

THEORETICAL RESEARCH IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

ThReD

ThRed is an organization dedicated to research in Development Economics. ThRed takes theory seriously, including empirical work that is motivated and guided by theory. The questions of economic development necessitate continuous dialogue between theory and empirics. Our goal is to provide a platform that contributes to this dialogue from the theory side. That means we support research where the main contribution is theoretical, research that combines theory and empirics, as well as research that is purely empirical but is theoretically grounded and helps us choose between alternative theories, and/or stimulates further theoretical research. Our goal is to hold workshops, conferences, and host working papers and lecture notes, all geared to a methodological focus that is theory-oriented.

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22 JUNE 9:00AM

SESSION 1 CAPITAL AND INEQUALITY IN THE LONG RUN: AUTOMATION WITHOUT TECHNICAL PROGRESS

DILIP MOOKHERJEE (S) Boston University
DEBRAJ RAYI NYU

SKILL-REPLACING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND THE SKILL PREMIUM: THEORY AND EVIDENCE

WENBO ZHU (S) UIBE University of
International Business and Economics

11:00AM
COFFEE BREAK

11:30AM ALTRUISM AND RISK SHARING IN NETWORKS

RENAUD BOURLES École centrale de
Marseille
YANN BRAMOULLÉ (S) Aix-Marseille
University
EDUARDO PEREZ-RICHET Sciences Po

12:30PM
LUNCH

1:30PM

SESSION 2 FRIEND-BASED TARGETING

FRANCIS BLOCH (S) Université Paris 1
Panthéon-Sorbonne
MATTHEW OLCERS Université Paris 1
Panthéon-Sorbonne

2:30PM
COFFEE BREAK

3:00PM UPPING THE ANTE: THE EQUILIBRIUM EFFECTS OF UNCONDITIONAL GRANTS TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS

TAHIR ANDRABI Pomona College
JISHNU DAS The World Bank
ASIM I KHWAJA Harvard University
SELCUK OZYURT (S) Sabanci University
NIHARIKA SINGH Harvard University

OPTIMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN DEVELOPING MARKETS: THEORY AND EVIDENCE

WILLIAM FUCHS (S) The University of Texas at
Austin
BRETT GREEN Berkeley-Haas
DAVID I. LEVINE Berkeley-Haas

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CONFERENCE DINNER

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SESSION 3 MARRIAGE, COMMITMENT AND SOCIAL NORMS: THEORY AND EVIDENCE FROM EGYPT

SIWAN ANDERSON The University of British
Columbia

CHRIS BIDNER (S) Simon Fraser University

CLÈMENTINE SADANIA Aix-Marseille
University

THE ADAM SMITH RULE: INEQUALITY AND EMERGING MARKETS

HALVOR MEHLUM (S) University of Oslo

KALLE MOENE University of Oslo

11:00AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:30AM

PRICING PEOPLE INTO THE MARKET: TARGETING THROUGH MECHANISM DESIGN

TERENCE JOHNSON (S) University of Notre
Dame

MOLLY LIPSCOMB University of Virginia

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SESSION 4 GUILT, ESTEEM AND MOTIVATIONAL INVESTMENTS

MAITREESH GHATAK (S) The London School
of Economics and Political Science

ZAKI WAHHAJ University of Kent

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COFFEE BREAK

3:30PM

THE SURVIVAL AND DEMISE OF THE STATE: A DYNAMIC THEORY OF SECESSION

JOAN ESTEBAN Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica

SABINE FLAMAND Universitat Rovira i Virgili

MASSIMO MORELLI (S) Bocconi University

DOMINIC ROHNER University of Lausanne

ELECTORAL SYSTEMS AND INEQUALITIES IN GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS

LAURENT BOUTON Georgetown University

MICAEL CASTANHEIRA ECARES European

Center for Advanced Research in Economics
and Statistics, ULB Université libre de Bruxelles

GARANCE GENICOT (S) Georgetown

University