

# The South East Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS): 3rd Annual Conference

Exhibition Hall, Georgia Institute of Technology

460 4th St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

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**Day 1: Thursday, April 27**

**Registration:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch, Welcome Remarks:** 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. (Centennial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session IA:** 1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. (Old Fourth Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Spotlight on Afghanistan**

**Chair: Olga Shemyakina**

1. **Ahmad Shah Mobariz** (University of Pittsburgh) “Unwelcomed Heritage of Islamic Extremists: Impact of Parents Exposed to First Taliban Rule on School Attendance of Children”
2. **Robert Gonzalez** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Mobile Phone Access and Insurgent Violence: Evidence from a Radio Wave Propagation Model in Afghanistan”
3. **Ryan Ellis** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Mobility, Migration, and Violence: Digital Trace and the Taliban Insurgency”
4. **Rafiuddin Najam** (Oregon State University) “Closing the Gap: The Role of Gender Quota in Providing Educational Opportunities for Women in Afghanistan”

**Session IB:** 1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. (Sweet Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Schooling and Education**

**Chair: Ioanna Maria Spyrou**

1. **Mayra Pineda-Torres** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Improvements in Schooling Opportunities and Teenage Fertility”
  2. **Andrew Dustan** (Vanderbilt University) “Preferences, access, and the STEM gender gap in centralized high school assignment”
  3. **Ren Mu** (Texas A&M University) “Perceived Returns to College Education by Ethnicity: Evidence from China”
  4. **Erdal Asker** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “The Impact of School Spending on Civic Engagement: Evidence from School Finance Reforms”
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**Break: 2.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.**

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**Session IIA:** 2.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. (Old Fourth Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Policy Analysis**

**Chair: Mayra Pineda-Torres**

1. **Valentina Duque** (American University) “The Effects of Free Housing on Health, Wellbeing, and Healthcare Utilization”
2. **Orgul Ozturk** (University of South Carolina) “Free School Meals and Demand for Community Food Resources”
3. **Binita Mahato** (Auburn University) “The Legacy of Park Segregation in Park Access: An Environmental Justice Inquiry of Urban Parks in Montgomery, Alabama”

**Session IIB:** 2.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. (Sweet Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Effects of Conflict on Development**

**Chair: Erdal Asker**

1. **Olga Shemyakina** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Long-term Impacts of Displacement during Early Childhood-Adolescence – Evidence from Internally Displaced Population in Azerbaijan”
2. **Alessandra Hidalgo Arestegui** (Lancaster University) “Intergenerational effects of conflict on non-cognitive skills: Evidence from Peru”
3. **Lin Yang** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Foreign Aid and Conflict: Evidence from the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Pakistan”

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**Break: 3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.**

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**Lightning Talks:** 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (Centennial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Chair: Robert Gonzalez**

1. **Brian Ezeonu** (Auburn University) “The Impact of Public-Nonprofit Collaboration on the Capacity of Public Institutions in Nigeria”
2. **Anthony Lei Xu** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “The danger of unbalanced economies: Innovation, incentive, and the competition for talent in the Taiwanese technology industry”
3. **Gordon Amankwaa** (University of Memphis) “The environmental dimension of urban brownfields”
4. **Roshani Bulkunde** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “The effects of Gender Quotas on Economic Development: Evidence from India”

5. **Mohammad Jakaria** (University of South Carolina) "Bank-branch expansion and labor market outcomes: Evidence from India"
6. **Josh Ayers** (Georgia Institute of Technology) "Urban Informality and Land Consumption Rates in the Global South: A Comparative Study of Colombia and South Africa"
7. **Iddrisu Kambala Mohammed** (University of South Carolina) "Quality of Governance and Long-run Development: Evidence from a Natural Experiment"
8. **Vikrant Kamble** (Georgia Institute of Technology) "Effect of Abolition of Government Sponsored Marketplace on Production and Wages: Evidence from an Emerging Economy"
9. **Patrick Munger** (Georgia State University) "Attributing Responsibility for Development: Constituency Level Economic Voting in India's Legislative Assembly Elections"
10. **Shubhsri Rajendra** (Georgia Institute of Technology) "Evaluating the Impact of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in India"

