



The University of Manchester

NWSSDTP PhD Conference in Economics 9th – 10th May 2017

**Department of Economics
University of Manchester**

**Venue: Manchester Conference Centre
Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB, UK**

Day 1 (Tuesday, May 9th, 11:45 - 18:30)

**11:45 - 12:50 Arrival and Registration – Reception
Lunch – The Cotton Room**

12:50 - 13:00 Welcome Speech – Pioneer Theatre
Prof. Martyn Andrews and Prof. Alastair Hall

13:00 - 14:00 Keynote Speech 1 – Pioneer Theatre
Chair: Prof. Alastair Hall

- “Testing and Correcting for Endogeneity in Nonlinear Unobserved Effects Models”

Prof. Jeff Wooldridge (Michigan State)

14:00 - 16:00 Parallel Session 1

1. Applied (Micro) – Pioneer Theatre

Chair: Diego Morris

- “Healthy, Wealthy and Wise? Exploring Pathways Between Schooling and Cognitive Function”

Emma Gorman (Lancaster)

- “Sitting SATs: Does Regular Statutory Testing Improve High Stakes Test Performance”

Joseph Regan-Stansfield (Lancaster)

- “Trade, Technology and Job Polarization in Mexico”
Diego Morris (Manchester)
- “Job Loss, Job Finding and Occupational Switching over the Business Cycle: Evidence from West Germany”
Eman Abdulla (Manchester)

2. Theory (Micro) – Conference Room 7

Chair: Harvey Upton

- “Evolutionary Behavioural Finance”
Sergei Belkov (Manchester)
- “Strategy-proofness and Minimax Regret in Incomplete Preference Domain”
Minh Tung Le (Manchester)
- “Power Sharing and Political Rents”
Yizhi Wang (Manchester)
- “Moral Hazard with Loss Aversion”
Harvey Upton (Liverpool)

16:00 - 16:30 **Refreshment break – The Cotton Room**

16:30 - 18:30 **Parallel Session 2**

1. Applied (Micro) – Pioneer Theatre

Chair: Habtamu Ali Beshir

- "The Effect of the Minimum Legal Drinking Age on Alcohol Consumption: Evidence from the United Kingdom"
Luke Wilson (Lancaster)
- "Are health outcomes worse on the English Coast?"
Jack Higgins (Lancaster)
- “Is the Contribution of Rural Development Policies in the EU a "myth"- assessing the impact of RD on the protection and creation of jobs in EU rural areas”
Faten Saliba (Manchester)
- “In utero Seasonal Food Insecurity and Cognitive Development: Evidence from Ethiopia”
Habtamu Ali Beshir (Lancaster)

2. Theory (Macro) – Conference Room 7

Chair: Chuku Chuku

- “Cost Channel, Financial Frictions and Fiscal Multipliers”
Sama Bombaywala (Manchester)
- "Macroprudential Policy Coordination in a Currency Union"
Pengfei Jai (Manchester)
- “Exchange Rate Model and the Currency Risk Premium”
Sirui Wu (Liverpool)
- “Macroeconomic Management Options and Outcomes in Resource-Rich Developing Economies: Some Policy Experiments”,
Chuku Chuku (Manchester)

19:00 **Dinner – The Pioneer Room**

Day 2 (Wednesday, May 10th, 8:30 - 16:45)

08:30 - 09:00 **Refreshment – The Cotton Room**

09:00 - 10:40 **Session 1: Behavioural and Development – Pioneer Theatre**

Chair: Muhammad Salihu

- "How much of a Problem is Problem Gambling?"
Rhys Wheeler (Lancaster)
- “Community Preferences for Tidal Energy Development In Puget Sound”
Keila Meginnis (Manchester)
- “Crop Choice and Food Security in Nigeria”
Chisom Ubabukoh (Manchester)
- “When it Rains, it's Peaceful: Rainfall Inequality, Communal Conflict, and Political Preferences in a Developing Democracy”
Muhammad Salihu (Lancaster)

10:40 - 11:00 **Refreshment break – The Cotton Room**

11:00 - 12:00 **Keynote Speech 2 – Pioneer Theatre**

Chair: Prof. Alastair Hall

- “Getting the most out of the publication process”
Prof. Rachel Griffith (Manchester and IFS)

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch – The Cotton Room**

13:00 - 14:30 **Session 2: Theory (Macro) – Pioneer Theatre**

Chair: Zhenxiong Li

- “The Political Foundations of China’s Growth and Welfare”
Ning Xue (Manchester)
- “Unemployment, Growth and Welfare Effects of Labour Market Reforms”
King Yoong Lim (Manchester)
- “Economic Growth, Financial Development and Democracy”
Zhenxiong Li (Lancaster)

14:30 - 14:45 **Refreshment break – The Cotton Room**

14:45 - 16:45 **Session 3: Applied (Macro) – Pioneer Theatre**

Chair: Simon Spavound

- “Openness and Inequality: The Threshold Effects of Human Capital”
Ali Raza (Manchester)
- “Exchange rates and Foreign Policy Crises. An in-sample and out-of-sample Analysis”
Panteleimon Promponas (Lancaster)
- “Forecasting Using Alternative Measures of Option-Implied Volatility”
Xingzhi Yao (Lancaster)
- “Decomposing Shocks to Global Agricultural Commodity Prices: Evidence from a New Bayesian Structural Approach”
Simon Spavound (Lancaster)