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Departamento de Fundamentos del Análisis Económico (FAE), Universidad de Alicante

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Monday, October 26

14:45–15:00 Registration

15:00–15:10 Opening remarks

15:10–16:25 Labor Markets, Firms, and Entrepreneurship

Chair: Mattia Fracchia

Oscar Fentanes (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

“Bringing Demand Within Reach: Digital Platforms, Market Access, and the Allocation of Firm Scale”

Discussant: María Dolores Collado

Yanina Domenella (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

“Capital, Capability, or Confidence: Experimental Evidence on Youth Entrepreneurship in Kenya”

Discussant: Emmanuel Duodu

Julián Messina (Universidad de Alicante)

“Minimum Wages, Non-Compliance and the Uncovered Sector in Developing Countries”

Discussant: Mattia Fracchia

16:25–16:50 Coffee break

16:50–17:50 Keynote Lecture: Cátia Batista

Chair: Teresa Molina-Millán

“From Destination to Origin: Experimental Evidence on the International Spillovers of Migrant Integration”

Nova School of Business and Economics (Nova SBE)

17:50–18:00 Break

18:00–18:50 Crime, Integration, and Development

Chair: Jaime Millán-Quijano

Sigrid Weber (IE University)

“Does Building Business Networks Strengthen Refugee Economic and Social Integration?”

Discussant: Laura Muñoz-Blanco

Pedro Rodriguez-Martinez (CUNEF Universidad)

“Police Video Surveillance and Crime: Evidence from a Nationwide Policy”

Discussant: Jaime Millán-Quijano

20:30 Workshop Dinner

Ocean Race Club Volvo, Muelle de Levante 10, Alicante city

Tuesday, October 27

9:30–10:30 Keynote Lecture: Jonas Hjort

Chair: Marianna Battaglia

"The Xenophobia Dilemma, Rainbow Nation Edition: On the Violent Reception of Entrepreneurial Immigrants in Stagnant Economies" University College London & University of Oslo

10:30–10:55 Coffee break

10:55–12:10 Environment and Natural Resources

Chair: Elisabetta Aurino

Albert Rodriguez Sala (Universidad de Cantabria)

"Nonlinear Returns to Fertilizer and Input Subsidy Policies in Africa"

Discussant: Kwabena Nkansah

Lorenzo Sileci (IE University)

"The Ecological-Economic Response of the Fishery to Ecosystem Restoration"

Discussant: Desmond Mbe-Nyire Mpuure

Elena Perra (Universitat de Barcelona)

"Oil Spills, Water Networks, and Local Development"

Discussant: Teresa Molina-Millán

12:10–12:20 Break

12:20–13:20 PhD Session

Chair: Laura Muñoz-Blanco

Milica Vranić (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

"Consequences of Volcanic Air Pollution on Child Development: Evidence from Indonesia"

Discussant: Arne Weiss

Laura Contreras Portela (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

"Who Gets the Jobs? Place-Based Industrial Policy and Informality"

Discussant: Henry Redondo

Alejandro de Luque (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

"Religious Backlash to Sexuality Education: Evidence from Zambia"

Discussant: Giulia Buccione

Miriam Berretta (Gran Sasso Science Institute)

"Railway Construction and Violence against Women: Evidence from Mexico's Tren Maya"

Discussant: Julián Messina

13:20–14:30 Lunch & SPANDE Assembly

14:30–16:10 Human Capital Formation

Chair: Gabriel Leite Mariante

Carolina Concha-Arriagada (Columbia University)

“How Far Can a Short Course Go? Evidence from Remedial Summer Camps in the Dominican Republic”

Discussant: Marianna Battaglia

Bruno Cardinale Lagomarsino (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

“Radio for Progress: Lessons from a Large-Scale Media Education Program in Colombia”

Discussant: Pedro Albarrán

Rafael Serrano (Universitat de Barcelona)

“Economic Development and the Allocation of Teachers”

Discussant: Adylya Abdrazakova

Elisabetta Aurino (Universitat de Barcelona)

“Parenting Styles: The Role of Beliefs, Costs, Preferences, and Constraints”

Discussant: Gabriel Leite Mariante

16:10–16:35 Coffee break

16:35–17:50 Gender, Migration, and Anti-Poverty Programs

Chair: María Hernández-de-Benito

Ferran Vega Carol (CERDI, Université Clermont Auvergne)

“Electrifying Empowerment. Women Role Models and Solar Electrification in Rural Myanmar”

Discussant: Jorge García-Hombrados

Luca Tiberti (University of Florence)

“Adolescent Economic Opportunities and Completed Fertility: Evidence from Drought Exposure in Madagascar”

Discussant: Nicolas Roig

Mahreen Mahmud (University of Exeter)

“We’re All in This Together: Experimental Evidence from a Universal Livelihoods Program”

Discussant: María Hernández-de-Benito

17:50–18:00 Concluding remarks

Anyone wishing to attend the workshop must contact SPANDE at
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