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June 27-29, 2019

PROGRAM

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Thursday, June 27, 2019

Armenian State University of Economics (ASUE), 128 Nalbandyan St, Yerevan

13:00-13:10 Opening remarks, Grand Hall (at the main entrance)

13:10-14:00 Keynote Speaker: Friedrich Heinemann (ZEW Mannheim)

14:10-15:30 Forum on Economics Education

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Session 1A: Empirical industrial organization I, Grand Hall

Chair: Vahagn Jerbashian, University of Barcelona, Spain

Will Brexit Age Well? Cohorts, Seasoning and the Age-Leave Gradient, Past, Present and Future, Rebecca Maria Mari, Bocconi University (with Barry Eichengreen, Berkeley University; Gregory Thwaites, London School of Economics)

Revenue-Neutral or Profit-Neutral Tariff and Tax Reforms under Imperfect Competition: Welfare Analysis, Ruben Sargsyan, California State University, Chico (with Yang-Ming Chang, Kansas State University)

Trade in Information Technologies and Changes in the Demand for Occupations, Vahagn Jerbashian, University of Barcelona, Spain

Discussants:

Lusine Badalyan, University of Giessen, Germany

Aram Grigoryan, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA

16:00-17:30 Session 1B: Labor Economics I, Room 217

Chair: Muhammad Asali, International School of Economics at TSU (ISET), Georgia

Labor Market Discrimination and the Macroeconomy, Muhammad Asali, International School of Economics at TSU, and Rusudan Gurashvili, National Bank of Georgia

What Mechanisms are Behind the Racial Student-Teacher Match Effect? Evidence from U.S. Public Schools, Bohdana Kurylo, CERGE-EI

Out-of-Wedlock Fertility: Changes in Fertility Decisions with Unilateral Divorce Laws, Geghetsik Afunts, CERGE-EI, Charles University in Prague

Discussants:

Geghetsik Afunts, CERGE-EI, Charles University in Prague

Bohdana Kurylo, CERGE-EI

Muhammad Asali, International School of Economics at TSU (ISET), Georgia

16:00-17:30 Session 1C: Pension Economics (in Armenian), Room 221

Chair: Aghasi Tavadyan, ASUE

Friday, June 28, 2019

Armenian National Agrarian University, 74 Teryan St, Yerevan

9:30-11:00 Session 2A: Empirical industrial organization II, Room 329

Chair: Zurab Abramishvili, ISET, Georgia

Competition Costs and Firm Distribution, Aram Grigoryan, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA

Impact Assessment of the State Support Program for Micro and Small Enterprises in Georgia, Zurab Abramishvili, International School of Economics at Tbilisi

State University (ISET), Sophiko Skhirtladze, ISET. Giorgi Papava, Ilia State University, Irakli Barbakadze, ISET-PI.

Economic Development without Rural-Urban Transition in Georgia, Giorgi Mzhavanadze, ISET Policy Institute (ISET-PI), Georgia; Michael Beenstock, Hebrew

University of Jerusalem, Israel; Yaroslava Babych, ISET-PI, Georgia; Lasha Labadze, The American University of the Middle East, UAE; Irakli Gabriadze, ISET-PI, Georgia; Lasha Arevadze, ISET-PI, Georgia; Revaz Beradze, ISET-PI, Georgia.

Discussants:

Zurab Abramishvili, International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET)

Aram Grigoryan, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA

Randy Filer, CUNY

9:30-11:00 Session 2B: Agriculture I, Room 425

Chair: Lusine Tadevosyan, ICARE

Feasibility Analysis of Fuel Briquettes Production in Shirak Province of Armenia, Armen Asatryan, Armenian National Agrarian University

Economic Feasibility Analysis of Pine Cone Preserve, Tatevik Sargsyan, Armenian National Agrarian University

Development plan for the teaching and experimental farm of ANAU located in Vosehat community by identifying and evaluating the ways for efficient farmland use, Ani Saribekyan, Armenian National Agrarian University.

