WASHINGTON AREA DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM (WADES)

Fifth Annual Conference
Hosted by the Mercatus Center and George Mason University

Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:30am to 5:30pm
Founders Hall, Room 113
George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:30am  Light Breakfast
8:50am  Welcome by Rob Raffety (Mercatus Center)
9:00am  “Recruitment, effort, and retention effects of performance contracts for civil servants: Experimental evidence from Rwandan primary schools” Andrew Zeitlin (Georgetown)
9:50am  “The Effect of Mass Layoffs on Earnings Loss in Brazil” Fernando Saltiel (UMD)
10:20am Discussion of “The Effect of Mass Layoffs on Earnings Loss in Brazil” Jacobus Cilliers (Georgetown)
10:30am  Coffee Break
10:50am  “Negative Shocks and Mass Persecutions: Evidence from the Black Death” Noel Johnson (GMU)
11:40am  “General Equilibrium Effects of (Improving) Public Employment Programs: Experimental Evidence from India” Sandip Sukhtankar (UVA)
12:20pm  Lunch (catered)
1:10pm  “Weather, Labor Reallocation, and Industrial Production: Evidence from India” Jonathan Colmer (UVA)
2:00pm  “Interfirm Relationships and Business Performance” Jing Cai (UMD)
2:50pm  “Air Pollution, Infant Morbidity and Infant Mortality: Evidence from 15 Years of Births and Deaths in Hong Kong” Dajun Lim (UVA)
3:20pm  Discussion of “Air Pollution, Infant Morbidity and Infant Mortality” Sergio Urzua (UMD)
3:30pm  Coffee Break
4:00pm  “Crimes against Morality: Unintended Consequences of Criminalizing Sex Work” Jennifer Muz (GWU)
4:50pm  “An empirical analysis of mobile money and savings in rural Kenya” Alev Gurbuz (Georgetown)
5:20pm  Discussion of “An empirical analysis of mobile money and savings in rural Kenya” Sarah Baird (GWU)
5:30pm  Reception (short walk to Mercatus Center offices)