Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (RCEF2016)

Balsillie School of International Affairs and Centre for International Governance Innovation

67 Erb St W, Waterloo, Ontario
September 16-18, 2016

Program
Friday, September 16

13:00 - 14:00 Registration

14:00-15:30 Parallel Sessions 1

Session 1.1 Growth - Theory

Room: 1-42a

Chair: Constantine Angyridis (Ryerson University)

- The Habakkuk hypothesis in a neoclassical framework (To make more with less or to make more with more: that is the question)
  Mehdi Senouci (Centrale Supélec)

- Love of Wealth and Economic Growth
  Guenther Rehme (TU Darmstadt)

- Endogenous Growth, Inequality and the Composition of Government Expenditures
  Constantine Angyridis (Ryerson University)

Session 1.2 Exports and Labour Markets

Room: 1-43

Chair: Brian McCaig (Wilfrid Laurier University)

- Export Destination and Skill Premium in Chinese Manufacturing Sector
  Bilal M. Khan (University of Southern California) and Junjie Xia (University of Southern California)

- Racing to the Bottom? The Link between Exporting Behavior of a Firm and Worker Job Satisfaction
  Zara Liaqat (University of Waterloo)

- Export markets and labor allocation in a low-income country
  Brian McCaig (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Nina Pavcnik (Dartmouth College)
Session 1.3 Fostering Ideas and Innovation

Room: 1-42b

Chair: Michel Serafinelli (University of Toronto and RCEA)

Evolving Comparative Advantage and Idea Flows
Liuchun Deng (Johns Hopkins University)

Measuring Technological Innovation Using Patent Claims and Hours Worked
Jean-Paul Lam (University of Waterloo and RCEA) and Mykhaylo Oystrakh (University of Waterloo)

Creativity over Time and Space
Michel Serafinelli (University of Toronto and RCEA) and Guido Tabellini (IGIER, Università Bocconi)

Session 1.4 Economics of the Firm

Room: 1-31

Chair: Bradley J. Ruffle (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA)

Managerial delegation under capacity commitment: a tale of two sources
Stefano Colombo (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy) and Marcella Scrimitore (Università del Salento, Italy and RCEA)

Informal competition, firms’ productivity and policy reforms in Egypt
Nesma Ali (Paris Est University) and Boris Najman (CEPREMAP)

Pricing Strategies in a Dynamic Network Market: An Experimental Analysis
Frank Heinemann (Technische Universität Berlin), Bradley J. Ruffle (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA) and Avi Weiss (Bar-Ilan University)

15:30-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:30 Parallel Sessions 2

Session 2.1 Sources of Economic Growth

Room: 1-42a

Chair: Samira Hasanzadeh (Carleton University)

Human Capital, Technological Progress and Technology Diffusion Across Europe: Education Matters
Tinatin Akhvlediani (University of Warsaw) and Andrzej Cieslik (University of Warsaw)

Competitiveness and Growth: A Comparison between OECD and BRICS Countries
Nadia Tahir (Bahria University Islamabad) and Pervez Tahir (Planning Commission of Pakistan)

Sources of Canadian Economic Growth
Samira Hasanzadeh (Carleton University), and Hashmat Khan (Carleton University)

Session 2.2 Finance 1

Room: 1-31

Chair: Yan Wendy Wu (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA)

Nonparametric Dynamic Conditional Beta
Azam Shamsi (McMaster University) and John Maheu (McMaster University and RCEA)

Stock Returns, Aggregate Earnings Surprises, and Behavioural Finance - An empirical study on Indian Market
S Narayan Rao (S J M School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) and V Phaneendra (S J M School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)

Bank CEO, Inside Debt and Loan Contracting
Yan Wendy Wu (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA) and Chen Liu (Trinity Western University)
Session 2.3 Conflict and Economics

Room: 1-23

Chair: Stephanos Vlachos (University of Lausanne)

Can Remittances Buy Peace?
Michael Batu (University of Windsor)

Holding on? Ethnic divisions, political institutions and the duration of economic declines
Richard Bluhm (Leibniz University Hanover) and Kaj Thomsson (Maastricht University)

The legacy of war exposure on political radicalization
Stephanos Vlachos (University of Lausanne)

Session 2.4 Economic Issues in a Union

Room: 1-43

Chair: Livio Di Matteo (Lakehead University)

