

Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy

Semi-Annual Conference

Migration Policy: Implications for Growth, Inequality, and Welfare November 15-16, 2019

Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Program

Thursday, November 14, 2019

8 - 10 pm **Welcome Reception:** Urban Tap Shadyside
216 S Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, walking distance from Hotel Indigo-East Liberty (host hotel)

Friday, November 15, 2019

8:15 am Transportation to the Tepper School

8:30 – 9 am Buffet Breakfast

9 am **Conference Session I: Macroeconomic Impacts of Migration**

Chair: Ali Shourideh

- **Migration and Sovereign Default Risk**
Authors: George Alessandria (University of Rochester), Yan Bai (University of Rochester), and Minjie Deng (University of Rochester)
Discussant: Pablo Guerron (Boston College)
- **Should Germany Build a New Wall? Macroeconomic Lessons from the 2015-20(?) Refugee Wave**
Authors: Christopher Busch (MOVE, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Zainab Iftikhar (University of Frankfurt), Dirk Krueger (University of Pennsylvania) and Alexander Ludwig (University of Frankfurt)
Discussant: Tommaso Porzio (University of Columbia)

Noon Lunch

1:30 pm **Conference Session II: Migration Policy Design: Theory and Evidence**

Chair: Chris Sleet

- **What is the Optimal Immigration Policy? Migration, Jobs and Welfare**
Authors: Joao Guerreiro (Northwestern University), Sergio Rebelo (Northwestern University) and Pedro Teles (Universidade Católica Portuguesa)
Discussant: Ali Shourideh (Carnegie Mellon University)

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Friday, November 15, 2019 (Cont'd)

- **The Effect of Increased Work Visas on Unauthorized Immigration**
Authors: Brian K. Kovak (Carnegie Mellon University) and Rebecca Lessem (Carnegie Mellon University)
Discussant: Kelly Bishop (Arizona State University)

5 pm Transportation from the Tepper School of Business to Hotel Indigo Pittsburgh East Liberty

6:15 pm Transportation from Hotel Indigo Pittsburgh East Liberty to SOBA

6:30 - 9 pm **Dinner: SOBA Restaurant**

5847 Ellsworth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
Cocktails: 6:30 – 7:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8 am Transportation from Hotel Indigo Pittsburgh East Liberty to Tepper School of Business

8:15 am Buffet Breakfast

8:45 am **Conference Session III: Internal Migration and Development**
Chair: Laurence Ales

- **The Effect of Migration Policy on Growth, Structural Change, and Regional Inequality in China**
Authors: Tongtong Hao (University of Toronto), Ruiqi Sun (Tsinghua University), Trevor Tombe (University of Calgary) and Xiaodong Zhu (University of Toronto)
Discussant: Jessica Leight (American University)
- **Migration Policy and Observational Returns to Rural-Urban Migration in the Developing World**
Authors: David Lagakos (University of California San Diego), Samuel Marshall (University of Warwick), Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak (Yale University), Corey Vernot (Yale University) and Michael E. Waugh (New York University)
Discussant: Todd Schoellman (Minneapolis Federal Reserve)

11:45 am Conference Adjourns

Noon Box lunches will be available
