

Armenian Economic Association

2023 Annual Meetings

Preliminary Program

This draft program is not complete, changes are likely.

Please register for the annual meetings [here](#).

For virtual sessions please register here (tba).

Thursday, June 22

American University of Armenia

Sessions A, B and C meet in rooms 213W, 214W, and 233W.

Keynotes meet in room 213W. All in the Paramaz Avedisian Building.

09:00 Registration

09:30 Keynote I (hybrid)

Branko Milanović (City University of New York)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Session 1A: Labor I - Human capital

Reyes Germán (Cornell University) Cognitive Endurance, Talent Selection, and the Labor Market Returns to Human Capital

Angelina Shpilevaya (RANEPА) Modeling investments in human capital under uncertainty and heterogenous discounting by individuals

Nazlı Karamollaoğlu (MEF University) Immigration and Firm Performance: Evidence from Turkey (with Federico Trionfetti)

11:15 Session 1B: Macro

Vladimir Asriyan (ICREA, CREI, UPF, BSE) Firm heterogeneity and expectations

Anton Votinov (Center for Sustainability Reforms) The influence of the intersectoral structure of the economy on the policy transmission mechanisms in DSGE framework

Philipp Poyntner (Vienna University of Economics and Business) Firm-level Consequences of Corporate Quantitative Easing

11:15 Session 1C: Structural Change and Efficiency (hybrid session)

Vardges Levonyan (University of Zurich) Mergers and Markups

Maria Afónina (Higher School of Economics) Analysis of efficiency and patterns in option pricing

Michel Serafinelli (University of Essex) The World's Rust Belts (with Luisa Gagliardi and Enrico Moretti)

12:45 Lunch

14:00 Keynote II

Ana María Herrera (University of Kentucky)

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Session 2A: Labor II – Gender

Martin Guzi (Masaryk University) Gender Biases in Starting a Business: Results from an Experimental Evaluation of Start-up Plans in Slovakia

Ksenia Rozhkova (Higher School of Economics) The dynamics of the early career gender wage gap among university graduates: The case of Russia

Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan (CERGE-EI) The Evolution of the Gender Aspiration Gap: Evidence from 50 Years of Alpine Skiing

Hina Amber (University of Bonn) Public vs Private Provision of Transportation Services and its Implications for Women Employment in Lahore, Pakistan

15:30 Session 2B: Political economy

Sinara Gharibyan (CERGE-EI) Activated history and voting: Empirical evidence from Armenia

Dmitriy Vorobyev (PRIGO University) Control over Biased Media (with Levent Celik, Eren Arbatli)

Azamat Valei (Ural Federal University) Approval vs. Participation Quorums (with Dmitriy Vorobyev and Andrei Matveenko)

Mher Vardanyan (Yerevan State University) Richardson's multilateral military expenditure model implementation via sentiment analysis of news data (with Arakelyan Aram)

15:30 Session 2C: Public Economics (hybrid session)

Manuel García-Santana (World Bank) Understanding Home Bias in Procurement: Evidence from National and Subnational Governments (with Manuel García-Santana and Marta Santamaría)

Sebastian Blesse (Ifo Institute) Do firms really care about local policy competition among municipalities? Experimental evidence from firm managers

Salim Turdaliev (Charles University) Powering Up Cleaner Choices: A Study on the Effects of Social Norm-Based Electricity Pricing on Dirty Fuel Purchases

Umberto Muratori (European University Institute) Heterogeneous Spending, Heterogeneous Multipliers (with Pedro Juarros and Daniel Valderrama)

17:30 Reception

AUA Faculty Lounge

Friday, June 23

American University of Armenia

Sessions A, B and C meet in rooms 413W, 414W, and the Akian Gallery.

Keynotes meet in the Akian Gallery. All in the Paramaz Avedisian Building.