Coordination of Economic Policies in the WAEMU: Targets Hierarchy and the Timing of Policy Mix
Daniel E. T. Ouedraogo (University of Paris-Dauphine PSL) and Samuel Bates (University of Paris-Dauphine PSL)

Sub-National Fiscal Rule and Fiscal Discipline: The Case of Indian States
M. Shanmugam (Indian Institute of Technology)

The Decline of Manufacturing in Canada: Resource Curse, Productivity Malaise or Natural Evolution
Robert Petrunia (Lakehead University) and Livio Di Matteo (Lakehead University)

Session 2.5 R&D

Room: 1-42b

Chair: Steffen Ziss (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Discrepancy of the Inverted-U Patterns: R&D Effort, R&D Outcomes and Competition
Nikolay Chernyshev (University of St Andrews)

Duplication of effort and R&D spillovers
Samuli Leppälä (Cardiff University)

Do patents promote R&D? Evidence using export markets
Joel Blit (University of Waterloo) and Mauricio Zelaya (Ernst and Young)

17:30-17:45 Coffee

Friday, September 16, 17:45-19:00

Room: CIGI Auditorium

Welcome
Robert Gordon (Vice President - Research, Wilfrid Laurier University)
John Ravenhill (Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs)
Jerzy (Jurek) Konieczny (Director, Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis)

Rimini Lecture
Chair: John Ravenhill (Balsillie School of International Affairs and University of Waterloo)

James A. Robinson (University of Chicago)
Paths of State Building

19:00-21:30 Conference Reception, CIGI Foyer
Saturday, September 17

9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions 3

Panel: Central Bank Governance
Room: 1-42
Organizer: Jerzy (Jurek) Konieczny (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA)
Chair: Angelo Melino (University of Toronto and RCEA)
Panelists: Malcolm Knight (Centre for International Governance Innovation and London School of Economics)  
David Laidler (Western University, C.D. Howe and RCEA)  
A Skeptical Look at the Case for Monetary Policy Rules  
Pierre Siklos (Wilfrid Laurier University, CIGI and RCEA)  
The Macropuadrntial Policy Conundrum?

Session 3.1 International Trade
Room: 1-43
Chair: Camilla Mastromarco (University of Salento, Lecce and RCEA)
Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Firm Growth: An Analysis of Large Exporters in Indian Manufacturing  
Mitali Chatterjee (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research)
A Commodity Level Analysis of Effects of Supply and Demand Shocks on Exports  
Syed M. Hussain (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Lin Liu (University of Liverpool), and Zara Liaqat (University of Waterloo)
International Trade, Immigration and Human Capital: A Bayesian Efficiency Analysis of the 50 U.S. States  
Sucharita Ghosh (University of Akron) and Camilla Mastromarco (University of Salento, Lecce and RCEA)

Session 3.2 Financial Econometrics
Room: 1-23
Organizer and Chair: Nikola Gradojevic (University of Guelph and RCEA)
Which pricing approach for options under GARCH with non-normal innovations?  
Lars Stentoft (UWO) and Jean-Guy Simonato (HEC Montreal)
Stock return predictability and the business cycle  
Ilias Tsiakas (University of Guelph and RCEA) and Jiahan Li (GMO)
Informativeness of trade size in foreign exchange markets  
Nikola Gradojevic (University of Guelph and RCEA), Deniz Erdemlioglu (IESEG School of Management) and Ramo Gencay (Simon Fraser University and RCEA)

10:30-11:00 Coffee

Saturday, September 17, 11:00-12:00
Room: CIGI Auditorium
Welcome
Micheál J. Kelly (Dean, Lazaridis School of Business and Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University)
Plenary Lecture
Chair: David Laidler (Western University, C.D. Howe and RCEA)
Malcolm Knight (Centre for International Governance Innovation and London School of Economics)  
The G20’s Reform of Bank Regulation and the Changing Structure of the Global Financial System

12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-14:30 Parallel Sessions 4

**Session 4.1 Growth Perspectives**

**Room: 1-43**

**Chair:** Sergey Mitsek (Liberal Arts University, Yekaterinburg)

- **Secular Stagnation? Statistical Evidence for an Unprecedented Phenomenon**
  - Marlon Fritz (University of Paderborn), **Thomas Gries** (University of Paderborn) and Yuanhua Feng (University of Paderborn)

- **Trend Growth Durations & Shifts**
  - **Inna Grinis** (LSE, SRC, CEP)