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**Break: 4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

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**Keynote Address:** 5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Dean Joliffe, Lead Economist, World Bank (Kirkwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Monitoring Global Poverty: Measurement Challenges & Developments**

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**Dinner:** 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Kirkwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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## Day 2: Friday, April 28

**Breakfast:** 8.00 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. (Centennial 2nd, Floor)

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**Session III A:** 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. (Old Fourth Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Sustainability and Climate Change**

**Chair: Lin Yang**

1. **Megha Shrestha** (Auburn University) “Empowering Small and Medium-sized cities (SMSC) Communities: Visualizing UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) indicators in Fostering Two-Way Communication for Sustainable Policies”
2. **Ioanna Maria Spyrou** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Impact of Drought on Children's Educational Outcomes”
3. **Shouraseni Sen Roy** (University of Miami) “Spatial patterns of gender inequalities/inequities in the context of vulnerability to the impacts of climate change”
4. **Tina Kempin Reuter** (University of Alabama at Birmingham) “Sustainable Cities and Disability Rights: Assessing the Impact of the Built Environment on the Wellbeing and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Lima, Peru”

**Session III B:** 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. (Sweet Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Government and Economic Development**

**Chair: Anjali Thomas**

1. **Alberto Fuentes** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “How to Train your Capitalists: Jalisco and Queretaro, Mexico”
2. **Abhra Roy** (Kennesaw State University) “The Interplay between Discrimination, Repression and Inequality under Authoritarianism”
3. **Andres Marroquin** (Mercer University) “Beliefs about Free-Markets and Success in Life”
4. **Ka Zeng** (University of Arkansas) “China in Global Digital Trade Governance: Implications for Development”

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**Break:** 10.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.

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**Session IV A:** 10.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. (Old Fourth Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Challenges with Migration**

**Chair: Ryan Ellis**

1. **Renzo Severino** (Duke University) “Immigrant Classmates and Natives' Academic Performance: Evidence from Peru”
2. **Edmund Malesky** (Duke University) “Economic Risk and Willingness to Learn about Globalization: A Field Experiment on Migrants and Other Underprivileged Groups in Vietnam”
3. **Yi Crystal Zhan** (University of South Carolina) “Economic Preferences and the Self-selection of Immigrants”

**Session IV B:** 10.15 a.m. – 11.00 p.m. (Sweet Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Spotlight on South Asia**

**Chair: Shubhsri Rajendra**

1. **Shatakshee Dhongde** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Covid-19 Lockdown and Infant Mortality, Evidence from India”
2. **Abu Shonchoy** (Florida International University) “Savings for a lean season”
3. **Genti Kostandini** (University of Georgia) “Climate Variability and Child Health Outcomes in the South Asian Region”

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**Break:** 11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

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**Session V A:** 11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. (Old Fourth Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Political Institutions, Accountability, and Trust**

**Chair: Alberto Fuentes**

1. **Anjali Thomas** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Pipe Dreams: How Bureaucratic Hurdles and Identity Politics Shape Water Access in Urban India”
2. **Laura Zimmerman** (University of Georgia) “Political Organizations and Political Scope”
3. **Keyi Tang** (John Hopkins SAIS) “Democracy, Distributive Politics, and Development Finance: Evidence from Africa”
4. **Ryan Carlin** (Georgia State University) “Generalized Trust and Support for Negotiated Peace: A Theory of Public Opinion Formation”

**Session V B:** 11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. (Sweet Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Topic: Gender Inequalities**

**Chair: Roshani Bulkunde**

1. **Kostanca Dhima** (Georgia State University) “The Gender Continuum? Femininity, Masculinity, and Vote Choice”

2. **Chunting Lyu** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Change in Legal Marriageable Age and Female Well-being Indicators in China”

3. **Jorge Luis Garcia** (Clemson University) “Guaranteed Employment in Rural India: Richer Households, Poorer Women?”

4. **Charles Hankla** (Georgia State University) “Do the Effects of Local Gender Quotas “Spillover” to Higher Tiers?”

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**Lunch:** 12.30 p.m.-1.30 p.m. (Centennial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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