## Conference Schedule
(Note: hours are in Eastern Time)

### Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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<td>Chair: <strong>Raouf Boucekkine</strong>, Aix-Marseille School of Economics</td>
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2:00-3:00 PM  **Policy Panel:** “Social and Political Disruption in Times of Covid-19: Lessons from South Africa and Tunisia”

- **Hugo van der Merwe**, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in South Africa
- **Ian Heffernan**, African School of Economics
- **Sharan Grewal**, College of William & Mary
- **Mohamed-Dhia Hammami**, Syracuse University

**Chair:** Ken Opalo, Georgetown University

Thursday, August 19, 2021

8:00-8:50 AM  **Keynote presentation by Jason McLellan**, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Austin, “Structure-Function Studies of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike and Development of COVID-19 Interventions”

**Chair:** Hugues Fausther Bovendo, Laval University.

8:50-9:00 AM  Break

9:00-10:00 AM  **Policy Panel:** “Global Initiatives on Covid-19 and Their Impact in Africa”

- **Erik Berglof**, Chief Economist, Asian Infrastructure Development Bank
- **Mireille Dosso**, Director, Institut Pasteur de Cote d’Ivoire

**Chair:** John Ataguba, University of Cape Town

10:00-10:10 AM  Break

10:10-11:40 AM  Parallel Sessions D

11:40-11:50 AM  Break

11:50-1:20 PM  Parallel Sessions E
Friday, August 20, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM       General Assembly Agenda to Be Announced
Parallel sessions A
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Session 1: **Health Policy**

Session 2: **Dealing with Covid-19: Macro-policies**

Parallel sessions B
Wednesday 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM

Session 3: **Covid-19 Molecular Diagnostics**

Session 4: **NPI (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions) Policies in Africa: Design and Impact I**

Parallel sessions C
Wednesday 12:20 PM to 1:50 PM

Session 5: **Health Impact of Covid-19 in Africa**

Session 6: **NPI Policies in Africa: Design and Impact II**
Session 7: Sectoral Impacts of Covid-19 in Africa

Session 8: Modeling and Tracking Covid-19 Dynamics

Session 9: Migration

Session 10: Impact of the Covid-19 Epidemic on Poverty and Inequality
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Session 1: Health Policy
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Chair: Muhammed Afolabi (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)

Julio Solis (WZB Berlin Social Science Center): “Acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines in Africa: Evidence from survey research”

Danielle Odegue (Institut Pasteur Côte d'Ivoire): “Nasopharyngeal Samples Management Strategy During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Experience of the Institut Pasteur of Cote D’Ivoire (2020)”

Solange Kakou Ngazo (Pasteur Institute Cote d'Ivoire): “Rapid test for SARS-CoV-2 detection in salivary samples in West Africa: news tools for surveillance in Cote d’Ivoire”

Session 2: Dealing with Covid-19: Macro-Policies
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Chair: Sophie Osotimehin (Université du Québec à Montréal)


Promise Ikpuri (Delta State University, Nigeria): “Assessing Africa’s trade and macro policy response for development: A Post-Covid analysis”
Session 3: Covid-19 Molecular Diagnostics
10:40 AM - 12:10 PM

**Chair:** Jules Clement Nguedia Assob (University of Douala, Cameroon)

**Kouamé Kouadio** (Institut Pasteur of Côte d'Ivoire): “Biosecurity measures taken the Diagnosis of COVID-19 at the Pasteur Institute from the Perspective of Hazardous Hospital Waste Management”

**Bertin Guede** (Institut Pasteur Cote d'Ivoire): “Team Experience During the Covid-19 Pandemic at Institut Pasteur Côte d’Ivoire”

**Hugues Fausther Bovendo** (Université Laval): “Pre-existing immunity against SARS-CoV2 was present in individual from Gabon (Central Africa) prior to the COVID-19 pandemic”

Session 4: NPI (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions) Policies in Africa: Design and Impact I
10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

**Chair:** Pierre Nguimkeu (Georgia State University)

**Timothy Kohler** (Development Policy Research Unit, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa): “COVID-19 in the context of extreme unemployment and inequality: Estimating the effects of South Africa’s national lockdown”


**N’Dri Assie-Lumumba** (Cornell University): “Social Challenges and Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic amid Political Crisis: A Preliminary Assessment of Patterns in Côte d’Ivoire”
Session 5:
Health Impact of Covid-19 in Africa
12:20 PM – 1:50 PM

Chair: Celso Khosa (Instituto Nacional de Saude, Mozambique)

Myrna van Pinxteren (University of Cape Town): “It’s not like HIV, we don’t know how you get it’ – Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on burden of treatment among people with multimorbidity in low-income settings in South Africa”


Belinda Archibong (Barnard College, Columbia University): “The value of communication during a pandemic”

Session 6:
NPI Policies in Africa: Design and Impact
12:20 PM – 1:50 PM

Chair: Ronelle Burger (Stellenbosch University)

Peter Kisaakye (Makerere University): “What determines face mask wearing against COVID-19 in humanitarian settings: Findings from Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe district, Uganda”

Prerna Bholah and Sameeha Monaff (Middlesex University Mauritius): “Influence of social media and socio-demographic factors on stress and anxiety during COVID-19 in Mauritius”

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Session 7:
Sectoral Impacts of Covid-19 in Africa
10:10 AM – 11:40 AM

Chair: Kacana Sipangule Khadjavi (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Shane Hardowar (University of Mauritius): “The relationship between Covid-19 impacts on the tourism sector and agribusiness: A case study of Mauritius as an island destination”


Roula Inglesi-Lotz (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria): “Exploring the impact of the Covid19 pandemic and lockdowns on the energy demand in South Africa”

Shana Warren (Innovations for Poverty Action): “Falling living standards during the COVID-19 crisis: Quantitative evidence from nine developing countries”
Session 8:
Modeling and Tracking Covid-19 Dynamics
10:10 AM – 11:40 AM

Chair: Mahlet Tadesse (Georgetown University)

Jonas Doumate (University of Abomey-Calavi, and African School of Economics): “A Hybrid Modeling Technique of Epidemic Outbreaks with Application to COVID-19 Dynamics in West Africa”

Dhafer Malouche (University of Carthage): “Real time covid19 tracker”


Patrick Pintus (CNRS and Aix-Marseille University): “Tracking the Dynamics and Allocating Tests for COVID-19 in Real-Time”

Session 9:
Migration
11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

Chair: Ameet Morjaria (Northwestern University)

Tijan Bah (Navarra Center for International Development, Spain): “How has COVID-19 affected the intention to migrate via the backway to Europe and to a neighboring African country? Survey evidence and a salience experiment in The Gambia”

Jean-Baptiste Tondji (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley): “Optimally Targeting Interventions in Networks during a Pandemic”

Session 10:
Impact of the Covid-19 Epidemic on Poverty and Inequality
11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

Chair: Moussa Blimpo (World Bank)

Joanna Upton (Cornell University): “Separating the signal from the seasons: COVID-19 and food security in rural low-income economies”


Ifeanyi Onwuka (University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria): “COVID-19 and Microcredit Delivery to the Poor in Nigeria”