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PROGRAM



CONFERENCE VENUE

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TUESDAY MAY 5 morning

- 09:00—09:20 *Registration & Coffee*
09:20—09:30 *Welcome remarks – Day 1*

Panel 1: Public Opinion and Immigration-Linked Attitudes in the United States

- 09:30—10:20 **Alexander Kustov**, *University of Notre Dame*
Toward Identifying Political Compromise:
Rethinking Public Support of Immigration as a Conditional
Preference
Discussant: Jeyhun Alizade, *WZB*
- 10:20—11:10 **Marcel Roman**, *Harvard Government Department*
The Immigration-to-Reproduction Shift: Latino Population
Growth and White Support for Legal Abortion
Discussant: Charlotte Cavillé, *IAST/TSE*
- 11:10—11:25 *Coffee break*
- Flash Talk**
- 11:25—11:55 **Laurenz Guenther**, *IAST/TSE*
Selecting Misperceptions about Immigration:
Evidence from the USA and Germany
- 11:55—12:55 *Lunch*

TUESDAY MAY 5 afternoon

Panel 2: Geography, Mobility, and Electoral Sorting

12:55—13:45 **Hans Lueders**, *Stanford University*
Geographies of Engagement: How Domestic Migration Shapes
Political and Civic Life

Discussant: Korinna Lindemann, *University of Mannheim*

13:45—14:35 **Alessio Romarri**, *UA Barcelona*
The ideological segregation consequences of
electing extremists

Discussant: Victor Gay, *IAST/TSE*

Flash Talk

14:35—15:05 **Charlotte Cavallé**, *IAST/TSE*
The Immigration Consensus Revisited: The Case of Singapore

15:05—15:20 *Coffee break*

Panel 3: Coercion: Detention Markets and Deportation

15:20—16:10 **Bocar A. Ba**, *Duke University*
Market for Immigration Detention
Discussant: Anne Degrave, *IAST/TSE*

16:10—17:00 **Hannah Postel**, *Duke University*
Return as Displacement: Deportation and Capabilities in
Honduras

Discussant: Violeta Haas, *IAST/TSE*

Flash Talk

17:00—17:30 **Violeta Haas**, *IAST/TSE*
The Police as Gatekeepers of Information:
Immigration Salience and Selective Crime Reporting

17:30—17:40 Closing remarks & preview of Day 2

19:30 *Dinner (by invitation only)*

WEDNESDAY MAY 6 morning

09:00—09:30 *Welcome Coffee*

Panel 4: Refugee Integration and Return

09:30—10:20 **Sigrid Weber**, *IE University*

Building Business Networks to Strengthen Refugee Economic and Social Integration

Discussant: Kevin Grieco, *IAST/TSE*

10:20—11:10 **Ala Alrababah**, *Bocconi University*

Return Intentions and Behavior: A Panel Study of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

Discussant: Joshua Weiner, *IAST/TSE*

11:10—11:25 *Coffee break*

Flash Talk

11:25—11:55 **Anne Degrave**, *IAST/TSE*

Social Solidarity in a Period of High Migration: the Case of France during the Great Depression (pre-analysis plan)

11:55—12:00 *Group photo*

12:00—12:55 *Lunch*

WEDNESDAY MAY 6 afternoon



Roundtable: Policy Roundtable on Refugees and Displacement

12:55—13:55 **Ibrahima Sarr & Valeria Lentini, UNHCR**

13:55—14:10 *Coffee break*

Panel 5: Belonging, Displacement, and Membership

14:10—15:00 **Kristen Kao, University of Gothenburg**

Boundaries of State and Nation Membership: How Hosts and Immigrants Determine Belonging in Turkey

Discussant: Ashrakat Elshehawy, UCL

15:00—15:50 **Alexandra Hartman, UCL**

Asylum Granted: The Integration and Well-Being Benefits of Obtaining Refugee Status

Discussant: Kristin Michelitch, IAST/TSE

Flash Talk

15:50—16:20 **Kristin Michelitch, IAST/TSE**

The Role of School Textbooks in Socializing Kids about Immigration and Immigrants (pre-analysis plan / ERC grant app)

16:20—16:30 Closing remarks

19:30 *Dinner (by invitation only)*