



DECEMBER 9-10, 2024

17th AFD-WORLD BANK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe - University of Bologna

PROGRAM

Monday, December 9

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe - Via B. Andreatta, 3

8:15 am **Doors Open & Registration**

[@Lobby](#)

9:00 am **Welcome Remarks**

[@Auditorium](#)

Renaud Dehousse, Rector, Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe

Carlotta Berti-Ceroni, University of Bologna, Chair of the Organizing Committee

Anna Maria Mayda, Georgetown University

Çağlar Özden, DECRG, World Bank

Serge Rabier, French Development Agency

Hillel Rapoport, Paris School of Economics, Chair of the Scientific Committee

9:30 am **Attitudes towards Immigrants: the role of experiences and storytelling**

[@Auditorium](#)

Sandra Sequeira, London School of Economics

Chaired by: **Carlotta Berti-Ceroni**, University of Bologna

10:30 am **Coffee break**

11:00 am **Parallel Session 1 A: Economic History**

[@Auditorium](#)

Chaired by: **Alireza Naghavi**, University of Bologna

Osea Giuntella, University of Pittsburgh: *Enclaves and Assimilation in the Age of Mass Migration: Evidence from Ethnic Catholic Churches (with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan)*

Discussant: **Jonathan Chapman**, University of Bologna

Luigi Minale, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid: *Immigrant Diversity and Long-Run Development (with Rudi Rocha, Bruno Vigna)*

Discussant: **Bruno Gabriel Witzel de Souza**, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Riccardo Di Cato, University of California, San Diego: *Christian Diffusion, Development, and Capitalism: Evidence from China, (with Jiachen Li)*

Discussant: **Laura Munoz-Blanco**, University of Exeter

11:00 am **Parallel Session 1 B: Migration Policy**

[@Penthouse](#)

Chaired by: **Devesh Kapur**, Johns Hopkins SAIS

Bernd Beber, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research: *Is irregular migration responsive to recent German asylum policy adjustments? (with Cara Ebert, Maximiliane Sievert)*

Discussant: **Sara Lazzaroni**, University of Bologna

Andrea Velasquez, University of Colorado Denver: *Externalities of U.S. Immigration Enforcement Policies in El Salvador (with Christian Ambrosius, Juliana Quigua)*

Discussant: **Federico Maggio**, University of Bologna

Susan Pozo, Western Michigan University: *Policy and Migration Selectivity: Evidence from Venezuelan Emigration in Recent Years (with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes)*

Discussant: **Devesh Kapur**, Johns Hopkins SAIS

1:30 pm **Lunch Break**

[@Pane e Pannelle - via San Vitale, 71/a](#)

2:30 pm **Invited Plenary Session**

[@Auditorium](#)

Chaired by: **Hillel Rapoport**, Paris School of Economics

Catia Batista, Nova University Lisbon: *Integrating immigrants as a tool for broad development (with Lara Bohnet, Jules Gazeaud, Julia Seither)*

Discussant: **Luigi Minale**, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Toman Barsbai, University of Bristol: *Family-sponsored migration (with Sebastian Kupek, Andreas Steinmayr)*

Discussant: **Cevat Giray Aksoy**, EBRD and Kings College

4:00 pm **Coffee break**

4:30 pm **Parallel Session 2 A: Migration, Inequality and Climate-Change**
@Auditorium

Chaired by: **Dean Yang**, University of Michigan

Nicola D. Coniglio, University of Bari: *International migration and income inequality (with Vitorocco Paragine, Davide Vurchio)*

Discussant: **Elie Murard**, University of Trento

Marco Letta, Sapienza University of Rome: *Climate Immobility Traps A Household-Level Test (with Pierluigi Montalbano, Adriana Paolantonio)*

Discussant: **Francesca Fauri**, University of Bologna

Joseph-Simon Görlach, Bocconi University: *Weather shocks, migration, and in-place adaptation (with Marco Alfano)*

Discussant: **Dean Yang**, University of Michigan

4:30 pm **Parallel Session 2 B: Migration and Culture**
@Penthouse

Chaired by: **Sandra Sequeira**, London School of Economics

Murat Kirdar, Koç University: *Breaking Barriers: Cultural Transmission and Women's Economic Empowerment (with Belgi Turan)*

Discussant: **Lidia Ceriani**, Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe

Slesh A. Shrestha, National University of Singapore: *Ethnic Bias, Migration, and the Formation of New Social Identities among Returnees in Nepal (with Roy Chen)*

Discussant: **Nicola Mastrococco**, University of Bologna

Martin Fernandez, LISER: *Migration, Contact, and Cultural Change (with Samuel Bazzi, Hillel Rapoport)*

