

## 2023 Psychology and Economics of Poverty Annual Convening

### Friday, April 14 • Berkeley Way West, UC Berkeley • Colloquium Rooms 1102 and 1104

Speakers denoted by italics and an asterisk. Short Q&A to follow each presentation and general discussion to follow each session.

<i>Time (Pacific)</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
8:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast and Registration
9:00 - 9:05 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>Keynote</b>	
9:05 - 10:00 am	<b>Of Pandemics, Policies and Culture Change: Family Economics and the Well-Being of Young Children</b> <i>Philip Fisher, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (Education, Psychology)</i>
10:00 - 10:10 am	Break
<b>Session 1</b>	
<b>Mental Health: Exploring Environmental Factors, Interventions and Socio-Economic Outcomes</b>	
10:10 - 11:40 am	<b>Maternal Depression, Biased Beliefs, and Parental Investment</b> <i>Victoria Baranov, University of Melbourne (Economics)*</i> , Sonia Bhalotra, Pietro Biroli, Joanna Maselko, Matt Wiswall **This presentation will only be available to in-person attendees and will not be livestreamed.**
	<b>Treating Mental Health Conditions Improves Labor Market and Other Economic Outcomes in Low and Middle-Income Countries</b> <i>Crick Lund, Kate Orkin, Marc Witte, Thandi Davies, John Walker, University of Oxford (Development Economics)*</i> , Johannes Haushofer, Sarah Murray, Judy Bass, Laura Murray, Vikram Patel
	<b>From Drought to Distress: Examining the Mental Health Consequences of Water Scarcity in Ethiopia</b> <i>Richard Freund, University of Cape Town (Economics)*</i>
11:40 am - 12:10 pm	<b>Panel Discussion.</b> Moderator: <i>Gautam Rao, Harvard University (Economics)*</i>
12:10 - 1:10 pm	Lunch
<b>Session 2</b>	
<b>Psychology of Poverty: Theoretical Work</b>	
1:10 - 2:10 pm	<b>The Economics of Financial Stress</b> <i>Dmitriy Sergeyev, Chen Lian, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i> , Yuriy Gorodnichenko
	<b>Climbing Out of Poverty: The Role of Implicit Theories of Opportunity</b> <i>Paul A. O'Keefe, Yale-NUS College (Psychology)*</i> , E. J. Horberg, Fiona Lee, Carol S. Dweck
2:10 - 2:25 pm	Discussion
2:25 - 2:35 pm	Break
<b>Session 3</b>	
<b>Financial Stress and Cash Transfers: Psychological Impacts</b>	
2:35 - 4:05 pm	<b>**Cash Transfer and a Psychological Intervention: Impact on Women's Empowerment</b> <i>Mahreen Mahmud, Kate Orkin, Emma Riley, University of Washington (Economics)*</i> **This presentation will only be available to in-person attendees and will not be livestreamed.**
	<b>**Household Response to Cash Transfers: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Compton, California</b> <i>Sidhya Balakrishnan, Sewin Chan, Sara M. Constantino, Northeastern University (Psychology, Public Policy)*</i> , Johannes Haushofer, Jonathan Morduch **This presentation will only be available to in-person attendees and will not be livestreamed.**

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	<p><b>Customized Cash Transfers: Financial Lives and Cash Flow Preferences in Rural Kenya</b>            Carolina Kansikas, <i>Anandi Mani, University of Oxford (Economics, Public Policy)*</i>, Paul Niehaus</p>
4:05 - 4:35 pm	<b>Panel Discussion.</b> Moderator: <i>Marcel Fafchamps, Stanford (Economics)*</i>
4:35 - 4:45 pm	Break
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Agency Fund Lighting Talks: Applying Psychological Insights</b>
	<i>This session showcases works-in-progress supported by the <a href="#">Agency Fund</a>, which invests in high-impact, scalable projects to expand people's agency over their own lives. Attendees are invited to provide feedback on questions posed by the presenters.</i>
4:45 - 5:25 pm	<p><b>From Beneficiary to User: Changing the Lens of Education Programs for Students from Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Backgrounds</b>  <i>Pratibha Narayanan, Head of Design, Involve Learning Solutions Foundation*</i></p> <p><b>Designing a Digital Portal for Delhi's Construction Workers Social Security Scheme</b>  <i>Hitesh Kukreja, Operations Lead, Indus Action*</i></p> <p><b>Measuring At-Scale Social Emotional Learning Programs for 2.4 Million Public School Students in India</b>  <i>Richa Gupta, Co-Founder and CEO, Labhya*</i></p> <p><b>Behavioral Nudges to Improve Malnutrition Treatment</b>  <i>Jennifer Ostrowski, Research Director, The Taimaka Project*</i></p>
5:25 - 5:35 pm	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>
5:35 - 6:30 pm	Hors d'Oeuvres and Refreshments

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