BREAD Conference on the Economics of Africa

7–9 July 2021

conference programme

Day 1, 7 July | 4:00pm – 8:00pm BST	
4:00pm – 4:05pm	**Introductory remarks** **Robin Burgess** (President, BREAD; Director, IGC and Professor of Economics, LSE) **Christopher Udry** (Robert E. And Emily King Professor of Economics, Northwestern University)
4:05pm - 4:25pm	**Influencing youths' aspirations and gender attitudes through role models: Evidence from Somali schools** Elijah Kipkech Kipchumba, Catherine Porter, Danila Serra, and **Munshi Sulaiman** (BRAC)
4:25pm - 4:45pm	**Threats of audits and tax morale in Africa: Evidence from randomized field experiment in Ethiopia** **Abebe Shimeles** (African Economic Research Consortium and IZA), Daniel Gurara, and Firew Woldeyes **Moderated by Isaac Mbiti** (Virginia University) and **Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern University)
4:45pm – 4:50pm	**Break**
4:50pm – 5:10pm	**Two sides of gender: Sex, power, and adolescence** **Manisha Shah** (University of California, Los Angeles, NBER) Jennifer Seagar, Joao Montalvao and Markus Goldstein
5:10pm – 5:30pm	**Learning to teach by learning to learn** Nava Ashraf, Abhijit Banerjee and **Vesall Nourani** (MIT) **Moderated by Isaac Mbiti** (Virginia) and **Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern)

5:30pm - 5:40pm	**Break**
5:40pm - 6:00pm	**Combining financial-literacy training and text-message reminders to influence mobile money use and financial inclusion among VSLAs: Experimental evidence from Malawi** **Tayamika Kamwanja** (Partnership for Economic Policy), Lucius Cassim, Levison Chiwaula, Mirriam Matita, Marcos Agurto
6:00pm – 6:20pm	**The media or the message? Experimental evidence on mass media and modern contraception uptake in Burkina Faso** Rachel Glennerster, Joanna Murray and **Victor Pouliquen** (University of Oxford) **Moderated by Isaac Mbiti** (Virginia) and **Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern)
6:20pm - 6:30pm	**Break**
6:30pm – 6:50pm	**Fertility and polygyny: Experimental evidence from Burkina Faso** **Ben D'Exelle** (University of East Anglia)**,** Aurélia L'épine, Richard Bakyono and Ludovic D.G. Tapsoba
6:50pm – 7:10pm	**Misconduct and reputation under imperfect information** **Francis Annan** (Georgia State University) **Moderated by Isaac Mbiti** (Virginia) and **Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern)
7:10pm - 7:20pm	**Break**
7:20pm – 7:40pm	**School's out: Experimental evidence on limiting learning loss using "low-tech" in a pandemic** **Noam Angrist** (University of Oxford, World Bank and Young 1ove)**,** Peter Bergman and Moitshepi Matsheng
7:40pm – 8:00pm	**Harvesting the rain: The adoption of environmental technologies in the Sahel** **Jenny C. Aker** (Tufts University) and Kelsey Jack **Moderated by Isaac Mbiti** (Virginia) and **Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern)

Day 2, 8 July | 3:00pm – 8:00pm BST

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Kremer Master Lecture

Michael Kremer (Professor in Economics and the College and the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago)

Moderated by Njuguna Ndung'u (AERC)

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Break

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Malaria and human capital accumulation

Aklilu Zeleke Abenezer, (Soderton University), Justice Tei Mensah, Aimable Nsabimana

The negative impact of farm input subsidies on women's agency in Malawi's matrilocal settlements

Martin Limbikani (Stellenbsoch University) Dieter Von Fintel, Francesca Marchetta, Anja Smith and Tony Mwenda Kamninga

Free health care at birth and adult mental health: Evidence from South Africa

Arinze Nwokolo (Lagos Business School)

Africa's manufacturing puzzle: Evidence from Tanzanian and Ethiopian firms

Xinshen Diao, Mia Elis**, Margaret McMillan** (Tufts University & NBER) and Dani Rodrik

Land property rights, financial frictions and resource allocation in developing countries

Kristina Manysheva (Northwestern University)

Garbage in, garbage out: The impact of e-waste dumping sites on early child health