09:00 Registration

09:30 Keynote III

Mehdi Raissi (IMF)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Session 3A: Labor III - Health

Shooshan Danagoulian (Wayne State University) Disparities in Health Care Utilization Among Individuals of Middle Eastern Ancestry in the United States

Shushan Margaryan (University of Potsdam) Transboundary Air Pollution and Health (with Armando Meier)

Armando Meier (University of Lausanne) Vaccination Incentives

Gayane Barseghyan (AUA) Willingness to Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19

11:15 Session 3B: Behavioral Economics

Alexandre Kohlhas (University of Oxford) Granular Sentiment Shocks

Caio Lorecchio (Universitat de Barcelona) Persuading Crowds

Anna Martirosyan (Eurasia International University, University of Santiago de Compostela) Behavioral determinants of individual willingness to fight climate change. Case of Armenia

Gregory Chernov (Higher School of Economics) Do we identify Cause-effect relationships given evidence? An Exploratory Study

11:15 Session 3C: Monetary Economics

Narek Ohanyan (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) Country portfolios and optimal monetary policy

Garo Garabedian (Central Bank of Ireland) Liquidity shocks and the real economy

Maria Arakelyan (Joint Vienna Institute) Macroprudential Policies and Capital Controls Over Financial Cycles

Viktoriiia Bannikova (Lomonosov State University) High-frequency identification of the ECB monetary policy shocks in the GVAR mode

13:15 Lunch

14:30 Session 4A: Public Economics

Tomáš Lichard (Prague University of Economics and Business) Tax Designation Effects on Compliance: an Online Experiment with Taxpayers

Gayane Barseghyan (AUA) The effects of the flat tax reform in Armenia

Andrey Pushkarev (Ural Federal University) Zombie-companies in Russia: What They Are and How They Matter

Andrey Volkov (Far Eastern Federal University) Stability of corruption schemes and mechanisms of their destruction: game-theoretic and experimental analysis

14:30 Session 4B: Finance

Veni Arakelian (Piraeus Bank, UCL Center of Blockchain Technologies) And Pythia said "Buy not sell": An analysis of analyst recommendations betting on sparsity (with Mike G. Tsionas)

Andrey Zubarev (RANEPA) Return factors of Ether cryptocurrency: on chain metrics and DeFi

Tamara Galstyan (AUA) The bank specific and macroeconomic determinants of NPL. Stress testing

Robert Mesrob DerMesrobian (University of Pecs, American University of Armenia) The History of Financial Literacy Education in the United Kingdom

14:30 Session 4C: Development

Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan (St. John's University) History's chokehold: realities and economic development options of the small post-socialist economies

Rishabh Kumar (University of Massachusetts Boston) What you see is not all there is: global income inequality from a heterodox viewpoint using evidence for 112 countries.

Ivan Nikonov (Center for Sustainability Reforms) Dynamics of Armenia's Economic Complexity

Andrey Pushkarev (Ural Federal University) The role of technological development and environmental policy in reducing CO2 emission in the Russian regions: Is corruption an obstacle? (with Natalia Davidson, Oleg Mariev and Tatyana Korneva)

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Session 5A: Labor and Household (hybrid)

Daniil Kashkarov (CERGE-EI) RBTC, Polarization and Career Paths: a "Bottleneck" Effect (with Valentin Artemev)

Yermone Sargsyan (Charles University) Social Cues and Electricity Consumption: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Armenia

Saloni Gupta (Columbia University) Can innovation be taught in schools? Experimental evidence from India

17:00 Session 5B: Macro Finance (hybrid)

Narek Alexanian (Princeton University) Inattentive Inflation

Samar Issa (Saint Peter's University) The Lebanese banking crisis: an exploration of the impaired banking system

Sergey Sarkisyan (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania) Instant Payment Systems and Competition for Deposits

17:00 Session 5C: International (hybrid)

Mushegh Tovmasyan (University Paris-Saclay) Structural Transformation and Trade Liberalization: Evidence from RTA Enactments

Mikayel Tovmasyan (Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt) Bypassing Sanctions: Hide 'N Seek in Tax Havens?

Armen Khederlarian (Hunter College CUNY) Pre-Trends and Trade Effects of Temporary Trade Barriers

Shushanik Hakobyan (IMF) Divided We Fall: Differential Exposure to Geopolitical Fragmentation in Trade (with Sergii Meleshchuk and Robert Zymek)

19:00 Keynote IV (hybrid)

Oleg Itskhoki (UCLA)

Saturday, June 24

Armenian State University of Economics in Gyumri

08:00 Travel to Gyumri

Bus leaves from AUA in Yerevan. Bus is reserved for registered participants. Please be on time.

