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Organizers

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DAY 1: June 11, 2025

09:00-09:20	Registration and Coffee
09:20-09:30	Welcoming Remarks
09:30-10:00	High Speed Internet and the Widening Gender Gap in Adolescent Mental Health: Evidence from Spanish Hospital Records Daniel Fernández-Kranz (IE University, Madrid, Spain) Discussant: Dave Marcotte (American University)
10:00-10:30	AI at the Wheel: The Effectiveness of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and Its Implications for Policy Vikram Maheshri (University of Houston) Discussant: Michael French (University of Miami)

10:30-11:00		Addictive Consumption, Imperfect Substitutes and Self Control: A Model and an Application to Slot Machines Davide Dragone (University of Bologna) Discussant: John Cawley (Cornell University)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00		Social Pensions and Intimate Partner Violence against Older Women Cristina Bellés-Obrero (Institute of Economic Analysis (IAE-CSIC)) and Barcelona School of Economics) Discussant: Ricardo Ciacchi (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)
12:00-12:30		Child Maltreatment Investigations and Family Wellbeing David Simon (University of Connecticut) Discussant: Lindsey Bullinger (Georgia Institute of Technology)
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30		Pregnancy, Food Purchases and Nutritional Quality Gabriella Conti (University College London) Discussant: Sarah Zaccagni (Aarhus University)
14:30-15:00		Paternalistic Social Assistance: Evidence and Implications from Cash vs. In-Kind Transfers Anna Chorniy (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai) Discussant: David Simon (University of Connecticut)
15:00-15:30		Buried Poison: Infant Health Impacts of America's Arsenic-Based Pesticide Legacy Bahadir Dursun (Newcastle University) Discussant: Claudia Persico (American University)
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-19:00	Time at Leisure	
19:00-20:15	Keynote Lecture	Investing in Children to Address the Youth Mental Health Crisis Janet Currie (Princeton University)
20:45		Dinner (By invitation)

DAY 2: June 12, 2025

09:00-09:30	Coffee
09:30-10:00	Gun Policy and the Steel Paradox: Evidence from Oregonians Benjamin Hansen (University of Oregon) Discussant: Jorge Garcia Hombrados (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
10:00-10:30	Robots and Crime Joseph Sabia (San Diego State University) Discussant: Seth Gershenson (American University)
10:30-11:00	Risk Aversion and the Shadow of Terror Lorenz Meister (DIW Berlin and Free University Berlin) Discussant: Warn Lekfuangfu (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	Does School Social Work Work? Evidence from Crime and Education Katharina Drescher (University of Passau) Discussant: Jesús Fernández-Huertas Moraga (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
12:00-12:30	The Long Run Effects of a Teacher-Focused School Reform on Student Outcomes Ozkan Eren (University of California, Riverside) Discussant: Katharina Drescher (University of Passau)
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	The Impact of a Genetic Predisposition to High BMI on Education Outcomes Jane Greve (The Danish Center for Social Science Research) Discussant: Anastasia Terskaya (University of Barcelona)
14:30-15:00	The Impact of Fiscal Policies to Promote Healthy Diets on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from the Navajo Nation Mallory Dreyer (Indiana University Bloomington) Discussant: Yarine Fawaz (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
15:00	Concluding Remarks and Farewell