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Workshop Programme

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

18:30 Pre-Workshop Dinner at Blue Ginger

Meet at the Hotel Lobby at 18:00

Thursday, August 28, 2025

All presentations will take place in Classroom 10 (3rd floor), ESSEC Singapore Campus

8:30 Meet at the lobby of the Workshop Hotel, walk to the Workshop venue

8:45 Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome remarks by Professor Reetika Gupta (the Head of ESSEC Singapore)

Notes: Each paper presentation takes 50 minutes: 25 mins for presentation, 8 mins for discussion, 12 mins for floor discussion, and 5 mins for change.

Session chairs are in charge of time management, introducing presenters and discussants, and leading the discussion.

9:00 Session 1. Chair – Andrew Jones (University of York)

9:00–9:50 Paper 1

Katharina Janke, **Carol Propper** (Imperial College London), Raffaella Sadun

The Role of Top Managers in the Public Sector: Evidence from the English NHS

Discussant: Chenyuan Liu (Tsinghua University)

9:50–10:40 Paper 2

Jiaowei Gong, Jia Xiang, Chuanchuan Zhang, **Xuan Zhang** (Singapore Management University)

The VIP Effect in Medicine: How Patients' Insider Knowledge, Social Ties, and Authority Shapes Clinical Decisions

Discussant: Sungchul Park (Korea University)

10:40–11:05 Coffee Break

11:05 Session 2. Chair – Jamus Lim (ESSEC Business School)

11:05–11:55 Paper 3

Kazuki Tomioka (Australian National University)

Life-cycle Implications of Latent Health Type Learning

Discussant: Eugenio Zucchelli (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

11:55 Workshop Photo

12:15–13:20 Lunch: Study Area 1 (5th floor)

13:20 Session 3. Chair – Qu Feng (Nanyang Technological University)

13:20–14:10 Paper 4

Raphaël Langevin (McGill University)

Policy Learning with Observational Data : The Case of Hepatitis C Treatment for HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients

Discussant: Denzil Fiebig (University of New South Wales)

14:10–15:00 Paper 5

Johannes Cordier (University of St. Gallen)

Optimizing Patient Placement in Normal Care Units: An Instrumental Causal Forest Approach Minimizing Mortality

Discussant: Pierre Alquier (ESSEC Business School)

15:00–15:25 Coffee Break

15:25 Session 4. Chair – Haruko Noguchi (Waseda University)

15:25–16:15 Paper 6

Yaying Zhou (University of Queensland)

In Sickness and in Health Insurance: Gender in Household Benefit Plan Choice

Discussant: Yi Zhang (Central University of Finance and Economics)

16:15-17:05 Paper 7

Priyanka Sarda Tadikonda (Good Business Lab)

*Birth Endowments and Intrahousehold Resource Allocation: Structural Estimates
from a Collective Household Model*

17:30 Departure from the Hotel Lobby: Dinner at Empress and Singapore River Cruise

Friday, August 29, 2025

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8:30 Meet at the lobby of the Workshop Hotel, walk to the Workshop venue

8:45 Session 5. Chair – Sok Chul Hong (Seoul National University)

8:45-9:35 Paper 8

Lena Janys, **Jan Kabátek** (University of Melbourne), Bettina Siflinger

Price of Care, Cost of Growth: Unraveling the Causal Effect of Childcare Utilization on Child Mental Health and Educational Development in the Netherlands

Discussant: Mingjia Xie (Liaoning University)

9:35-10:25 Paper 9

Meiping Aggie Sun (Fordham University), Yiying Yang

Long-Term and Multi-Generational Impacts of Skilled Birth Attendance

Discussant: Reo Takaku (Hitotsubashi University)

10:25-10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 Session 6. Chair – Xiaoyan Lei (Peking University)

10:50-11:40 Paper 10

Albert Park, Yasuyuki Sawada, Menghan Shen, Heng Wang, Sangui Wang, **Ze Wang** (University of Tokyo)

Mental Disorder, Altruism, and Empathy: Experimental Evidence from Middle School Students in the Aftermath of a Disaster

Discussant: Toshiaki Aizawa (Hokkaido University)

11:40-12:30 Paper 11

Makiko Omura (Meiji Gakuin University)

Assessing Peer Effects in Healthy Habit Formation: Insights from a Skill-Based Health Education Intervention in Bangladesh

Discussant: Li Han (ESSEC Business School)

12:30-13:45 Lunch: Study Area 1 (5th floor)

13:45 Session 7. Chair – **Owen O'Donnell** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

13:45-14:35 Paper 12

Toshiaki Iizuka, Junya Kawamura, **Hitoshi Shigeoka** (The University of Tokyo)

Two Inefficiencies of Self-Selection: Evidence from Health Care

Discussant: Fabrice Kämpfen (University College Dublin)

