' Outside Employment Options: Evidence from a Labor Market Integration</b> Christoph Hedtrich (Uppsala University) (with Flavio Hafner) <b>Discussant:</b> Joan Monras (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)</p>

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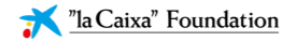
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	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
09:40 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 3a – URBAN FORM: BUILDINGS HEIGHT &amp; LAND USE</b> <b>Chair:</b> Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt <b>Local Effects of Bypassing Zoning Regulations in High-Income Areas</b> Hector Blanco (Rutgers University) - (with Noémie Sportiche) <b>Discussant:</b> Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt (London School of Economics)</p> <p><b>The Skyscraper Revolution: Global Economic Development and Land Savings</b> Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt (London School of Economics) (with Nathaniel Baum-Snow, and Remi Jedwab) <b>Discussant:</b> Hector Blanco (Rutgers University)</p>	<p><b>Session 3b – TRANSPORT: PUBLIC TRANSIT</b> <b>Chair:</b> Prottoy A. Akbar <b>Urban Transport Infrastructure and Downtown Outmigration in the 19th century: the case of Paris</b> Pol Cosentino (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) <b>Discussant:</b> Prottoy A. Akbar (Aalto University)</p> <p><b>Who Benefits from Faster Public Transit?</b> Prottoy A. Akbar (Aalto University) <b>Discussant:</b> Pol Cosentino (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Session 4a – LOCATION</b> <b>Chair:</b> David Albouy <b>Measuring quality of life under spatial frictions</b> Tobias Seidel (University of Duisburg-Essen) - (with Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt, Fabian Bald, and Duncan H.W. Roth) <b>Discussant:</b> Brian Greaney (University of Washington)</p> <p><b>Dynamic Urban Economics</b> Brian Greaney (University of Washington) - (with Andrii Parkhomenko and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh) <b>Discussant:</b> David Albouy (University of Illinois)</p> <p><b>Skills, Migration, and Urban Amenities over the Life Cycle</b> David Albouy (University of Illinois) (with R. Jason Faberman) <b>Discussant:</b> Tobias Seidel (University of Duisburg-Essen)</p>	<p><b>Session 4b – HOUSING POLICIES EVALUATION</b> <b>Chair:</b> Eunjee Kwon <b>Frictional and Speculative Vacancies: The Effects of an Empty Homes Tax</b> Lu Han (University of Wisconsin – Madison) - (with Derek Stacey, and Hong Chen) <b>Discussant:</b> João Pereira dos Santos (Queen Mary University of London)</p> <p><b>All that glitters? Golden visas and real estate</b> João Pereira dos Santos (Queen Mary University of London) - (with Kristina Strohmaier) <b>Discussant:</b> Eunjee Kwon (University of Cincinnati)</p> <p><b>The Effect of Targeted Subsidies on the Location Choice of Housing Voucher Recipients: Evidence from the Small-Area Fair Market Rents</b> Eunjee Kwon (University of Cincinnati) (with Michael D. Eriksen, and Guoyang Yang) <b>Discussant:</b> Lu Han (University of Wisconsin – Madison)</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Working Lunch	
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Session 5a – HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP</b> <b>Chair :</b> Nikhil Datta <b>Structural Density and Homeownership</b> Christian A. L. Hilber (London School of Economics) (with Andreas Mense) <b>Discussant:</b> Adam Soliman (London School of Economics)</p> <p><b>The erosion of homeownership and minority wealth</b> Adam Soliman (London School of Economics) (with Stephen B. Billings) <b>Discussant:</b> Nikhil Datta (University of Warwick)</p> <p><b>Agents, Landlords and Tenants: Market Structure in the Rental Market</b> Nikhil Datta (University of Warwick) (with Jan David Bakker) <b>Discussant:</b> Christian A. L. Hilber (London School of Economics)</p>	<p><b>Session 5b – CITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES</b> <b>Chair:</b> Pierre M. Picard <b>Evaluating the Relocation of Indonesia's Capital: A Quantitative Spatial Model Approach</b> Alexander D. Rothenberg (Syracuse University) (with Yao Wang and Radine Rafols) <b>Discussant:</b> Pierre M. Picard (University of Luxembourg)</p> <p><b>Customary Land Conversion in African Cities</b> Pierre M. Picard (University of Luxembourg) (with Harris Selod) <b>Discussant:</b> Alexander D. Rothenberg (Syracuse University)</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Plenary Session: Urbanization in low-income countries: urban economics meets development economics</b> Melanie Morten (Stanford University)	
20:00	<b>Dinner: Restaurant Sal Mar. Pg. Marítim de la Barceloneta, s/n. Barcelona</b>	

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	<b>ROOM 1</b>	<b>ROOM 2</b>
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 6a – TRANSPORT: HOUSING AND QUALITY OF LIFE</b></p> <p>Chair: Hugo E. Silva</p> <p><b>Expecting an Expressway</b> Kyle Mangum (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia) (with Jeffrey Brinkman and Jeffrey Lin) Discussant: Hugo E. Silva (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)</p> <p><b>The effects of transport infrastructure on housing supply: the role of land-use regulation</b> Hugo E. Silva (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) (with Kenzo Asahi, and Andrea Herrera) Discussant: Kyle Mangum (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia)</p>	<p><b>Session 6b – AMENITIES</b></p> <p>Chair: Matthias Hoelzlein</p> <p><b>The Rise of Consumer Cities: Evidence from the City of Light</b> Gabriel Loumeau (VU Amsterdam) (with Pierre-Philippe Combes, Laurent Gobillon and Yanos Zylberberg) Discussant: Matthias Hoelzlein (University of Notre Dame)</p> <p><b>The Gentrification Effect of Retail Amenities: Evidence from Whole Foods Market</b> Matthias Hoelzlein (University of Notre Dame) (with Sam Miller) Discussant: Gabriel Loumeau (VU Amsterdam)</p>
10.30 – 10:50	Coffee break	
10.50 – 12:10	<p><b>Session 7a – SEGREGATION IN CITIES</b></p> <p>Chair: Stephan Thies</p> <p><b>Public housing design, racial sorting and welfare: Evidence from New York City public housing 1930-2010</b> Maximilian Guennewig-Moenert (Trinity College Dublin) Discussant: Stephan Thies (Columbia University)</p> <p><b>Segregation, Spillovers, and the Locus of Racial Change</b> Stephan Thies (Columbia University) (with Donald R. Davis and Matthew Easton) Discussant: Maximilian Guennewig-Moenert (Trinity College Dublin)</p>	<p><b>Session 7b – URBAN FORMATION: PAST AND PRESENT</b></p> <p>Chair: Andrii Parkhomenko</p> <p><b>Urbanisation and urban divergence: France 1760 – 2020</b> Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics) (with Pierre-Philippe Combes, Gilles Duranton, Clément Gorin and Frédéric Robert-Nicoud) Discussant: Andrii Parkhomenko (University of Southern California)</p> <p><b>Homeownership, Polarization, and Inequality</b> Andrii Parkhomenko (University of Southern California) Discussant: Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics)</p>
12:10 – 12:15	Break	
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Plenary Session: State of the Art: Economic Development Through the Lens of Paintings</b> Stephan Heblch (University of Toronto) (with Clement Gorin and Yanos Zylberberg)	
13:15	<b>Lunch and farewell</b>	