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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

CONFERENCE VENUE

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TUESDAY JUNE 16th, 2026

8:30–9:00 – Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00–10:00 – Keynote Lecture – Auditorium 3

Keynote Speaker: Neale Mahoney (Stanford University)

“Does Baumol Plague U.S. Healthcare?”

10:00–10:30 – Coffee Break

10:30–11:45 – Session 1 (Long Papers) – Auditorium 3

Health Insurance Design

- **Pierre Bodéré** (Yale) *“Wait Times for Surgery in the U.S.: Measurement and Allocative Efficiency in Private Insurance”* with Michael Dickstein and Guillaume Fréchette
- **Michael Sullivan** (UBC) *“What Prevents Health Insurance Take-up? Quantifying Frictions and Policy Responses”* with Soheil Ghili, Igal Hendel, Michael Sullivan, and Michael Whinston

11:45–13:00 – LUNCH

13:00–14:00 – Roundtable – Auditorium 3

“Challenges of the US Most Favor Nation Policy for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Innovation”

14:00–14:05 – Short Break

14:05–15:05 – Session 3 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3

Research and Development in Healthcare

- **Charu N. Gupta** (Harvard University) *“From Private to Public: Pharmaceutical R&D Following an IPO”* with Jennifer Kao
- **Matteo Tranchero** (University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School) *“Misleading Science Maps: Firms’ Strategic Responses to Data Malpractice in Alzheimer’s Research”* with Christian Fons-Rosen and Lee Fleming
- **Chuanzi Yue** (Imperial College London) *“Health Insurance Expansion and New Technology Adoption: Evidence from U.S. Medicare Part D”* with Qiyuan Zhan and Marisa Miraldo

15:05–15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30–16:45 – Session 4 (Long Papers) Auditorium 3

Selection and Complementarities in Healthcare

- **José Ignacio Cuesta** (Stanford University) *“Public Procurement vs. Regulated Competition in Selection Markets”* with Pietro Tebaldi
- **Pauline Mourot** (Boston University) *“Should Top Surgeons Practice at Top Hospitals? Sorting and Complementarities in Healthcare”*

16:45–17:00 – Short Break

17:00–18:00 – Session 2 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3

Cost-Sharing and Patient Outcomes

- **Eric Sargent** (University of South Florida) *“Can a Deductible Kill? The Effect of Patient Cost-Sharing on Health”* with Padmaja Ayyagari and Martin Salm
- **Nicolas R. Ziebarth** (University of Mannheim) *“Creative Financing and Public Moral Hazard: Evidence from Medicaid and the Nursing Home Industry”* with Martin Hackmann and Juan Rojas
- **Marcos Vera-Hernández** (University College London) *“Time Horizons and the Dynamic Effects of Patient Cost-Sharing in Medical Care: The Case of Colombia”* with Javier Amaya-Nieto, Giancarlo Buitrago and Grant Miller

20:00 – DINNER at Les Abattoirs Museum (*by invitation only*)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17th, 2026

9:15–10:15 – Keynote Lecture – Auditorium 3

Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Gruber (MIT)

“What is Universal Health Coverage?”

10:15–10:45 – Coffee Break

10:45–11:45 – Session 5a (Short Papers) Auditorium 3

Pharmaceutical Pricing and Market Structure

- **Luca Maini** (Harvard Medical School) *“Insurance Design and the Passthrough of Nominal Drug Prices”* with Josh Feng
- **Aljoscha Janssen** (Singapore Management University) *“Cutting Out the Middlemen: Evaluating the Impact of Mark Cuban’s Cost Plus Drug Company on Pharmaceutical Pricing”* with Jingwei Li and Manuel Hermosilla
- **Hung Le** (Aalto University) *“Competition or Collusion? Entry Decisions in the Swedish Pharmaceutical Market”* with Otto Toivanen

11:45–11:50 – Short Break

11:50–12:50 – Session 6a (Short Papers) Auditorium 3

Drug Innovation in China

- **Chenyuan Liu**, (Tsinghua University) *“Expected Insurance Coverage and Pharmaceutical Innovation: Evidence from China’s National Drug Price Negotiation Policy”* with Yi Lu, Ronghe Sun, Wanyu Yang
- **Tianli Xia** (University of Rochester, Simon Business School) *“From Free Rider to Innovator: The Rise of China’s Drug Development”* with Panle Jia Barwick, Hongyuan Xia
- **Xuan Zhang** (Singapore Management University) *“Contracting on Price, Compensating on Quality: Evidence from Centralized Drug Procurement”* with Bin Jiang, Qingyuan Xue, Nina Yin, Jiayu Zhang

12:50–14:00 – LUNCH

10:45–11:45 – Session 5b (Short Papers) Auditorium 4

Physician Organization and Labor

- **Elsa Perdrix** (Université Paris-Dauphine PSL) *“Impact of Physician Practice Closure on Patients’ Healthcare Access and Use”* with Daniel Herrera-Araujo, Thibaut Heyer
- **Jimena Ferraro** (Universidad de San Andrés) *“Easy Like Sunday Morning: Organizational Design and Physician Agency in Birth Timing”*
- **Luiz Felipe Fontes** (INSPER) *“Allocating Talent in Organizations: Evidence from Quasi-Random Exits of Physicians”* with Danyelle Branco, Bladimir Carrillo, Leticia Nunes

11:50–12:50 – Session 6b (Short Papers) Auditorium 4

Hospital Organization and Performance

- **Omer Dagan** (Ben-Gurion University) *“Strategic Effort and Organizational Performance: Evidence from a Hospital Reform”* with Shirlee Lichtman-Sadot, Ity Shurtz, Yehezkel Waisman, Dan Zeltzer
- **Anwita Mahajan** (UC San Diego) *“The Effects of Dialysis Firm Consolidation on Patient Health”* with Adrian Rubli, Francisco Garrido
- **Tanja Saxell** (Aalto University) *“Allocation and Prioritization in Public Health Care”* with Tuomas Markkula

14:00–15:15 – Session 7 (Long Papers) – Auditorium 3

Pharmaceutical Regulation and Policy

- **Leila Agha** (Harvard Medical School) *“Trials Avoid High Risk Patients and Underestimate Drug Harms”* with Jason Abaluck and Sachin Shah
- **Edward L. Kong** (Harvard University) *“Optimal Policy with Opposing Externalities: Evidence from Antibiotics”* with Erica Shenoy and Alyssa Letourneau

15:15–15:45 – Coffee Break

15:45–16:45 – Session 8 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3

US Healthcare Markets

- **Carolina Arteaga** (University of Toronto) *“Demographic Divergence: The Legacy of the Opioid Epidemic”* with Victoria Barone, Stephen Claassen
- **Wesley Yin** (UCLA) *“Provider Market Power and Adverse Selection in Health Insurance Markets: Evidence from the California Benefits Exchange”* with Nicholas Tilipman
- **Kelsey Moran** (University of Miami) *“Costs of Technological Frictions: Evidence from EHR (Non-) Interoperability”* with Rebekah Dix and Thi Mai Anh Nguyen

16:45 – Closing Remarks