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Monday, June 22nd, 2026

8:30 – 8:55	Registration and Welcome Coffee	➤ Auditorium 3 & Cafeteria
8:55 – 9:00	Welcome address	➤ Auditorium 3
9:00 – 10:30	SESSION 1 - Child development	
	<p>Orazio ATTANASIO (Yale University), Raquel BERNAL (Universidad de los Andes), Michele GIANNOLA (University of Naples Federico II), Milagros NORES (National Institute for Early Education Research – NIEER) <i>The changing dimensions of child development</i></p> <p>Martin GARCIA VAZQUEZ (Washington University) <i>The equilibrium effects of state-mandated minimum staff-to-child ratios</i></p>	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	➤ Cafeteria
11:00 – 12:30	SESSION 2 – Human capital over the life-cycle	➤ Auditorium 3
	<p>Jamie HENTALL MACCUISH (HEC Paris), Eric FRENCH (University of Cambridge), Cormac O'DEA (Yale University), Uta BOLT (University of Bristol) <i>Intergenerational Altruism and Transfers of Time and Money- A Life Cycle Perspective</i></p> <p>George-Levi GAYLE (Washington University), Bob MILLER (Carnegie Mellon University), Andres HINCAPIE (University of North Carolina) <i>Life-Cycle Fertility, Human Capital, and Family Policies: A Discrete-Continuous Choice Framework</i></p>	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	➤ Cafeteria
13:30 – 14:45	SESSION 3 - Lightening Rounds	➤ Auditorium 3
	<p>Hantao WU (Princeton University) <i>Zoning Disamenities and Youth Human Capital- Evidence from Cannabis Retailers in Los Angeles</i></p> <p>Mariana LAVERDE (Boston College), Minseon PARK (University of Michigan), Suk JOON SON (University of Tokyo) <i>Disentangling School and Peer Effects- A Non-linear Approach with School Lotteries</i></p> <p>Suzanne BELLUE (CREST), Lukas MAHLER (KU Leuven) <i>Efficiency and Equity of Education Tracking A Quantitative Analysis</i></p>	

Keynotes – 60 minutes, 15 minutes for questions and comments

Presentations in contributed sessions – 40 minutes, 5 minutes questions throughout

Lightening rounds – 10 minutes, with 1 or 2 extra-minutes for questions and comments

Sergi QUINTANA (Rockwool Foundation Berlin), Elisabetta AURINO (Universitat de Barcelona), Katherina THOMAS (University of Mannheim), Sharon WOLF (University of Pennsylvania)

Pre-school Education and Long-Run Human Capital Formation

Ciprian DOMNISORU (Aalto University- Helsinki GSE)

The role of firms in shaping the work, study, and graduation choices of student employees

Damiano ARGAN (Bocconi University), Robert GARY BOBO (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), Marion GOUSSÉ (CREST-ENSAI)

Is There a Devaluation of Degrees? Unobserved Heterogeneity in Returns to Education and Early Experience

14:45 – 15:15

Coffee Break

➤ *Cafeteria*

15:15 – 16:45

SESSION 4 – Job search

➤ *Auditorium 3*

Christophe GAILLAC (University of Geneva), Guillaume BIED (University of Ghent), Philippe CAILLOU (Université Paris-Saclay), Bruno CRÉPON (ENSAE Paris)

A Job I Like or a Job I Can Get- Designing Job Recommender Systems Using Field Experiments

Hanna WANG (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Minji BANG (University of Cambridge)

Job Search and Mobility Over the Life-Cycle- Implications for the Child Penalty

16:45 – 17:15

Coffee break

➤ *Cafeteria*

17:15 – 18:30

KEYNOTE 1: Petra Todd (University of Pennsylvania)

➤ *Auditorium 3*

Human Capital Research: New Evidence and Directions.

19:30–22:00

Dinner (*upon invitation only*)

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Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome Coffee	➤ Cafeteria
09:30 – 11:45	SESSION 5 – School choice and market design Edwin LEUVEN (University of Oslo), Pamela GIUSTINELLI (Bocconi University) <i>Elicited Beliefs, Counterfactual Outcomes, and College Decisions</i> Christopher CAMPOS (University of Chicago), Jesse BRUHN (Brown University, North Carolina State University), Eric CHYN (University of Texas), Antonia VAZQUEZ <i>Who Chooses and Who Benefits? The Design of Public School Choice Systems</i> Julien COMBE (CREST - Ecole polytechnique), Umut DUR (North Carolina State University), Olivier TERCIEUX (Paris School of Economics, CNRS), Camille TERRIER (Queen Mary University London), M. Utku ÜNVER (Boston College and Deakin University) <i>Market Design for Distributional Objectives in (Re)assignment- An Application to Improve the Distribution of Teachers in Schools</i>	➤ Auditorium 3
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch	➤ Cafeteria
13:00 – 14:30	SESSION 6 – Higher education Marc GURGAND (Paris School of Economics), Luc BEHAGHEL (Paris School of Economics), Clément DE CHAISEMARTIN (Sciences Po Paris) <i>Breaking the Barriers to Higher Education- The Long-Term Benefits of a Boarding School for Disadvantaged Students</i> Juanna JOENSEN (University of Chicago), John Eric HUMPHRIES (Yale University), Gregory VERAMENDI (University of London) <i>Complementarities in High School and College Investments</i>	➤ Auditorium 3
14:30 – 15:00	Break	➤ Cafeteria
15:00 – 16:00	Policy round table: “Educational inequalities” Moderator: Arnaud Maurel (Duke University) Ciro Avitabile (World Bank) Ellen Greaves (University of Exeter) Chris Neilson (Yale University) Frédéric Tallet (Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche)	➤ Auditorium 3
16:00 – 17:15	KEYNOTE LECTURE 2: Parag Pathak (MIT) <i>Who Gets What in Education: Can School Matching Improve Student Achievement?</i>	➤ Auditorium 3
19:30–22:00	Dinner (upon invitation only)	

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