Conference Schedule
(Note: hours are in Eastern Time)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7:45-8:00 AM  Welcome by Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University and African School of Economics
8:00-8:50 AM  Keynote address by Rabah Arezki
8:50-9:00 AM  Break
9:00-10:15 AM Parallel Sessions A
10:15-10:25 AM Break
10:25-11:40 AM Parallel Sessions B
11:40-11:50 AM Break
11:50-1:05 PM  Parallel Sessions C
1:05-1:15 PM  Break

Thursday, August 19, 2021

8:00-8:50 AM  Keynote presentation by Jason McLellan
8:50-9:00 AM  Break
9:00-9:50 AM  Policy Panel
9:50-10:00 AM Break
10:00-11:35 AM Parallel Sessions D
11:35-11:50 AM Break
11:50-1:05 PM  Parallel Sessions E
Friday, August 20, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  General Assembly Agenda to Be Announced
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Detailed List of Parallel Sessions

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

**Session 1:**
Health Policy
10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

- **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): “Naso-pharyngeal samples centralized management during COVID-19 pandemic: Institut Pasteur Côte d'Ivoire experience (2020)”
- **Solange Kakou Ngazo** (Pasteur Institute Cote d'Ivoire): “Rapid test for SARS-CoV-2 detection in salivary samples in West Africa: new tools for surveillance in Cote d'Ivoire”

**Session 2:**
Dealing with Covid-19: Macro-Policies
10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

- **Promise Ikpuri** (Delta State University, Abraka): “Assessing Africa’s trade and macro policy response for development: A Post-Covid analysis”
Session 3:
Covid-19 Molecular Diagnostics
11:30 AM-12:45 PM

**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”

**Hughes Fausther** (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
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**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”

**Abraham Asfaw** (Bates College): “The effect of social insurances on social distancing and COVID-19 in Africa: Evidence from contract relief”

**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
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

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

Sarah Day (The Centre for HIV-AIDS Prevention Studies): “The Impact of the Suspension of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Services in South Africa during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

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

Session 6:
NPI Policies in Africa: Design and Impact
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

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 Bhola (Middlesex University Mauritius): “Psychological impacts of COVID-19 in Mauritius”


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Session 7:
Sectoral Impacts of Covid-19 in Africa
10:00 AM – 11:35 AM

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
10:00 AM – 11:35 AM

Jonas Doumate (University of Abomey-Calavi): “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 – 1:05 PM

Tijan Bah (Navarra Center for International Development): “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 – 1:05 PM

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

**John Ilukor** (World Bank): “*Economic impact of covid-19 on cattle traders and their response in agro-pastoral and pastoral regions in Uganda*”

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