

Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

December 1–2, 2022

At the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

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Thursday, December 1

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| 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. | “The Value of Piped Water and Sewers: Evidence from 19th-Century Chicago”
Michael Coury, Toru Kitagawa, Allison Shertzer, Matt Turner (Brown University)
Discussant: Luca Perdoni (University of Edinburgh) |
| 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. | “Educational Investment in Spatial Equilibrium: Evidence from Indonesia”
Allan Hsiao (Princeton University)
Discussant: Francesco Agostinelli (University of Pennsylvania) |
| 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. | Break |
| 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | “The Geography of Black Economic Progress After Slavery”
Lukas Althoff (Princeton University) , Hugo Reichardt
Discussant: Bryan Stuart (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia) |
| 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. | “Living in a Ghost Town: The Geography of Depopulation and Aging”
Elisa Giannone, Yuhei Miyauchi (Boston University) , Nuna Paixao, Xinle Pang, Yuta Suzuki
Discussant: David Nagy (Princeton University and CREI) |

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- 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. “Destruction, Policy, and the Evolving Consequences of Washington, DC’s 1968 Civil Disturbance”
Leah Brooks (George Washington University), Jonathan Rose, Stan Veuger
Discussant: **Amine Ouzad (Rutgers University)**
- 4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. “To Own or to Rent? The Effect of Transaction Taxes on Housing Markets”
Lu Han (Wisconsin), L. Rachel Ngai, Kevin Sheedy
Discussant: **Cameron LaPoint (Yale University)**
- 5:30 p.m. Reception (at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia)
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner (TBA)

Friday, December 2

- 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. “What Causes Agglomeration of Services? Theory and Evidence from Seoul”
Ryungha Oh (Yale University), Jaeun Seo
Discussant: **Lindsay Relihan (Purdue University)**
- 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. “Wage Inequality and the Spatial Expansion of Firms”
Benny Kleinman (Princeton University)
Discussant: **Hannah Rubinton (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)**
- 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon “Place-Based Policies with Local Voting: Lessons from the EU Cohesion Policy”
Leonardo D’Amico (Harvard University)
Discussant: **Marcus Berliant (Washington University in St. Louis)**
- 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. “Estimating the Benefits of Policy Decentralization”
Andrew Arnold, **Holger Sieg (University of Pennsylvania)**
Discussant: **Henry Overman (London School of Economics)**
- 1:00 p.m. Box lunch and adjourn