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# Workshop on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Tbilisi, August 24-25, 2017

Venue: ISET – 16, Zandukeli St.

## PROGRAM
*[Presentations (except the keynotes) 50 min, 10 min discussion and coffee]*

## Thursday, August 24th

9:00 – 9:30      *Registration*

9:30 – 10:00     **Opening Remarks:**
                 **Nikoloz Gagua** - Ministry of Finance of Georgia
                 *"Georgia in Transition: Achievements and Challenges"*

10:00 – 11:00    **Keynote Lecture:**
                 **Ufuk Akcigit** - University of Chicago
                 *"The Role of Public Policy in Innovation and Productivity Growth"*

11:10 – 12:00    **Sina Ates** - Federal Reserve Board
                 *"Innovation and Trade Policy in a Globalized World"*

12:10 – 13:00    **Douglas Hanley** - University of Pittsburgh
                 *"The Role of Informational Public Goods in Science: Evidence from an RCT on Wikipedia"*

13:00 – 14:00    *Buffet lunch*

14:00 – 14:50    **Olga Itenberg** - University of Rochester
                 *"Syndicated Equity Crowdfunding: The Trade-Off between Deal Access and Conflicts of Interest"*

15:00 – 15:50    **Felipe Saffie** - University of Maryland
                 *"Corporate Lobbying and Procurement: The Allocation of Contracts under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act"*

16:00 – 16:50    **Xiaoyun Yu** - Indiana University
                 *"The Externalities of Corruption: Evidence from Entrepreneurial Activity in China"*

## Friday, August 25th

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| 9:00-9:30 | *Registration* |
| 9:30 -10:30 | **Keynote Lecture:**<br>**Luigi Guiso** - EIEF<br>*"Heterogeneity in Returns to Wealth and the Wealth Inequality Debate"* |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | **Julien Sauvagnat** - Bocconi University<br>*"Import Competition and Household Leverage"* |
| 11:40 – 12:30 | **Murat Celik** - University of Toronto<br>*"Litigation, Innovation, and Firm Dynamics"* |
| 12:40 – 13:30 | **Salome Baslandze** - EIEF<br>*"Firm Dynamics under the Moonlight: The Role of Political Connections"* |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | *Buffet lunch* |

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