- **Econometric Model of the Russian Federation: What About the Perspectives for Growth?**
  - Sergey Mitsek (Liberal Arts University, Yekaterinburg)

**Session 4.2 Macro and Finance**

**Room: 1-23**

**Chair:** Christos Shiamptanis (Wilfrid Laurier University)

- **Two-sided financial sector shocks, external finance premium, and business cycle**
  - Hongru Zhang (Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics)

- **On the Economic Determinants of the Correlation between Exchange Rates and Commodity Prices**
  - Ilias Tsiakas (University of Guelph and RCEA) and **Haibin Zhang** (University of Guelph)

- **Predicting Sovereign Fiscal Crises: High—Debt Developed Countries**
  - Betty C. Daniel (University at Albany – SUNY) and **Christos Shiamptanis** (Wilfrid Laurier University)

**Session 4.3 Inequality and Well-being**

**Room: 1-42a**

**Chair:** Pietro Reichlin (LUISS University and RCEA)

- **Hard to Get: The Scarcity of Women and the Competition for High-Income Men in Chinese Cities**
  - David Ong (Peking University), Yu Yang (Peking University) and Junsen Zhang (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

  - **Achieving Higher Outcomes in Human Development: Explicit and Implicit Weights of Different Welfare Dimensions**
    - Mehmet Pinar (Edge Hill University and RCEA), Thanasis Stengos (University of Guelph and RCEA) and Nikolas Topaloglou (Athens University of Economics and Business)

- **The Housing Cost Disease**
  - Nicola Borri (LUISS University) and **Pietro Reichlin** (LUISS University and RCEA)

**Session 4.4 The Impact and the Future of Information Technologies**

**Room: 1-42b**

**Chair:** Daniel Goetz (Princeton University)

- **Labour in the Era of Digital Revolution: Insights from Developing India**
  - Pankaj Vashisht (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations)

- **Is the IT Revolution Over? An Asset Pricing View**
  - Colin Ward (University of Minnesota)

- **Fulfilling Universal Service Obligations with Unreliable Internet**
  - Daniel Goetz (Princeton University)

**Session 4.5 Innovation, Firms and Market Structure**

**Room: 1-31**

**Chair:** Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir (Huron University College at Western University)

- **The effect of firm turnover on innovation strategies: Panel data evidence**
  - Alex Armand (Navarra Center for International Development-Universidad de Navarra) and **Pedro Mendi** (Department of Economics-Universidad de Navarra)

- **Government Debt and the Returns to Innovation**
  - Max Croce (University of North Carolina), Thien Nguyen (Ohio State University), Steve Raymond (University of North Carolina) and Lukas Schmid (Duke University)

- **Is Innovation a Factor in Merger Decisions? Evidence from a Panel of U.S. Firms**
  - Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir (Huron University College at Western University) and Saeed Moshiri (University of Saskatchewan)

14:30-15:00 Coffee
15:00-16:30 Parallel Sessions 5

Panel: Italy's Economy: Assessing the Policy Response to Current Challenges
Room: 1-42
Organizer and Chair: Domenico Lombardi (CIGI)
Panelists: Federico Arcelli (Oliver Wyman), Carlo Bastasin (Brookings Institution), Nicholas Véron (Bruegel and Peterson Institute for International Economics), Samantha St. Amand (CIGI)

Session 5.1 Finance 2
Room: 1-43
Chair: Hany Fahmy (University of Waterloo and RCEA)

Bayesian Nonparametric Estimation of Ex-post Variance
Jim Griffin (University of Kent), Jia Liu (McMaster University) and John Maheu (McMaster University and RCEA)

Momentum and Flights from Stocks.
Ning Cao (University of Alberta) and Valentina Galvani (University of Alberta)

Evidence that Financial Markets are Efficient Sometimes and Inefficient Most of the Time
Hany Fahmy (University of Waterloo and RCEA)

Session 5.2 Health and Labour Markets
Room: 1-23
Chair: Georgi Boichev (University of Regina)

Fixed Wage Financial Incentives Work in Attracting Primary Care Physicians to Rural Areas
Georgi Boichev (University of Regina) and Harminder Guliani (University of Regina)

16:30-17:00 Coffee

Saturday, September 17, 17:00-18:00
Room: CIGI Auditorium

RCEF2016 Lecture
Chair: Thanasis Stengos (University of Guelph and RCEA)
Elhanan Helpman (Harvard University)

Trade and Inequality

18:15 - 21:00 Conference Dinner, Delta Hotel, 110 Erb St W
Session 6.1 Social Capital

