



NWSSDTP PhD Conference

19-20 May 2025

**Department of Economics
University of Manchester**

Programme

Monday, 19 May 2025

10:00 – 10:40	Arrival and Registration Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
10:40 – 10:45	Welcome Remarks Dalton Room	
10:45 – 12:00	Session 1: Health and Education Dalton Room	
10:45 – 11:10	Luke Walsh Liverpool	The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Participation, Attainment, and Labour Market Outcomes in the UK
11:10 – 11:35	Maria Plakhtieva Manchester	How Do Acute Health Shocks Impact Individual Preferences? Evidence from Employment Decision
11:35 – 12:00	Zeen He Lancaster	Pension Schemes, Healthcare Use, and Health
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch & Posters Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
13:30 – 14:45	Session 2: Labour and Public Dalton Room	
13:30 – 13:55	Shoumeli Das Liverpool	Labour Market Differences Within Couples: How Do First Time Grandparents Respond?
13:55 – 14:20	Lucia Contreras Manchester	Low-Earning Workers and Social Security: Evidence from Costa Rica’s Employers’ Contributions Reform
14:20 – 14:45	Joseph Richardson Lancaster	Unpacking Skill Supply and Wages
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
15:15 – 16:15	Keynote Talk Dalton Room Arpad Abraham Bristol Optimal Income Redistribution	
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee Break Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
16:45 – 18:00	Session 3: Macro and Trade Dalton Room	
16:45 – 17:10	Pengguang Lu Manchester	Belief Heterogeneity and Heuristics as Drivers of Wealth Inequality
17:10 – 17:35	Shuya (Meghan) Luo Lancaster	The Impact of Trade-Policy Shocks on Sectoral Performance: The Role of Production Networks
17:35 – 18:00	Jinghui Yu Lancaster	The Global Diffusion of Innovation: Evidence from Patent-Based News Shocks
19:00	Dinner Hyatt Regency, Foster & Robinson Room (2 nd Floor)	

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09:30 – 10:45	Session 4: Environmental Dalton Room	
09:30 – 09:55	Maria Francisca Carvalho Lancaster	From Climate to Economy: Understanding Climate Risks in the U.S. Market
09:55 – 10:20	Giorgio Maarraoui Manchester	Heating Up: Climate Change and Farmer-Herder Dynamics in Africa
10:20 – 10:45	Yue (Joyce) Yu Manchester	Forest Fire and Land Use in the Tropics
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
11:15 – 12:30	Session 5: Theory Dalton Room	
11:15 – 11:40	Hao Bai Manchester	A Simple Model to Update Choquet Beliefs
11:40 – 12:05	Lucas Morissette Manchester	Strategic Radicalism
12:05 – 12:30	Maduabuchukwu Chikwendu Lancaster	Incomplete Pass-Through and Optimal Policy in a Dual Sector Economy
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch & Posters Lobby (aka “The Street”)	
14:00 – 15:15	Session 6: Applied Micro – Crime, Environment and Mental Health Dalton Room	
14:00 – 14:25	Yue He Manchester	Quantifying the Economic Cost of Pollution: The Impact of Air Pollution on Mental Health in England
14:25 – 14:50	Jingwen Chen Liverpool	Ride Sharing and Women’s Safety: Crime and Urban Mobility
14:50 – 15:15	Victoria Biagi Liverpool	Beyond the Thin Blue Line: The Localised Effects of Public Space Protection Orders in London

The conference will take place at the Core Technology Facility, University of Manchester, located at 46 Grafton St, Manchester M13 9WU. Presentations will take place in the Dalton Room, while catering will be delivered in the main lobby (also known as “The Street”).

The conference dinner will take place in the Foster & Robinson room (2nd floor) at the Hyatt Regency, which is located at 55 Booth St W, Manchester M15 6PQ.

Posters

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Jessica Botros Liverpool	The Long-Term Impacts of School Academisation
Cheng-Hsiao Cheng Liverpool	Farkas' Lemma and its Applications in Economics
Katerina Deligianni Lancaster	A Green Patent-Based Instrument for Technology News Shocks
Giuseppe Pagano Giorgianni Lancaster	Belief Distortions and Disagreement About Inflation
Nariman Hanno Liverpool	Quantifying Geopolitical Risk Through News and Measuring its Systemic Impact
Hongning Huang Manchester	Pure Processing Trade in China and Trade Policy Uncertainty
Maggie Kereng Lancaster	Foreign Direct Investment and Technology Improvements in Developing Countries
Chuyi Li Liverpool	Greenium in China: What Do Investors Gain from Green Bond
Emma Pooley Lancaster	The Effect of Variation in Adolescent Sexual Debut on Health and Education Outcomes in the UK
Meiqing (Maxine) Zhang Manchester	Hard Information Disclosure and Product Conflation
Yue Zhou Manchester	The Effect of Financial Constraints on Firms' Wealth Returns: Evidence from the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) of 2016

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Owen Croft Liverpool	Determinants of Attendance in the English Women's Super League: Does Demand for Men's Football Spillover?
Theo Delimaris Lancaster	Hyperbolic Discounting: A Reflection of Time Perception Bias, Heuristics, or an Adaptive Response to Uncertainty?
Wondatir Gebre Lancaster	Trade Liberalization, Roads, and Female Employment: Evidence from Ethiopia
Abdulkarim Jaafar Manchester	Deprivations and Unrest in Arab Countries: Do Perceptions Matter?
Claire Lebrun Liverpool	Evolving Networks for Modeling Daily Written Media Data
Ziqi Liu Liverpool	Contractual Frictions and Performance in Buyer-Supplier Relationship: The Evidence from Automotive Industry
Luca Lochi Lancaster	Greenium, Oil Cycles and Carbon Policy
Tanisha Mittal Lancaster	The Effects of Using Foodbanks on Wellbeing: Evidence from Family Resource Survey
Antonio Morreale Lancaster	EuroSTOXX 50 Volatility: What Happens to European Blue-Chips Volatility During High-Uncertainty Periods?
Zhidong Zhu Manchester	Environmental Regulation, Information Disclosure Quality, and Green Innovation: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Firms

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