Factors affecting milk productivity in Armenia, Lusine Tadevosyan, ICARE

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 3A: Macro I, Room 329

Chair: Ashot Mkrchyan, Central Bank of Armenia

On the applicability of dynamic factor models for macroeconomic forecasting in Armenia, Karen Poghosyan, Central Bank of Armenia, and Ruben Poghosyan, Yerevan State University, Faculty of Physics

Powers of Text, Diana Gabrielyan, University of Tartu, with Jaan Masso and Lenno Uuskula

Inflation Forecasting Using Machine Learning Methods: A Case Study of Armenia, Aram Butavyan, Central Bank of Armenia

Discussants

Diana Gabrielyan, University of Tartu, Estonia

Karen Poghosyan, Central Bank of Armenia

11:30-13:00 Session 3B: Agriculture II, Room 425

Chair: Arthur Grigoryan, International Center for Agribusiness Research and Education (ICARE) foundation

Value chain analysis for Armenian dairy sector, Hasmik Hayrapetyan, Anna Mkhitarian and Lusine Tadevosyan, ICARE

Economic Impact Measurement and Management in Sustainable Agricultural Projects: Example of Establishing Milk Collection Point in Shirak Region, Ararat Sahakyan, Agribusiness Teaching Center

Consumer preferences on dairy products in Armenia, Anna Mkhitarian, Lusine Tadevosyan and Hasmik Hayrapetyan, ICARE Foundation,

Organic Fresh Produce Purchase Behaviour in Armenia, Anahit Armenakyan, Nipissing University, Ontario, Canada (with Anahita Baregheh, Nipissing University, Ontario, Canada)

Discussants

Anahit Armenakyan, Nipissing University, Ontario, Canada

11:30-13:00 Session 3C: Public Economics, Room 245

Chair: Heghine Manasyan, CRRC Armenia

The incidence of VAT evasion, Zareh Asatryan, ZEW, and David Gomtsyan, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Wagner's Law vs. Keynes' Hypothesis in very different countries (Armenia and Spain), Gohar Sedrakyan, Georgia State University, USA (with Laura Varela-Candamio, Faculty of Economics and Business, Department of Economics, University of A Coruna, Jean Monnet Group on Competition and Development (C + D) and RIFDE, Spain)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:15 Keynote II: Levon Barseghyan (Cornell University), Assembly Hall

15:15 -16:45 Session 4A: Social Innovation, Development, Room 329

Chair: Gilles Paché, Université d'Aix-Marseille, France

Towards a strategic view of humanitarian action, Gilles Paché, Université d'Aix-Marseille (with Laetitia Tosi (Université d'Aix-Marseille), François Fulconis (Avignon Université))

Do Spatial Factors Impact MFI Outreach and Sustainability? Knar Khachatryan, American University of Armenia, with Aleksandr Grigoryan, Valentina Hartarska, and Roy Mersland

Environmental Activism in Armenia, Nina Kankanyan and Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan, American University of Armenia

15:15-16:45 Session 4B: Finance, Financial Literacy, Room 425

Chair: Levon Barkhudaryan

Financial Literacy: How does it shape consumer financial behavior? Vardan Baghdasaryan, American University of Armenia; Gurgen Aslanyan, American University of Armenia, Armenia; CERGE-EI, Prague Czech Republic; Knar Khachatryan, American University of Armenia; Sadoyan, A., Central Bank of Armenia

Long-Term Effectiveness and of Financial Education Classroom Workshops in Rural Areas: The Case of Armenia, Arthur Pokrikyan, Central Bank of Armenia

Regional development and financial inclusion: new evidence from Armenia, Knar Khachatryan, American University of Armenia (with Aleksandr Grigoryan and Knarik Ayvazyan)

Profiling the saving and planning behaviors of Armenians, Araks Manucharyan, Arthur Pokrikyan, Sirarpi Movsisyan, Central Bank of Armenia

15:15-16:45 Session 4C: Behavioral/Experimental, Room 245

Chair: Armenak Antinyan, Wenlan School of Business, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China

Salience and Mispricing: Homebuyers' Housing Decisions, Artashes Karapetyan, ESSEC

Curbing the Consumption of Positional Goods: Taxing vs. Nudging, Armenak Antinyan, Wenlan School of Business, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, with Gergely Horvath, Mofei Jia (Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University)

Nudging for tax compliance: A meta-analysis, Zareh Asatryan, ZEW Mannheim; Armenak Antinyan, Wenlan School of Business, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China

Discussants:

Armenak Antinyan, Wenlan School of Business, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China
Artashes Karapetyan, ESSEC Business School, France

Saturday, June 29, 2019

American University of Armenia, College of Business and Economics, 40 Marshall Baghramyan Ave

9:30-10:50 Session 5A: Health, Room 406A

Chair: Vahram Ghushchyan, American University of Armenia

Time Trade-Off Tariffs Based On Sf-12 Questionnaire, Vahram Ghushchyan, American University of Armenia

