

Workshop

Firms, labour markets and development

7 - 8 July 2022

Conference room - Villa La Fonte, Via delle Fontanelle 18 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Fiesole, Florence)

Organising committee:

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Draft Programme

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09.00 - 09.15 Welcome

09.15 - 10.00 *The economics of women entrepreneurship*

Julia Seither | University of Rosario
(Paper co-authored with Megan Lang)

Discussant: **Julia Cajal Grossi** | Graduate Institute, Geneva

10.00 - 10.45 *Market structure, vertical integration & farmers' welfare in the Costa Rica coffee industry*

Rocco Macchiavello | London School of Economics
(Paper co-authored with Fabrizio Leone, Josepa Miquel-Florensa and Nicola Pavanini)

Discussant: **Monica Morlacco** | University of Southern California

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break



- 11.00 - 11.45 *The demand side of firm growth: Evidence from Mexico*
Louise Guillouët | Columbia University
Discussant: **Davide Del Prete** | University of Naples Parthenope
- 11.45 - 12.30 *Why don't small firms merge? Experimental evidence on information barriers*
Andreas Menzel | CERGE-EI
(Paper co-authored with Morgan Hardy, Seongyoon Kim and Marc Witte)
Discussant: **Vittorio Bassi** | University of Southern California
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00 Keynote lecture
Firm-level upgrading in developing countries
Eric Verhoogen | Columbia University
- 15.00 - 15.45 *Services trade liberalization and manufacturing firm productivity: Evidence from Vietnam*
Asha Sundaram | University of Auckland
(Paper co-authored with Yen Nguyen, Rob Scollay and Hien Thu Pham)
Discussant: **Hoang Pham** | Oregon State University
- 15.45 - 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 - 16.45 *Africa's manufacturing puzzle: Evidence from Tanzanian and Ethiopian firms*
Margaret McMillan | Tufts University
(Paper co-authored with Xinshen Diao, Mia Ellis and Dani Rodrik)
Discussant: **Elena Perra** | University of Florence

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09.15 - 10.00 *Place-based policies and migration*

Ritam Chaurey | Johns Hopkins SAIS

(Paper co-authored with Ama Baafra Abeberese and Radhika Menon)

Discussant: **Matteo Fiorini** | OECD

10.00 - 10.45 *Rural-urban migration, informality and firm dynamics*

Gabriel Ulyssea | University College London

(Paper co-authored with Clément Imbert)

Discussant: **Giovanni Prarolo** | University of Bologna

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 11.45 *Structural transformation and the demographic transition: Evidence from Bangladesh*

Brett McCully | Collegio Carlo Alberto

(Paper co-authored with Tania Barham, Randall Kuhn and Patricia Turner)

Discussant: **Suresh Naidu** | Columbia University

11.45 - 12.30 *Forced displacement and human capital: Evidence from separated siblings*

Giorgio Chiovelli | Universidad de Montevideo

(Paper co-authored with Stelios Michalopoulos, Elias Papaioannou and Sandra Sequeira)

Discussant: **Rohit Ticku** | European University Institute

12.30 - 13.00 Light lunch