14:35-15:25 Paper 13

David Johnston, Rachel Knott, **Ashani Ranmalie Abayasekara** (Monash University)

Mental health and differential belief updating: Evidence from unemployment shocks

Discussant: Nattavudh Powdthavee (Nanyang Technological University)

15:25-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:00 Session 8. Organized Poster Oral Session

Location: Classrooms 9 and 10 (3rd floor), ESSEC Singapore Campus

Facilitator – Sayaka Nakamura (Sophia University)

This session begins with a flash talk session (1 minute for each presenter), followed by four 15-minute small sub-sessions. In each sub-session, each presenter will give a short talk (approx. 6 mins) in front of a small audience, followed by questions and discussion.

Yifeng Chen (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics), Yuanyuan Chen, Ya Li

Can Policy Change Habits?: How Chinese Ancient Salt Zoning Policies Cooked Up Regional Chili Preferences

Michelle Sovinsky, **Liana Jacobi** (University of Melbourne), Alessandra Allocca, Tao Sun

More Joint Use? A Bundle Choice Model of Youth Multi-Substance Use and Legalization Implications

Abhishek Dureja, **Tarun Jain** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)

Heat Stress and Hospitalization in India

Peyman Firouzi Naeim, **David W. Johnston** (Monash University), Maryam Naghsh Nejad

Balancing Work and Care: How Workplace Factors Can Mitigate the Gendered Impacts of Caregiving

Zhiyong Huang, **Fabrice Kämpfen** (University College Dublin)

Do Health Check-Ups for Seniors Improve Diagnosis and Management of Hypertension and Diabetes in China?

Luis Alonso-Armesto, Julio Cáceres-Delpiano, **Warn N. Lekfuangfu** (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

The Impact of Raising the Minimum Legal Drinking Age on Academic Achievement and Risky Behaviour: A Difference-in-Discontinuities Approach

Mingchen Liu (University of Glasgow)

Mapping Vaccination Rates Within and Across Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1985—2021

Sara Muzzi (University of Milano-Bicocca), Paolo Berta, Stefan Verzillo

The Impact of Public Transport Strikes on Road Accidents and Healthcare Costs: Evidence from Lombardy, Italy

Aljoscha Janssen, **Meng-Chi Tang** (National Chung Cheng University)

Peer Effects in Drug Adoption

Justus Vogel (University of St. Gallen), Johannes Cordier, Miodrag Filipovic

Causal Effects and Optimal Policy Learning for Intensive Care Unit Discharge Decisions to Solve Hospital Process Bottlenecks

Jiayi Wen (Xiamen University), Zixi Ye, Xuan Zhang

Health Dynamics and Reporting Bias at Retirement: An Analysis Using High-Frequency Data

17:20 Departure from the Hotel Lobby for Dinner: Dinner at Il Giardino

Saturday, August 30, 2025

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8:20 Meet at the lobby of the Workshop hotel, walk to the Workshop venue

8:30 Session 9. Chair – Jui-Fen Rachel Lu (Chang Gung University)

8:30-9:20 Paper 14

Aline Bütikofer, **Zichen Deng** (University of Amsterdam), Kjell G Salvanes

Moving to Cleaner Skies: Age-Specific Effects of Exposure to Pollution on Health and Human Capital

Discussant: David Johnston (Monash University)

9:20-10:10 Paper 15

Congyuan Cui, Zhengwen Liu, **Yun Qiu** (Jinan University), Wen Wang

Crops, Insects, and Diseases: Unintended Consequences of Straw-burning Ban on Ecosystem and Human Health

Discussant: Chon-Kit Ao (National Cheng Kung University)

10:10-10:25 Coffee Break

10:25 Session 10. Chair – Ming-Jen Lin (National Taiwan University)

10:25-11:15 Paper 16

Chiyeiki Ikeda, **Masaru Nagashima** (IDE-JETRO)

HIV Prevention and ART Provision: Examination of Risk Compensation in the New Dawn

Discussant: Akshar Saxena (Nanyang Technological University)

11:15–12:05 Paper 17

Aurélien Baillon, Joseph Capuno, Aleli Kraft, Jenny Kudymowa, **Owen O'Donnell** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Leveraging Probability Distortion to Target Prevention: A Cardiovascular Screening Experiment in the Philippines

Discussant: Tomoki Fujii (Singapore Management University)

12:05-12:30 Best poster award, best discussant award, 2026 Workshops, Final remarks

- 13:00 Departure from the hotel lobby for optional Lunch and Excursion
- 13:30 Lunch, Sing Swee Kee on Seah Street
- 14:45 Guided Tour “The Highlights of the National Gallery”
- 16:00 Walking Tour to and through Chinatown
- 18:00 Back to the Workshop hotel