Discussant: **Toman Barsbai**, University of Bristol

8:00 pm **Dinner**

@ Circolo della Caccia, via Castiglione 25

(At Circolo della Caccia you are required to wear a jacket and tie)

Tuesday, December 10

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe - Via B. Andreatta, 3

8:15 am **Doors Open & Registration**

[@Lobby](#)

9:00 am **World Bank Plenary Session**

[@Auditorium](#)

Chaired by: **Serge Rabier**, French Development Agency

Çağlar Özden, World Bank: *Global Skill Partnerships for Migration: Preparing Tomorrow Workers for Home and Abroad*

Discussant: **Tito Boeri**, Bocconi University

10:00 am **Coffee break**

10:30 am **Parallel Session 3 A: Refugees and Local Development**

[@Auditorium](#)

Chaired by: **Anna Maria Mayda**, Georgetown University

Cevat Giray Aksoy, EBRD and Kings College: *Hometown Conflict and Refugees' Integration Efforts (with Gaurav Khanna, Victoria Marino, Semih Tumen)*

Discussant: **Michele Di Maio**, Sapienza University

Emma Smith, Georgetown University: *Housing Subsidies, Life Outcomes, and Social Integration: Experimental Evidence and Forecasts from Syrian Refugees in Jordan (with Samuel Leone, Edward Miguel, Bailey Palmer, Sandra Rozo, Sarah Stillman, Abdulrazzak Tamin)*

Discussant: **Sarah Pearlman**, Vassar College

Jean-François Maystadt, Catholic University of Louvain: *Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia (with Julie Bousquet, Anna Gasten, Mark Marvin Kadigo, Colette Salemi)*

Discussant: **Rama Dasi Mariani**, Università degli Studi Roma Tre

10:30 am

Parallel Session 3 B: Political Economy

@Penthouse

Chaired by: **Giovanni Prarolo**, University of Bologna

Guy Grossman, University of Pennsylvania: *When Refugee Presence Increases Incumbent Support through Development (with Yang-Yang Zhou)*

Discussant: **Steven Stillman**, University of Bolzano

Carlo Medici, Brown University: *Closing Ranks: Organized Labor and Immigration*

Discussant: **Martin Fernandez**, LISER

Christopher Blair, Princeton University: *Refugee Repatriation and Conflict: Evidence from the Maximum Pressure Sanctions (with Lara Bohnet, Jules Gazeaud, Julia Seither)*

Discussant: **Giovanni Prarolo**, University of Bologna

12:30 pm

Lunch Break

@Sartoria Gastronomica, Piazza Aldrovandi 21/b

2:00 pm

Parallel Session 4 A: Migration and Rural Development

@Auditorium

Chaired by: **Catia Batista**, Nova University Lisbon

Thomas Monnier, CREST: *The Informality Trade-Off: Wages and Rural-Urban Migration in South Africa*

Discussant: **Denni Tommasi**, University of Bologna

Roberta Ziparo, Aix-Marseille School of Economics: *Women's Empowerment and Husband's Migration: Evidence from Indonesia (with Olivier Bargain, Jordan Loper)*

Discussant : **Mariapia Mendola**, University of Milan Bicocca

Gwyneth Miner, University of California, Berkeley: *Overcoming Migration Barriers: The Impact of an Income Smoothing Program for Kenyan Migrants*

Discussant: **Catia Batista**, Nova University Lisbon

- 2:00 pm **Parallel Session 4 B: Gravity and Growth Effects of Migration**
[@Penthouse](#)
Chaired by: Mine Senses, Johns Hopkins SAIS
Pierre-Louis Vezina, King's College London: *The business multiplier effect of refugees: Evidence from Ukrainians in Poland (with Cevat Giray Aksoy, Piotr Lewandowski)*
Discussant: **Mine Senses**, Johns Hopkins SAIS
Jesus Fernandez-Huertas Moraga, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid: *Gravity Predictions of International Migration Flows (with Gonzalo Lopez Molina)*
Discussant: **Stefano Bolatto**, University of Bologna
Alessandro Sforza, University of Bologna: *On city growth: the role of skill portability (with Tommaso Sonno)*
Discussant: **Tito Cordella**, Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe

4:00 pm **Coffee break**

4:30 pm **Move to University of Bologna - Aula Prodi**
[@Via San Giovanni in Monte, 2](#)

5:00 pm **Welcome Remarks**
Raffaella Campaner, Vice Rector for International Relations,
University of Bologna

5:10 pm **War Mobilization and Economic Development: World War II, Structural Transformation, and Migration in India**
Dean Yang, University of Michigan
Chaired by: Çağlar Özden, World Bank

6:15 pm **Farewell Reception**
[@Il Caffè della Corte, Corte Isolani 5/b](#)

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