Room: 1-42a

Organizer and Chair: Marco Savioli (University of Bologna and RCEA)

*What Goes Around Comes Around: A Structural Equations Modelling Approach on Social Capital and Income*

Marco Savioli (University of Bologna and RCEA), Maurizio Mussoni (University of Bologna and RCEA) and Roberto Patuelli (University of Bologna and RCEA)

*Determinants of the social capital in the Spanish regions*

J. Clemente (U. Zaragoza), A. Montañés (U. Zaragoza) and B. Simon (U. Zaragoza)

*Conjugal violence, Social Capital and Social Class in the neighborhood of Belén, Medellin (Colombia – South America), 2013*

Diego Arturo Sarasti-Vanegas (Universidad de Antioquia)

Session 6.2 Monetary Policy 1

Room 1-43

Chair: Steve Ambler (ESG UQAM, RCEA and C.D. Howe)

*Assessing Unconventional Monetary versus Fiscal Policies*

F Gulcin Ozkan (University of York) and Yaprak Tavman (Newcastle University)

*The Effectiveness of Unconventional Monetary Policy in the Euro Area: An Event and Econometric Study*

Steve Ambler (ESG UQAM, RCEA and C.D. Howe) and Fabio Rumler (Oesterreichische Nationalbank)

Session 6.3 Economics of the Household

Room: 1-23

Chair: Jean-François Rouillard (Université de Sherbrooke)

*Who is moving out across Provinces of Canada?*

Gazi Mohammad Jamil (Concordia University) and Damba Lkhagvasuren (Concordia University)

Session 6.4 Innovation and Development

Room: 1-42b

Chair: Michael Hinton (RCEA)

*Top Lights - Bright Spots and Their Contribution to Economic Development*

Richard Bluhm (Leibniz University Hannover) and Melanie Krause (University of Hamburg)

*The Infant Industry in Historical Perspective: An Empty or Full Economic Box?*

Michael Hinton (RCEA)

*Ease of Doing Business in Vietnam: Implications for TFP in Manufacturing Industries*

Nguyen Quynh Huong (University of Bern)

Session 6.5 Education

Room 1-31

Chair: Diana Alessandrini (Auburn University and RCEA)

*Are Government Expenditures on Education Worth It: The Impact of Compulsory and Free School Program on Education, Child Labor, and Health Outcomes*

Bondi Ariffin (Georgia State University, Ministry of Finance Republic of Indonesia)

*Teacher Incentives and Sorting: Evidence from an Accountability and Pay Incentive Program*

Joniada Milla (Wilfrid Laurier University)

*Is post-secondary education a safe port and for whom? Evidence from Canadian data*

Diana Alessandrini (Auburn University and RCEA)

10:30-11:00 Coffee
Sunday, September 18, 11:00-12:00
Room: CIGI Auditorium

Plenary Lecture

Chair: Steve Ambler (ESG UQAM, RCEA and C.D. Howe)

Charles Jones (Stanford University)

Are Ideas Getting Harder to Find?

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 Parallel Sessions 7

Session 7.1 Economic History
Room: 1-23

Organizer and Chair: Thomas Barbiero (Ryerson University and RCEA)

The Case of the Missing Prices: Canada’s CPI, 1870 – 1913
Michael Hinton (RCEA) and Vincent Geloso (Texas Tech and RCEA)

Can Historical Changes in Military Technology Explain the Industrial Growth Puzzle?
Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University), Chris Inwood (University of Guelph) and Martine Mariotti (Australian National University)

Using Postal Data to Measure U.S. Interstate Business Cycle Sensitivity and to Observe Social and Political Mobility in the 19th Century
Michael O'Reilly (Independent Researcher) Robert Dimand (Brock University) Terence Hines (Pace University) Thomas Velk (McGill University) Emily Sanders (McGill University) Mengyue Zhao (McGill University)

Session 7.2 Monetary Policy 2
Room: 1-43

Chair: Edda Claus (Wilfrid Laurier University and CAMA)

Organization capital and optimal monetary policy inertia
Bidyut Talukdar (Saint Mary’s University)

The adoption of Inflation Targeting in Canada: SVAR identification using changes in policy
Francesca Rondina (University of Ottawa)

Sunspots and perceptions in consumer expectations
Edda Claus (Wilfrid Laurier University and CAMA) and Viet Hoang Nguyen (University of Melbourne)

