



Conference on Culture, Diversity and Development

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The conference covers the following areas of research:

- *theoretical challenges of the analysis of the community heterogeneity;*
- *the influence of institutions, religion and culture on the development and integration of communities and nations;*
- *issues of social interaction and social integration, including the processes of generation and maintenance of stable social groups;*
- *the influence of community heterogeneity on social mobility, preferences for redistribution of wealth, the emergence of civil conflict, the manifestation of separatism;*
- *issues of building trust and social capital in heterogeneous groups and communities, and their impact on the socio-economic development.*

Conference Program

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Friday, October 18

- 8.30 – 9.00 *Registration and Coffee*
9.00 – 9.20 **Introduction: Martin Gilman**
Greetings: Lev Yakobson (Higher School of Economics)
Shlomo Weber (Southern Methodist University and New Economic School)
- 9.20 – 10.00 **Session I. Jean-Philippe Platteau (University of Namur)**
“Religion, Culture and Development”
- 10.05 – 10.45 **Session II. Se Yan (Peking University)**
“The Long-run Effects of Protestant Activities in China”
- 10.45 – 11.05 *Coffee Break*
- 11.05 – 11.45 **Session III. Alberto Bisin (New York University) and Thierry Verdier (Paris School of Economics)**
“On the Joint Dynamics of Culture and Institutions”
- 11.50 – 12.30 **Session IV. Noel Johnson (George Mason University)**
“From the Persecuting to the Protective State? Jewish Expulsions and Weather Shocks from 1100 to 1800”
- 12.30 – 13.50 *Lunch*
- 13.50 – 14.30 **Session V. Leonid Polishchuk (Higher School of Economics)**
“Social Capital and Governance: Bright and Dark Sides (with an Application to Russia)”
- 14.35 – 15.15 **Session VI. Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (Paris School of Economics and New Economic School)**
“Persistent Effects of Empires: Evidence from the Partitions of Poland”
- 15.20 – 16.00 **Session VII. Ruben Enikolopov (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and New Economic School)**
“Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia”
- 16.00 – 16.20 *Coffee break*
- 16.20 – 17.00 **Session VIII. Ernest Aryeetey (University of Ghana)**
“Cultural Attributes and Land Tenure Reforms in Africa”
- 17.05 – 17.45 **Session IX. Toman Mahmoud (Kiel Institute for the World Economy)**
“The Effect of Labor Migration on the Diffusion of Democracy: Evidence from a Former Soviet Republic”
- 17.50 – 18.30 **Session X. Shlomo Weber (Southern Methodist University and New Economic School)**
“Measurement and Documentation of Diversity”
- 19.00 – 21.30 *Reception and Dinner, Keynote Address by Simeon Djankov (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, and the New Economic School)*

Saturday, October 19

- 9.00 – 09.40 **Sessions XI and XII (in parallel).**
Eren Arbatli (Higher School of Economics)
“Diversity and Conflict: Identifying Different Channels”

Alexis Belianin (Higher School of Economics)
“Tax compliance and trust to the government: a cross-country experimental analysis”
- 09.45 – 10.25 **Sessions XIII and XIV (in parallel)**
Paul Castañeda Dower (New Economic School)
“Colonial Legacy, Linguistic Disenfranchisement and the Ethnolinguistic Conflict in Sri Lanka”

Alexey Zakharov (Higher School of Economics)
“Genetics and the Taste for Redistribution”
- 10.25 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 10.45 – 11.25 **Sessions XV and XVI (in parallel)**
Sabine Flamand (Nova School of Business and Economics)
“Decentralization as a Way to Avoid Separatist Conflict: The Role of Interregional Inequality and Diversity”

Mikhail Drugov (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid)
“Optimal Patronage”
- 11.30 – 12.10 **Sessions XVII and XVIII (in parallel)**
Anastasia Aladysheva (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)
“Does Similarity in Social Traits Breed Connection? Evidence from Lab-in-Field Behavioural Experiments in Burkina Faso”

Gunes Gokmen (New Economic School)
“Cultural Diversity a Barrier to Riches?”
- 12.10 – 14.10 *Lunch*
- 14.10 – 14.50 **Session XIX. Ellen Aryeetey (University of Ghana)**
“Culture and the Quest for Equity through the MDGs”
- 14.55 – 15.35 **Session XX. Laia Balcells (Duke University)**
“Preferences for Regional Redistribution in Multi-Tiered Polities: The Role of Information and Survey Evidence”
- 15.35 – 15.55 *Coffee Break*
- 15.55 – 16.35 **Session XXI. Luigi Guiso (Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance)**
“Long-term Persistence”
- 16.40 – 17.20 **Session XXII. Alberto Simpser (University of Chicago)**
“The Intergenerational Persistence of Attitudes toward Corruption”

- 17.25 – 18.05 **Session XXIII. Danila Serra and Tim Salmon (both Southern Methodist University)**
“Does Social Judgment Diminish Rule Breaking?”
- 18.10 – 18.30 Concluding remarks.
Leonid Polishchuk (Higher School of Economics)
Sergey Izmalkov (New Economic School)