



The South East Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) 4th Annual Conference

Exhibition Hall, Georgia Institute of Technology
460 4th St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

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Day 1: Thursday, April 25

Registration: 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lobby on the 2nd Floor

Session IA: 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. (Buckhead Room)

Topic: Educational Outcomes in Children

Chair: Roshani Bulkunde

1. **Nicholas Wright** (Florida International University) “Girls Dominate, Boys Left Behind: Assessing the Gender Gap in Education Outcomes in Jamaica”
2. **Stephen Owusu** (University of New Mexico) “Free School, Official Language, and Mother Tongue: Pilot to National Coverage of Capitation Grant in Ghana”
3. **Abu Shonchoy** (Florida International University) “School Attendance Information or Conditional Cash Transfer? Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Rural Bangladesh”
4. **Erdal Asker** (Kennesaw State University) “School Funding and Civic Engagement: An examination of California’s Local Control Funding”

Session IB: 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. (Highlands Room)

Topic: Latin American Economies

Chair: Ryan Ellis

1. **Paloma Lopez de Mesa Moyano** (Emory University) “Religion and Demography: Papal Influences on Fertility”
2. **Muchin Bazan** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “To Inspire and to Inform: The Role of Role Models”
3. **Andres Marroquin** (Mercer University) “Beliefs About Economic and Political Freedoms in a Socialist Economy: The Case of Venezuela”
4. **Mauricio Salazar-Saenz** (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana) “A Household Search Model of the Labor Market with Home Production”



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Break: 3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

Session IIA: 3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. (Buckhead Room)

Topic: Early Childhood Outcomes

Chair: Erdal Asker

1. **Md Shahadath Hossain** (University of Houston) “The Lasting Effects of Early Childhood Interventions: The National Vaccination Commando Program in Burkina Faso”
2. **Shatakshee Dhongde** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Maternity Leave Policy and Infant Health in India”
3. **Shaila Nazneen** (University of Texas at El Paso) “Parental Illness Shocks and Child Health in Bangladesh”

Session IIB: 3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. (Highlands Room)

Topic: Productivity and Agricultural Markets

Chair: Lin Yang

1. **Patrick Ward** (University of Florida) “Impacts of a digital credit + insurance bundle for landless farmers: Evidence from a cluster randomized trial in Odisha, India”
2. **Genti Kostandini** (University of Georgia) “To What Extent Does Incentivized Technology Adoption Improve Farmers’ Outcomes? Evidence from the AgResults Aflasafe Project in Nigeria”
3. **Juan Carlos Angulo** (University of Maryland) “Green Gold: Avocado Production and Conflict in Mexico”

Break: 4.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Lightning Talks: 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. (Buckhead Room)

Chair: Robert Gonzalez

1. **Tabitha Lamberth** (University of Georgia) “Anti-Intellectualism in Appalachia”
2. **Maggie Bargouti** (Emory University) “Democracy and Development in the MENA Region : The Role of National and Religious Identities”
3. **Ulugbek Narmanov** (National University of Uzbekistan) “Provide Employment by Providing Jobs to Women.”
4. **Arindam Roy** (Ball State University) “Physical and Social Play Affordances of Children's Play in Urban Neighborhoods of Kolkata”
5. **Chunting Lyu** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Cohabitation, Marriage, Divorce, and Happiness in China”

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6. **Sanchita Chakravarty** (University of Georgia) “Effect of a Staple Food Subsidy in Bangladesh: A Household Production Demand Approach”

Break: 6.00 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.