Session 7.3 Institutions, Banking and the Eurozone
Room: 1-42a

Chair: Willem Spanjers (Kingston University and RCEA)

The economic impact of reducing non-performing loans
Maria Balgova (University of Oxford) and Alexander Plekhanov (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

Is there a credit risk contagion present among sovereign-bank-firm nexus in euro zone? A panel VAR analysis of CDS premia
Syed M Noaman Shah (Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans)

Liquidity and Ambiguity: Banks or Asset Markets?
Willem Spanjers (Kingston University and RCEA) and Jürgen Eichberger (Kingston University)

Session 7.4 Theory
Room: 1-31

Chair: Merwan Engineer (University of Victoria and RCEA)

A Kinetics-Based Theory of Production: Theory and Evidence
Bernard Beaudreau (Université Laval)

Let Tiebout Pick Up the Tab: Pricing Out Externalities with Free Mobility
Hiroki Watanabe (Lamar University)

A Pure Hedonic Theory of Utility and Status: Unhappy but Efficient Invidious Comparisons
Pascal Courty (University of Victoria), and Merwan Engineer (University of Victoria and RCEA)

Session 7.5 Institutions and Development
Room: 1-42b

Chair: Chander Kant (Seton Hall University)
Linking remittances with financial development and institutions: a study of MENA countries

El Hamma Imad (GREDEG, Nice Sophia Antipolis University)

State Capacity and China’s Economic Development

Hua Cheng (University of Texas at Austin) and Kishore Gawande (University of Texas at Austin)

State of the Developing World: PPP Income, Catching-Up/Falling Behind, and No Growth

Chander Kant (Seton Hall University)

14:40-15:00 Coffee

15:00-16:30 Parallel Sessions 8

Session 8.1 Topics in Labour Economics

Room: 1-42a

Chair: Alessandro Cigno (University of Florence and RCEA)

Skill mismatch in competitive search equilibrium

Yu (Sonja) Chen (University of Waterloo), Francisco Gonzalez (University of Waterloo) and Matthew Doyle (University of Waterloo)

The academic source of the labor market beauty premium

David Ong (Peking University) and Man (Amanda) Xie (Peking University)

The Role of Trade and Offshoring in the Determination of Relative Wages and Child Labour

Alessandro Cigno (University of Florence and RCEA), Giorgia Giovannetti (University of Florence) and Laura Sabani (University of Florence)

Session 8.2 Political Economy

Room: 1-23

Chair: Paul Redmond (Economic and Social Research Institute)

The Enforcement of Social License: The Joint Production of Social Pressure by State and NGOs

Anthony Heyes (University of Ottawa), and Marcel Oestreich (Brock University)

Political Ambiguity and Economic Development: The Mena Countries

Willem Spanjers (Kingston University and RCEA) and Juliane Brach (The Knowledge Company Germany and Maastricht School of Management)

Incumbent-Challenger and Open-Seat Elections in a Spatial Model of Political Competition

Paul Redmond (Economic and Social Research Institute)

Session 8.3 Financial Systems, Growth and Development

Room: 1-42b

Chair: Archibald Francis De Cruz (Monash University Malaysia)

Credit Constraints & Exporting: Evidence from Vietnam

Dylan Clarke (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Brian McCaig (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Explaining Efficiency and efficiency determinants of East Africa banks

Sisay Kindalem Yigzaw (Stockholm University)

An Integrative Governance Model for Understanding Ethical Behaviour : Evidence from Malaysian GLCs

Manjit Singh Sandhu (Monash University Malaysia), Shanthy Rachagan (Monash University Malaysia) and Archibald Francis De Cruz (Monash University Malaysia)

Session 8.4 Foreign Direct Investment

Room: 1-43

Chair: Mehmet Pinar (Edge Hill University and RCEA)

Government Corruption and Foreign Direct Investment Under the Threat of Expropriation

Christopher Hajzler (Bank of Canada) and Jonathan Rosborough (Bank of Canada)

Identifying the Local Effects of FDI: Evidence from Ethiopia

Girum Abebe (EDRI, Ethiopia), Margaret McMillan (Tufts University and NBER), Michel Serafinelli (University of Toronto and RCEA) and Inigo Verduzco (Laterite, Rwanda)

Effect of long-term policies, institutions, political risk and information flows on capital flows

Mehmet Pinar (Edge Hill University and RCEA) and Engin Volkan (Marmara University)

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