Taxing Waistline as a Treatment for Metabolic Syndrome, Gurgen Aslanyan, American University of Armenia

Economic Effects of the Healthcare Policies in Armenia, Gohar Matevosyan, Yerevan State Medical University

9:30-10:50 Session 5B: Bonds and government finance, Room 407E

Chair: Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, St. John's University, NY, USA

Local currency bonds and recent credit growth in some post-socialist economies? Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, St. John's University, NY, USA

Decomposing forward rates of Armenian government bonds into their main components, Tigran Davtyan, Yerevan State University

Reserve Requirements and Bank-Loan Interest Rates, Hayk Tarverdyan, Central Bank of Armenia

Discussants:

Karen Poghosyan, Central Bank of Armenia
Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, St. John's University, NY, USA

10:50-11:10 Coffee break

11:10-12:30 Session 6A: Labor II, Room 406E

Chair: Vardan Baghdasaryan, American University of Armenia

The Effect of Temporary Parental Absence on the Educational Performance of Children Left Behind?
Davit Adunts, CERGE-EI

The Evolution of the Gender Gap in Math, David Gomtsyan, NRU Higher School of Economics, Russia

Child care policy, labor supply and household welfare: Evidence from a natural experiment, Gayane Barseghyan and Vardan Baghdasaryan, American University of Armenia

Discussants:

Gayane Barseghyan, American University of Armenia

Geghetsik Afunts, CERGE-EI,

Davit Adunts, CERGE-EI

11:10-12:30 Session 6B: Macro II, Room 407E

Chair: Aram Balagyozyan, University of Scranton, USA

Policy Uncertainty and Current Account Dynamics, Hayk Kamalyan, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Exchange Rate Pass-through in Armenia, Stella Mnoyan, Central Bank of Armenia

Ambiguity, Fuzzy Forecasts, and the Dynamic Factor Model of Consumer Confidence, Aram Balagyozyan, University of Scranton, and Kyoko Mona Balagyozyan

Discussants

Aram Balagyozyan, University of Scranton, USA

Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, St. John's University, NY, USA

Karen Poghosyan, Central Bank of Armenia

12:30-13:15 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Keynote III: Francesca Molinari (Cornell University, H. T. Warshaw and Robert Irving Warshaw Professor), Room 408E

14:30-15:00 Coffee break

15:00-16:30 Session 7A: Student presentations, Room 406E

Chair: Randy Filer, CUNY

Financial Literacy and Its Influence on Foreign Currency Borrowings/Savings (Case of Armenia), Mari Mirzoyan, American University of Armenia

Stock Movement Prediction Using Deep Learning Techniques, Arshak Mkhoyan, American University of Armenia

Gini coefficient estimation: Interpolation method, Amasya Ghazaryan, Yerevan State University

15:00-16:30 Session 7B: Firm Behavior, Room 407E

Chair: Natalia Davidson, Ural Federal University, Russia

Location decisions of firms in Russia and the heritage from the communist period, Natalia Davidson, Ural Federal University, Russia (with Hubert Jayet, University of Lille, France; Oleg Mariev, Ural Federal University; Andrey Pushkarev, Ural Federal University)

Regional-specific determinants of non-performing loans, Sergey Avetisyan, Central Bank of Armenia

Discussants

Zareh Asatryan, ZEW Mannheim

16:45-17:45 Poster session, 4th Floor Hallway

Analysis of Startup Entrepreneurial Creativity in Armenia, Elizabeth Keshishyan, Center for Innovation Promotion and Research - CIPR, American University of Armenia with Mary-Hrachoohi Boghosian

Transitology in Armenia and sequel, Gohar Sahakyan, Lycée Professionnel Français

Making tourism more sustainable and reducing the possible negative impacts on environment: case study from Armenia, Gayane Tovmasyan, Armenian State University of Economics, Public Administration Academy of the RA

Institutional prerequisites for economic growth, Liana Isayan, Armenian State University of Economics

Does the Uncovered Interest Rate Parity (UIP) Condition Hold For Armenia, Ruben Gasparyan, Russian-Armenian University, EY Armenia (with Zaven Melikjanyan)

Modernization of the system of accumulative pension insurance in the RA, Kristina Khachatryan, Russian-Armenian University

18:00 Awards and closing ceremony, Akian Gallery

July 1, 2019

Central Bank of Armenia

10:00-12:00 Tax Reform Workshop