

## **Workshop in Environmental and Development Economics (15-16 June, 2018)**

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**Friday, June 15 – Shaw Library, Old Building, LSE**

**8:30-9:00- Breakfast**

**9:00-9:10- Welcome**

### **9:10-10:40- The Economics of Deforestation**

**Robin Burgess (LSE)** “The Power of the State: National Borders and the Deforestation of the Amazon”

**Torfinn Harding (NHH)** “Environmental Regulation and Commodity Prices: Evidence from Deforestation in Brazil”, joint with Julika Herzberg (University of Aachen) and Karlygash Kuralbayeva (LSE)

**10:40-11:00- Coffee break**

### **11:00-12:30- Climate Adaption and Pollution**

**Erin Mansur (Dartmouth College)** “Technology Adoption as Climate Adaptation: Evidence from the U.S Air Conditioning Penetration, joint with Ian Sue Wing (Boston University)

**Felipe Carozzi (LSE)** “Dirty Density: Air Quality and Urban Density of American Cities”, joint with Sefi Roth (LSE)

**12:30-14:00 – Lunch and Coffee, Senior Dining Room**

### **14:00-15:30- Natural Disasters**

**Justin Gallagher (Case Western Reserve University)** “Weathering an Unexpected Wealth Shock: The Role of Federal Cash Grants on Financial Recovery and Business Growth following a Natural Disaster, joint with Daniel Hartley (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), and Shawn Rohlin (Kent State University)

**Krisztina Molnar (NHH)** “Do Time Preferences Change? Evidence from Italian Earthquakes”, joint with Karlygash Kuralbayeva (LSE), Concetta Rondinelli (Bank of Italy) and Po Yin Wong (NHH)

**15:30-16:00 – Coffee break**

### **16:00-17:30- Political Economy**

**Imran Rasul (UCL)** “Social Ties, Group Identity and the Delivery of Public Services”, joint with Oriana Bandiera (LSE), Robin Burgess (LSE), Erika Deserranno (Kellogg Northwestern), Ricardo Morel (BRAC), and Munshi Sulaiman (BRAC & StC)

**Dimitri Szerman (PUC-Rio and Climate Policy Initiative)** “Property Rights and Deforestation: Evidence from a land titling program in the Amazon”, joint with Juliano Assunção (PUC-Rio) and Marco Gonzalez-Navarro (University of California, Berkeley)

**18:30- Dinner and Drinks (for speakers and invited guests)**

## **Saturday, June 16 - Shaw Library, Old Building, LSE**

**9:30-10:00- Breakfast**

### **10:00 - 11:30 – Natural Disasters and Resources**

**Tatyana Deryugina (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)** “Does When You Die Depend on Where You Live? Evidence from Hurricane Katrina”, joint with David Molitor (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

**Thiemo Fetzer (Warwick)** “Do Cohesive Institutions Discourage Political Violence? Evidence from Nigeria”, joint with Stephan Kyburz (Center for Global Development)

**11:30-11:45- Coffee break**

### **11:45-12:30- Research Sketch (PhDs and Early Career Researchers)**

**Lutz Sager (LSE)** “Crime is in the Air: The Contemporaneous Relationship between Air Pollution and Crime”, Joint with Malvina Bondy (LSE) and Sefi Roth (LSE)

**Ara Jo (LSE)** “Trust, Compliance and International Regulation”

**Ganga Shreedar (LSE)** “Seeing Red, Acting Green? Experimental Evidence on Charitable Giving and Affect”

**Tanner Regan (LSE)** “Building the City: Urban Transition and Institutional Frictions”, joint with Vernon Henderson (LSE) and Anthony Venables (Oxford)

**12:30-13:30 – Lunch and Coffee, Senior Dining Room**

### **13:30-15:00 – Evidence from the Field**

**Meredith Fowlie (University of California, Berkeley)** “Smart Deployment of Smart Grids in India”

**Erwin Bulte (Wageningen University)** “leveraging loss aversion to increase productivity: experimental evidence from Uganda”, joint with John List (University of Chicago) Daan van Soest (Tilburg University)

**15:00-15:15 –Coffee break**

**15:15-17:30 – Optimal Environmental and Agricultural Practices**

**Eduardo Souza-Rodrigues (University of Toronto)** "The 'Priority List' and Optimal Environmental Targeting in the Amazon Rainforest", joint with Juliano Assuncao (PUC-Rio), Robert McMillan (University of Toronto), and Joshua Murphy (Natural Resources Canada)

**Ben Groom (LSE)** "Revisiting the Link between Cereal Diversity and Production in Ethiopia", joint with Francisco Fontes (LSE)

**Charles Palmer (LSE)** "Biodiversity Protection vs Food Production: Impacts of Agricultural 'Land Sparing' in England", joint with Simon Gillings (British Trust for Ornithology), Ben Groom (LSE), and Steve Langton (DEFRA)

**17:30 Adjourn**