Stefania Lovo (University of Reading) and Samantha B.Rawlings

Peace and petty corruption: Evidence from trucking in Côte d'Ivoire

Jeremy Foltz, **Mengwei Lin** (Cornell University) and Souleymane Soumahoro

Perishable goods with state-dependent utility: Lessons from pay as you go solar in Rwanda

Megan Lang (University of California, Berkeley)

Rewarding allegiance: Political alignment and fiscal outcomes in local government

Christa N. Brunnschweiler and **Samuel Kwebena Obeng** (University of Warwick)

Concrete thinking about development

Keelan Beirne and **Martina Kirchberger** (Trinity College Dublin)

Moderated by Oriana Bandiera (LSE)

5:00pm – 5:10pm	**Break**
5:10pm – 6:00pm	**Polygyny, timing of marriage and economic shocks in sub-Saharan Africa** **Augustin Tapsoba** (Toulouse School of Economics) **Moderated by Nava Ashraf** (LSE)
6:00pm – 6:10pm	**Break**
6:10pm – 7:00pm	**Colonial origins and fertility: Can the market overcome history?** David Canning, Marie Christelle Mabeu and **Roland Pongou** (University of Ottawa) **Moderated by Leonard Wantchekon** (Princeton)
7:00pm – 7:10pm	**Break**
7:10pm – 8:00pm	**Does exposure to other ethnic groups promote national integration? Evidence from Nigeria** **Oyebola Okunogbe** (World Bank Development Research Group) **Moderated by Christopher Udry** (Northwestern)

Day 3, 9 July | 4:00pm – 7:50pm BST

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The social tax: Redistributive pressure and labour supply
Eliana Carranza, **Aletheia Donald (World Bank)**, Florian Grosset and Supreet Kaur

Maize price shock, agriculture production and children nutrition outcomes in Tanzania
Mkupete Jaah (University of Stellenbosch), Dieter Von Fintel and Ronelle Burge

The long-term effect of French and English colonization in Africa on citizens' trust towards local leaders
Brice Romuald Gueyap Kounga (University of Western Ontario)

Making entrepreneurs: Returns to training youth in hard versus soft business skills
Laura Chioda, David Contreras-Loya, **Paul Gertler** (University of California Berkeley) and Dana Carney

Urban public works in spatial equilibrium: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia
Simon Franklin (Queen Mary University of London), Clément Imbert, Girum Abebe and Carolina Mejia-Mantilla

Time use and gender in Africa in times of structural transformation
Taryn Dinkelman (University of Notre Dame, NBER) and L. Rachel Ngai

Financial incentives in multi-layered organizations: An experiment in the public sector in Sierra Leone
Erika Deserranno, Stefano Caria, Philipp Kastrau and **Gianmarco León-Ciliotta** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Optimal assignment of bureaucrats: Evidence from randomly assigned tax collectors in the DRC
Augustin Bergeron (Harvard University), Pedro Bessone, Gabriel Tourek, Jonathan L. Weigel and John Kabeya Kabeya

Time delays at the border: Macroeconomic consequences for sub-Saharan African economies
Adom, Idossou Marius (Université de Montréal)

The social norms and tax compliance in an informal economy setting: Artefactual experimental evidence from Nigeria
Adedeji Adeniran (The Center for the Study of the Economies of Africa), Mma Amara Ekeruche and Chukwuka Onywkwena

Moderated by Robin Burgess (Professor of Economics Co-founder and Director, International Growth Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science)

4:50pm - 5:00pm	**Break**
5:00pm - 5:50pm	**Quantifying externalities in technology adoption: Experimental evidence from Ugandan farmers** **Benedetta Lerva** (World Bank) **Moderated by Tavneet Suri** (MIT)
5:50pm - 6:00 pm	**Break**
6:00pm - 6:50 pm	**Perpetual motion: Human mobility and spatial frictions in three African countries** Paul Blanchard, **Douglas Gollin** (University of Oxford) and Martina Kirchberger **Moderated by Robert Darko Osei** (University of Ghana)
6:50pm - 7:00pm	**Break**
7:00pm - 7:50pm	**Rural roads, agricultural extension, and productivity** **Mesay Gebresilasse** (Amherst College) **Moderated by James Habyarimana** (Georgetown)
7:50pm	**End of conference**