

26-28 March 2026, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, UK

**LOCAL ORGANISERS**

**Erin Kelley** (University of Chicago)

**Gregory Lane** (University of Chicago)

**Christopher Woodruff** (University of Oxford)

**Thursday, 26 March 2026**

**Main Conference Starts at 13:00**

**8:40 – 9:00** PhD Session Registration

**PhD Session**

*Attendance required only for the session presenters*

**9:00 – 9:20** *Micro-enterprise saturation: Critical mass or overcrowding?*  
**Moritz Poll** (Brown University)

**9:20 – 9:40** *Connectedness versus Productivity of Employee: Experimental Evidence from Short-Term Labor Markets in Pakistan*  
**Maryiam Haroon** (University of Chicago)

**9:40 – 10:00** *Organized Crime, Public Procurement and Firms*  
**Elena Stella** (Northwestern University)

**10:00 – 10:20** *With Great Responsibility Comes Great Constraint: Credit and Firm Demand for Green Energy*  
**Jiayue Zhang** (Brown University)

**10:20 – 10:40** Break

**10:40 – 11:00** *Relative-Status Concerns and Wage Compression Under Collective Bargaining: Evidence from Tunisia*  
**Nadia Ali** (Columbia University)

**11:00 – 11:20** *The Labor Market Effects of Multinational Entry*  
**Ignacio Marra de Artinano** (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

**11:20 – 11:40** *Price Regulation and the Adoption, Innovation Trade-off*  
**Matteo Ruzzante** (Northwestern University)

**11:40 – 12:00** *Do small businesses avoid the bank?*  
**Emma Zhang** (Chicago Booth)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

## MAIN CONFERENCE

### Introductory Remarks

13:00 – 13:20 John Piper (FCDO)

Christopher Woodruff (University of Oxford)

### Session 1: Credit

13:20 – 14:00 *Long-run impacts of increased access to asset-collateralized loans*  
Giulio Schinaia (University of Chicago)

14:00 – 14:20 Break

### Lightning Series 1

14:20 – 15:00 *Gendered Access to Finance: The Roles of Team Formation, Idea Quality, and Implementation Constraints in Business Evaluations*  
Kristina Czura (University of Groningen)  
*Wage theft, renegeing and liquidity constraints in informal labor markets*  
Varun Kapoor (Harvard University)

15:00 – 15:20 Break

### Session 1 continued: Credit

15:20 – 16:00 *Interest Rate Caps, Corporate Lending, and Bank Market Power: Evidence from Bangladesh*  
Cameron LaPoint (Yale University)

### Panel: Translating Evidence to Policy I

Moderator: Gaurav Chiplunkar (University of Virginia)

16:00 – 16:45 Adnan Khan (London School of Economics)  
Munshi Sulaiman (BRAC, BIGD)  
Roshaneh Zafar (Kashf Foundation)

### PEDL 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

*By invitation*

Friday, 27 March 2026

8:40 – 9:00 Arrival and refreshments

**Session 2: Firm Interactions**

9:00 – 9:40 *Value Creation and Value Capture in Indian Garment Sector Bargaining*  
**Russell Morton** (University of Rochester)

9:40 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 10:40 *Firm-to-Firm Referrals*  
**Jing Cai** (University of Maryland)

10:40 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:40 *Group consulting continues to benefit firms after a decade: Experimental evidence from Colombian auto parts firms*  
**David Mckenzie** (World Bank and CEPR)

11:40 – 13:00 Lunch

**Session 3: Management**

13:00 – 13:40 *Opportunities and Entrepreneurship: Evidence on Advanced Labor Market Experience*  
**Matthew Pecenco** (Brown University)

13:40 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 14:40 *Social Learning among Urban Manufacturing Firms: Energy-Efficient Motors in Bangladesh*  
**Eric Verhoogen** (Columbia University and CEPR)

14:40 – 15:00 Break

**Lightning Series 2**

*Management Style Under the Spotlight: Evidence from Studio Recordings*

**15:00 – 15:40** **Tom Schwantje** (Bocconi University)

*Moving to Profitability? Alleviating Constraints on Microentrepreneur Location*

**Carolyn Pelnik** (World Bank)

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**Panel: Translating Evidence to Policy I I**

Moderator: **Laura Boudreau** (Columbia University and CEPR)

**15:40 – 16:40** **Harry Devonshire** (Argidius)

**Girum Abebe** (International Finance Corporation (IFC))

**Andy Hinsley** (FCDO)

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**Saturday, 28 March 2026**

**8:40 – 9:00** Arrival and refreshments

**Session 4: Government**

**9:00 – 9:40** *Tax Audits and Their Distortionary Effects*  
**David J. Henning** (Oxford University)

**9:40 – 10:00** Break

**10:00 – 10:40** *Corporate Dark Money in Politics: Evidence from India*  
**Sukrit Puri** (London Business School)

**10:40 – 11:00** Break

**Lightning Series 3**

*Managerial Springboards: Employee Spillovers of Startup Accelerators*

**Yufeng Wang** (London School of Economics)

**11:00 – 12:00** *Asymmetric Information and Digital Technology Adoption: Evidence from Senegal*

**Deivy Houeix** (Harvard University)

*Slack and Economic Development*

**Dennis Egger** (University of Oxford and CEPR)

**12:00 – 13:00** Lunch

**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

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