10:30 Arrival and Coffee break

11:00 Keynote V

Fernando Broner (CREI, UPF and BSE)

12:15 Lunch

13:15 Session 6A: Labor Market

Sona Badalyan (CERGE-EI) Gender Differences in Unemployment Duration and Re-employment Wages

Alexey Zamnius (RANEPA, Lomonosov Moscow State University) Assessing labor supply elasticities based on the identification of transitory and permanent shocks for Russian households (with Andrey Polbin)

Davit Hovsepyan (CERGE-EI) Gender Differences in Workplace Preferences: Childcare and the Willingness to Commute

13:15 Session 6B: Trade

Gohar Sedrakyan (Kennesaw State University) The Impact of RTAs on Trade in Indonesia

Lorenzo Trimarchi (Université de Namur) The Anticompetitive Effect of Trade Liberalization (with Catherine Fuss and Daniele Verdini)

Marcos Ritel (Kühne Logistics University) A Quantitative Analysis of Trade Cooperation Over Three Decades

14:45 Session 7A: Labor IV - Mobility (invited)

Zsófia Bárány (Central European University) Late bloomers? The causes and consequences of graduating from college later in life (with Moshe Buchinsky and Pauline Corblet)

Fabien Petit (University of Sussex) Can workers still climb the social ladder as middling jobs become scarce? Evidence from two British cohorts

Ludo Visschers (University of Edinburgh) tba

14:45 Session 7B: Industrial Organization

Wonkyu Shin (American University of Armenia, Soongsil University) Does Technology Transfer Alliance Prior to M&A Lead to Better Innovation Outcomes?

Benjamin Crampton (Bank of England) The risk of flooding on UK corporates. A sectoral and supply chain analysis of past and future flooding risk

Elena Semerikova (Higher School of Economics) Policy Induced Clean Innovations and Firms Performance: A Spatial Panel Data Analysis

14:45 Session 7C: Labor V - Family

Nino Shoshiashvili(CERGE-EI) Marriage Market Considerations in Educational Decisions

Karine Marazyan (Université de Rouen) Income Shocks, Bride Price and Child Marriage in Turkey

Gayane Baghumyan (CERGE-EI) Causal Evidence of the Role of Religiosity on Sexual-orientation Discrimination

16:15 Coffee break

16:45 Session 8A: Labor VI - Automation (invited)

Hans R. A. Koster (Vrije University of Amsterdam) Robots and Workers: Evidence from the Netherlands

Morten Olsen (University of Copenhagen) Induced Automation Innovation: Evidence from Firm-level Patent Data (with Antoine Dechezlepretre, David Hemous and Carlo Zanella)

Vahagn Jerbashian (University of Barcelona) On the Elasticity of Substitution between Labor and ICT and IP Capital and Traditional Capital

16:45 Session 8B: Urban

David Gomtsyan (CERDI) The Distance from the Global Technological Frontier: Evidence from Project Level Data (with Carlo Birkholz)

Federico Trionfetti (Aix-Marseille University) The size distribution of cities: evidence from the lab (with Rocco Rante and Priyam Verma)

Nune Hovhannisyan (Loyola University Maryland) Innovation and Employment Volatility: Evidence from Subnational Economies (with John Burger and Jeremy Schwartz)

16:45 Session 8C: Business Studies

Robert Tumanyan (CBA, BCC) Impact of board's heterogeneity variables on performance: Evidences from Armenian commercial banking sector

Aram Balagyozyan (University of Scranton) Fuzzy Forecasts and the Dynamic Factor Model of Consumer Confidence

Elizaveta Gaivoronskaia (Novosibirsk State University, Higher School of Economics) Empirical estimation of demand of spatially heterogeneous consumers on retail

18:30 Travel to Yerevan / Hotel Check-in

Bus to Yerevan from ASUE-Gyumri. Please be on time. Arrives at AUA in Yerevan at around 20:15.

Walk to and check-in at Hotel Villa Kars. For registered speakers only.

19:30 Dinner in Gyumri

Hotel Villa Kars, tbc

Sunday, June 25

Gyumri, Only Social Activities

- 09:00 Breakfast at the hotel**
- 10:00 City walking tour**
- 12:30 Lunch (at own expense)**
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