

PEDL Early-Career Researchers Workshop 2026

Thursday 10 September 2026

GM Room, 55 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511, USA

Organisers

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Programme

Presentation slots will be approximately 20 minutes for work-in-progress papers and approximately 25 minutes for full papers, including Q&A for clarifying questions.

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08:30-08:50	Coffee, Registration and Welcome Remarks
08:50-09:15	<i>The Price Penalty for Migrant Entrepreneurs: Evidence from a Field Experiment in South Africa</i> Shreya Kankanhalli, Cornell University (with Rupali Kaul and Iris Steenkamp)
09:15-09:40	<i>Nationwide Diffusion of Technology: Experimental Evidence from Multiple Networks</i> Deivy Houeix, Harvard University
09:40-10:00	<i>Firm Networks and Mobility</i> Carolyn Pelnik, World Bank Development Research Group (with Anna Vitali)
10:00-10:25	<i>Selection and Sorting when Supervisors have Discretion: Experimental Evidence from a Tanzanian Factory</i> Yuen Ho, Trinity College Dublin (with Yihong Huang)
10:25-10:50	Break
10:50-11:15	<i>The Local Advantage: Firm Selection under Weak Institutions</i> Jonah Rexer, The World Bank (with Utsoree Das and Erik Katovich)
11:15-11:35	<i>Won't You Hire Your Neighbor? Experimental Evidence on Small Firm Consolidation</i> Jiayue Zhang, University of Chicago (with Morgan Hardy and Jamie McCasland)
11:35-12:00	<i>Direct and Spillover Effects of a Business Support Program: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment</i> Golvine de Rochambeau, IFC (World Bank Group) and CEPR (with Anubhav Agarwa and Roberto Sormani)
12:00-13:00	Lunch (joint with FTD conference)