



# BREAD Conference on the Economics of Africa

7–9 July 2021

*Draft conference programme*

## Day 1, 7 July | 4:00pm – 8:00pm BST

4:00pm – 4:05pm

### Introductory remarks

**Christopher Udry** (Robert E. And Emily King Professor of Economics, Northwestern University)

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

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

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

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3:00pm – 4:00pm

**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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**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 matrilineal settlements**

Martin Limbikani, **Dieter Von Fintel** (Stellenbosch University), 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)

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5:10pm – 6:00pm      **Polygyny, timing of marriage and economic shocks in sub-Saharan Africa**  
**Augustin Tapsoba** (Toulouse School of Economics)

**Moderated by Tavneet Suri** (MIT)

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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)

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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)

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**The social tax: Redistributive pressure and labour supply**

Eliana Carranza, **Aletheia Donald** (World Bank), Florian Grosset and Supreet Kaur

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**Maize price shock, agriculture production and children nutrition outcomes in Tanzania**

**Mkupete Jaah** (University of Stellenbosch), Dieter Von Fintel and Ronelle Burge

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**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)

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**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

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**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

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**Time use and gender in Africa in times of structural transformation**

**Taryn Dinkelman** (University of Notre Dame, NBER) and L. Rachel Ngai

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**Financial incentives in multi-layered organizations: An experiment in the public sector in Sierra Leone**

Erika Deserranno (Northwestern University), Stefano Caria, Philipp Kastrau and **Gianmarco León-Ciliotta** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

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**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

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**Time delays at the border: Macroeconomic consequences for sub-Saharan African economies**

**Adom, Idossou Marius** (Université de Montréal)

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**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 Onykwena

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