Dinner: 6.15 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Centennial Room)

Plenary Talk: 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Centennial Room)

Speaker: Dr. Francisca Antman, University of Colorado, Boulder
Water Quality, Alternative Beverages, and Economic Development



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Day 2: Friday, April 26

Breakfast: 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. (Centennial Room)

Session III A: 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (Buckhead Room)

Topic: Climate Shocks and Household Behavior

Chair: Ioanna Maria Spyrou

1. **Judhajit Chakraborty** (Michigan State University) “Downpours of Deprivation: Exploring the Impact of Excess Rainfall Shocks on Perceived Relative Deprivation in Peru”
2. **Mohammad Jakaria** (University of South Carolina) “Climate shocks and ethnic tolerance”
3. **James Ji** (University of Florida) “Climate Change, Intimate Partner Violence, and the Moderating Effects of Climate Resilience Initiatives”
4. **Ioanna Maria Spyrou** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Food Insecurity Forecasting Using Machine Learning”

Session III B: 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (Highlands Room)

Topic: Political Economy, Crime, and Corruption

Chair: Roshani Bulkunde

1. **Robert Gonzalez** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “The Impact of Election Audits on Future Fraud Incidence: Evidence from Afghanistan”
2. **Charles Hankla** (Georgia State University) “In Pursuit of Prosperity: Industrial Policy and the Politics of Economic Upgrading”
3. **Madina Bekisheva** (University of Georgia) “Liberalization Reforms as a threat to political stability in Autocracies: case of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan”
4. **Utsav Kumar Singh** (Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi) “Measuring the Impact of Health and Education in Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals: With special to reference to Bihar, India”

Break: 10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.



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Session IV A: 10.45 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. (Buckhead Room)

Topic: Drivers of Conflict

Chair: Ioanna Maria Spyrou

1. **Rafiuddin Najam** (Oregon State University, World Bank) “Local Violence: Disruptions in Educational Progress”
2. **Xiao Hui Tai** (UC Davis) “Armed Conflict and Girls' Education in Africa”
3. **Abhra Roy** (Kennesaw State University) “The Effect of Media Bias on Conflict and the Provision of a Public Good in A model of Location Choice”
4. **Lin Yang** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Violent Conflict and Demand for Healthcare in Afghanistan”

Session IV B: 10.45 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. (Highlands Room)

Topic: Migration and Employment

Chair: Muchin Bazan

1. **Md Ohiul Islam** (University of Nevada-Reno) “Migration and Education Choices: How Low-Skilled Migration Shapes the Educational Attainment of Mexican Youth”
2. **Ryan Ellis** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Internet Access and Immigration”
3. **Kenichi Kuroiwa** (University of Georgia) “The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Technology Adoption: Migrant Scarcity and Direct Seeding of Rice in Rural India”
4. **Prachi Jhamb** (University of Georgia) “Economic Importance of Hunting for Rural Households Amidst Shocks: Evidence from 23 countries”

Break: 11.45 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Session V A: 12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. (Buckhead Room)

Topic: Health, Education, and Poverty

Chair: Lin Yang

1. **Zander Prinsloo** (World Bank) “Persistent Poverty Transitions in Nigeria: Accounting for the Effects of Classification Error”
2. **Olga Churkina** (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano) “Hiring Prospects of Online Education: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment”
3. **Binita Mahato** (Auburn University) “Grassroots Organizations and Informal Sector: A Study of the Hawker Sangram Committee in Kolkata, India.”
4. **Roshani Bulkunde** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Impacts of the Largest Conditional Cash Transfer Program on Infant and Maternal Health”

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Session V B: 12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. (Highlands Room)

Topic: Gender and Beliefs

Chair: Ryan Ellis

1. **Ahmad Shah Mobariz** (University of Pittsburgh) “Lasting Effects of Gender Apartheid on Attitudes Toward Women”
2. **Urvashi Jain** (University of South Alabama) “Brothers, Dowry, and Spousal Quality”
3. **Norihiko Matsuda** (Florida International University) “Publicizing Female-Friendliness in Job Advertisement: Evidence from Pakistan”
4. **Anjali Thomas** (Georgia Institute of Technology) “Do Local Gender Quotas Improve the Electability of Women at Higher Tiers? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in North India”

Lunch: 1.15 p.m.-2.00 p.m. (Centennial Room)

Speaker: Ms. Alexious Butler, USAID

Happy Hour: 3.00 to 5.00 pm

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