

4th Workshop on Public Policies

Barcelona, June 15-16, 2026



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PROGRAM: June 15, 2026 - LOCATION: Palau Macaya (Passeig de Sant Joan, 108, Barcelona)

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and informal welcome	
	Room 1	Room 2
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 1a – GENDER - Chair: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro</p> <p><i>"Female Promotions and the Academic Pipeline: Evidence from a Natural Experiment"</i> Manuel Bagues, Milan Makany, Giulia Vattuone (SOFI, Stockholm University), Natalia Zinovyeva</p> <p><i>"Unilateral Divorce and Harsh Parenting: Evidence from East Germany"</i> Luca Bagnato (University of Bologna), Elisabetta De Cao, Annachiara Mariani</p> <p><i>"Agricultural Practices, Organised Workers and Female Empowerment: Evidence from Italian Mondine"</i> Miriam Venturini (University of California Riverside)</p> <p><i>"Paternity Leave and Statistical Discrimination: Evidence from Spanish Firms"</i> Libertad González, Luis Guirola (Universitat de Barcelona&AQR-IREA)</p>	<p>Session 1b – HEALTH - Chair: Judit Vall Castelló</p> <p><i>"Early or Late? The Timing of Universal Cash Transfers and Infant Health"</i> Christine Ho (London School of Economics), Ying Liu</p> <p><i>"Mortality, Temperature, and Public Adaptation Policy: Evidence from Italy"</i> Filippo Pavanello, Giulia Valenti (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)</p> <p><i>"Citizenship Policy and the Spread of Communicable Diseases: Evidence from the Dominican Republic"</i> Fabiola Alba-Vivar (Wake Forest University), Eduardo Campillo-Betancourt, Jose Luis Flor-Toro</p> <p><i>"The Well-Being Effects of Digital Mental Health Care"</i> Manuela Angelucci, Raissa Fábregas (The University of Texas at Austin), Antonia Vazquez</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break – ROOM 5 & 6	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2a – EDUCATION 1- Chair: Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela</p> <p><i>"Spillover Effects of Affirmative Action in College Admissions"</i> Carolina Allende, Andrés Barrios-Fernández, Jorge Rodríguez (Universidad de los Andes)</p> <p><i>"Social Mobility and Higher Education: The Role of Elite Public Colleges"</i> Javier Feinmann (Paris School of Economics), Roberto Hsu Rocha</p> <p><i>"A Free Lunch? How Changing Childcare Defaults Increases Parental Labor Supply"</i> Justus Bamert (Princeton University)</p>	<p>Session 2b –LABOUR 1 - Chair: Anastasia Terskaya</p> <p><i>"The Effects of Subsidizing Social Security Contributions"</i> Gunes A.Asik (Middle East Technical University), Laurent Bossavie, Efsan Nas-Ozen, Metin Nebiler, Ana Maria Oviedo</p> <p><i>"Minimum Wages and the Distribution of Firm Wage Premia"</i> Marcelo Bergolo, Rodrigo Ceni (Universidad de la Republica), Mathias Fondo, Damián Vergara</p> <p><i>"Escaping Temporary Traps: Evidence for Young and Adult Workers"</i> Ferran Elias, Henry Redondo (University of Alicante)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	WORKING Lunch - ROOM 5 & 6	
14.00 – 15.15	<p>Room 1 - Plenary Session</p> <p>Matthew J. Lindquist (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University)</p> <p>"The Effect of Neighborhood Incarceration Rates on the Criminal Behavior of Neighborhood Peers"</p> <p>Presented by Daniel Montolio</p>	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break - ROOM 5 & 6	

15:45 17:15	<p>Session 3a –LABOUR 2 - Chair: Jaime Millán-Quijano</p> <p><i>“Trade and Gender: A Tale of Two Margins of Informality”</i> Camila Cisneros-Acevedo (University of Tübingen), Alessandro Ruggieri</p> <p><i>“The Immediate and Intergenerational Effects of Cash Transfers: Evidence from Indian Gaming”</i> Maggie R. Jones, Emilia Simeonova (Johns Hopkins University & NBER), Randall Akee, Carla Medalia</p> <p><i>“Public Transport: A Route to Reduce Employment Gap?”</i> Viktor Veterinarov (Sciences Po)</p>	<p>Session 3b –CRIME- Chair: Daniel Montolio</p> <p><i>“Neighborhood Labeling and Criminal Justice Decisions”</i> Magdalena Domínguez (Institute for Fiscal Studies), Hans Grönqvist, Edvin Hertegård, Susan Niknami, Torsten Santavirta</p> <p><i>“Liquid Assets: Plasma Donation Income and Crime”</i> Sam Kang, Brendon McConnell (University of London), Mariyana Zapryanova</p> <p><i>“Moving for Good: Educational Gains from Leaving Violence Behind”</i> María Padilla-Romo (University of Tennessee), Cecilia Peluffo</p>
20:00	Dinner: Restaurant Sal Mar (Pg. Marítim de la Barceloneta, Barcelona)	

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Room 1 - Plenary Session</h2>		
09:30 – 10:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Michela Carlana (Harvard Kennedy School & Bocconi University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Biased Expectations, Unequal Opportunities: The Role of Teachers in Social Mobility”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presented by Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela</p>	
10.45 – 11:15 Coffee break- ROOM 5 & 6		
	Room 1	Room 2
11:15 - 13:15	<p>Session 4a – EDUCATION 2 - Chair: Guglielmo Ventura</p> <p><i>“Competitive School Grants and Student Achievement: Evidence from EU Cohesion Policy”</i> Jacopo Bassetto (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, IAB), Francesco Filippucci, Marco Leonardi</p> <p><i>“Why Do Smaller Classes Fail to Improve Student Learning? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Surveys of Teachers, Parents and Students”</i> Damon Clark, Pierre Deschamps, José Montalbán (SOFI, Stockholm University)</p> <p><i>“From Nursery to Classroom: The Lasting Impact of Public Early Childcare”</i> Marianna Battaglia (Universidad de Alicante), María Cabrera</p> <p><i>“When Does Edtech Work? Evidence from a Scalable Home-Based Intervention with School Complementarity”</i> Juanita Bloomfield (Universidad de Montevideo), Ana Balsa, Alejandro Cid</p>	<p>Session 4b – MIGRATION - Chair: Javier Vázquez-Grenno</p> <p><i>“Returns to Host-Country Education for Immigrants”</i> Mariana Esteves (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)</p> <p><i>“The Impact of Inter-Ethnic Contact in Schools on Managers’ Hiring Decisions”</i> Liam Wren-Lewis, Max Friedrich Steinhardt, Luca Paolo Merlino (ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles), Philip Rosenbaum</p> <p><i>“Harsh Rhetoric and Cultural Identity: Backlash Effects of Denmark’s Ghetto List”</i> Mette Foged, Teresa Freitas-Monteiro (University of Copenhagen and CERGE-EI), Linea Hasager</p> <p><i>“Immigration, Identity Choices, and Cultural Diversity”</i> Yasmine Elkhateeb, Riccardo Turati, Jérôme Valette (CEPII)</p>
13:15-14:00 Farewell Drink - ROOM 5 & 6		