

4th Health Economics Conference

Toulouse, June 16-17, 2026

PROGRAM

CONFERENCE VENUE

Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)
Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont and Auditorium 4
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TUESDAY JUNE 16th, 2026

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

9:00–10:00 – Keynote Lecture – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Jean Tirole (Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR)

Keynote Speaker: Neale Mahoney (Stanford University)

“The Rise of Healthcare Jobs”

10:00–10:30 – Coffee Break - Cafeteria

10:30–11:45 – Session 1 (Long Papers) – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Angie Acquatella (Toulouse School of Economics)

Health Insurance Design

- **Pierre Bodéré** (Yale University) *“Wait Times for Surgery in the U.S.: Measurement and Allocative Efficiency in Private Insurance”* with Michael Dickstein and Guillaume Fréchette
- **Michael Sullivan** (University of British Columbia) *“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 - Group photo and LUNCH - Cafeteria

13:00–14:15 – Roundtable – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Pierre Dubois (Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR)

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

- **Virginie Beaumeunier** (President CEPS)
- **Pedro Pita Barros** (Nova School of Business, Lisbon)
- **Catherine Raynaud** (Head of international policy & communication, Pfizer France)
- **Nicolas Schlumberger** (Head of Market Access at Sanofi France)
- **Moritz Suppliet** (DG SANTE, European Commission)
- **Jean Tirole** (Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR)

14:15–14:30 – Short Break

14:30–15:30 – Session 2 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Philippe De Donder (Toulouse School of Economics)

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
- **Luca Maini** (Harvard Medical School) *“Insurance Design and the Passthrough of Nominal Drug Prices”* with Josh Feng
- **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

Time Allocation:

Short papers: 18 min for speakers + 2 min for discussion - Long papers: 35 min for speakers + 7 min for discussion

15:30–16:00 – Coffee Break - Cafeteria

16:00–17:15 – Session 3 (Long Papers) Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Thierry Magnac (Toulouse School of Economics)

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”*

17:15–17:30 – Short Break

17:30–18:10 – Session 4 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Gosia Majewska (ESSEC Paris and Toulouse School of Economics)

Healthcare Financing

- **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
- **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

19:00 – Cocktail dinner (by invitation only) at the Abattoirs Museum (with guided exhibition visit)

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 17th, 2026

8:45–9:15 – Welcome Coffee

9:15–10:15 – Keynote Lecture – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: **Angie Acquatella** (Toulouse School of Economics)

Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Gruber (MIT)

“What is Universal Health Coverage?”

10:15–10:45 – Coffee Break - Cafeteria

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

Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: **Chiara Canta** (Toulouse Business School and Toulouse School of Economics)

Pharmaceutical Pricing and Market Structure

- **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
- **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
- **Hung Le** (Aalto University) *“Competition or Collusion? Entry Decisions in the Swedish Pharmaceutical Market”* with Otto Toivanen

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

Auditorium 4

Chair: **Catarina Goulao** (Toulouse School of Economics)

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”* with Raúl Sosa and Franco Vazquez.
- **Luiz Felipe Fontes** (INSPER Institute of Education and Research) *“Allocating Talent in Organizations: Evidence from Quasi-Random Exits of Physicians”* with Danyelle Branco, Bladimir Carrillo, Leticia Nun

11:45–11:50 – Short Break

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

Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: **Ilaria Natali** (Toulouse School of Economics)

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

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

Auditorium 4

Chair: **Christian Bontemps** (Toulouse School of Economics)

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** (University of California, 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

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12:50–14:00 – LUNCH - Cafeteria

14:00–15:15 – Session 7 (Long Papers) – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Tuba Tunçel (Florida State University and Toulouse School of Economics)

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 - Cafeteria

15:45–16:45 – Session 8 (Short Papers) – Auditorium 3 Jean-Jacques Laffont

Chair: Léa Bignon (KU Leuven and Toulouse School of Economics)

US Healthcare Markets

- **Carolina Arteaga** (University of Toronto) *“Demographic Divergence: The Legacy of the Opioid Epidemic”* with Victoria Barone, Stephen Claassen
- **Kelsey Moran** (University of Miami) *“Costs of Technological Frictions: Evidence from EHR (Non-) Interoperability”* with Rebekah Dix and Thi Mai Anh Nguyen
- **Charu N. Gupta** (Harvard University) *“From Private to Public: Pharmaceutical R&D Following an IPO”* with Jennifer Kao

16:45 – Closing Remarks

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