2023 Psychology and Economics of Poverty Annual Convening
Friday, April 14 • Berkeley Way West, UC Berkeley • Colloquium Rooms 1102 and 1104

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**Keynote**

9:05 - 10:00 am

*Of Pandemics, Policies and Culture Change: Family Economics and the Well-Being of Young Children*

Philip Fisher, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (Education, Psychology)

10:00 - 10:10 am

Break

**Session 1**

Mental Health: Exploring Environmental Factors, Interventions and Socio-Economic Outcomes

10:10 - 11:40 am

*Maternal Depression, Biased Beliefs, and Parental Investment*

Victoria Baranov, University of Melbourne (Economics)*, Sonia Bhalotra, Pietro Biroli, Joanna Maselko, Matt Wiswall

**This presentation will only be available to in-person attendees and will not be livestreamed.**

*Treating Mental Health Conditions Improves Labor Market and Other Economic Outcomes in Low and Middle-Income Countries*

Crick Lund, Kate Orkin, Marc Witte, Thandi Davies, John Walker, University of Oxford (Development Economics)*, Johannes Hausher, Sarah Murray, Judy Bass, Laura Murray, Vikram Patel

*From Drought to Distress: Examining the Mental Health Consequences of Water Scarcity in Ethiopia*

Richard Freund, University of Cape Town (Economics)*

11:40 am - 12:10 pm

*Panel Discussion.* Moderator: Gautam Rao, Harvard University (Economics)*

12:10 - 1:10 pm

Lunch

**Session 2**

Psychology of Poverty: Theoretical Work

1:10 - 2:10 pm

*The Economics of Financial Stress*

Dmitriy Sergeyev, Chen Lian, UC Berkeley (Economics)*, Yuriy Gorodnichenko

*Climbing Out of Poverty: The Role of Implicit Theories of Opportunity*

Paul A. O’Keefe, Yale-NUS College (Psychology)*, E. J. Horberg, Fiona Lee, Carol S. Dweck

2:10 - 2:25 pm

Discussion

2:25 - 2:35 pm

Break

**Session 3**

Financial Stress and Cash Transfers: Psychological Impacts

2:35 - 4:05 pm

**Cash Transfer and a Psychological Intervention: Impact on Women’s Empowerment**

Mahreen Mahmud, Kate Orkin, Emma Riley, University of Washington (Economics)*

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**Household Response to Cash Transfers: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Compton, California**

Sidhya Balakrishnan, Sewin Chan, Sara M. Constantino, Northeastern University (Psychology, Public Policy)*, Johannes Hausher, Jonathan Morduch

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Session 4: Agency Fund Lighting Talks: Applying Psychological Insights

This session showcases works-in-progress supported by the Agency Fund, 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.

4:45 - 5:25 pm
- From Beneficiary to User: Changing the Lens of Education Programs for Students from Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Backgrounds
  Pratibha Narayanan, Head of Design, Involve Learning Solutions Foundation*

- Designing a Digital Portal for Delhi’s Construction Workers Social Security Scheme
  Hitesh Kukreja, Operations Lead, Indus Action*

- Measuring At-Scale Social Emotional Learning Programs for 2.4 Million Public School Students in India
  Richa Gupta, Co-Founder and CEO, Labhya*

- Behavioral Nudges to Improve Malnutrition Treatment
  Jennifer Ostrowski, Research Director, The Taimaka Project*

5:25 - 5:35 pm
- Concluding Remarks

5:35 - 6:30 pm
- Hors d’Oeuvres and Refreshments