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SoCCAM 2025

Conference Program – April 18, 2025

Sessions will be held in Freeberg Forum (LC62) in Kravis Center at Claremont McKenna College. Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present, 10 minutes for the discussant, and 10 minutes for Q&A.

8:00–8:30am Registration and breakfast		
8:30-9:50am Session I: Labor policies & employment effects		Chair: Kevin Shih (UCR)
Paper	Presenter	Discussant
<i>Does regional variation in wage levels identify the effects of a national minimum wage?</i>	Daniel Haanwinckel	Emiliano Huet-Vaughn
<i>Hiring subsidies for the disadvantaged: Evidence from the work opportunity tax credit</i>	Manisha Jain, Corina Mommaerts, Jeffrey Weaver	Michael Bates
9:50 – 10:00am Break and refreshments		
10:00 – 11:20 am Session II: Market competition & regulation		Chair: Justin Marion (UCSC)
Paper	Presenter	Discussant
<i>Competing under information heterogeneity: Evidence from auto insurance</i>	Marco Cosconati, Yi Xin , Fan Wu, Yizhou Jin	Simon Quach
<i>Advertising-funded attention markets and antitrust: Evidence from the YouTube platform</i>	H. Tai Lam	Jiawei Chen
11:20 – 11:30 pm Walk to Athenaeum at CMC		
11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch and Keynote – Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, CMC		
<p><i>How Real is Hypothetical? And Other High Incentives Observations</i> Uri Gneezy Professor at the Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego</p>		
1:00-1:20pm Walk to Freeberg Forum in Kravis Center at CMC		
1:20 – 2:40 pm Session III: Institutional corruption & state capacity		Chair: Emily Owens (UCI)
Paper	Presenter	Discussant
<i>The imperfect union: Labor racketeering, corruption exposure, and its consequences</i>	Miriam Venturini	Brian Wheaton

<i>Can automation overcome low state capacity?</i>	Bhanu Gupta, Tejaswi Velayudhan, Vedant Vohra	Juliana Londono-Velez
2:40-2:50 pm Short break and refreshments		
2:50-4:10pm Session IV: Decision-making & strategic behavior Chair: Alex Wellsjo (UCSD)		
Paper	Presenter	Discussant
<i>How do business owners run governments? Evidence from Brazilian municipalities</i>	Socorro Pardo Martinez	Liz Lyons
<i>The 2-meter stride: A natural experiment measuring peer influence on system gaming</i>	Jiatong Han , Xiaozhi Yang, Yubai Yuan, Fadong Chen, Colin F. Camerer	Josh Tasoff
4:10-4:20 pm Short break and refreshments		
4:20-5:40 pm Session V: Public health policies & responses Chair: Heather Royer (UCSB)		
Paper	Presenter	Discussant
<i>Family planning, now and later: Infertility fears and contraceptive take-up</i>	Natalie Bau , David Henning, Corinne Low, Bryce Millett Steinberg	Prashant Bharadwaj
<i>Alcohol in the family: How an anti-alcohol campaign transformed health, marriage & childbearing</i>	Elizabeth Brainerd, Olga Malkova	Ajin Lee
6:00-8:00 pm Dinner – 1275 N. Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711 (less than 0.8 mile or about a 15-minute walk from Kravis Center)		

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