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**Chair:** Gerard Roland

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|        | *Gilat Levy, LSE and CEPR  
Ronny Razin, LSE and CEPR                                              |
| 10:00-10:45 | **MINORITIES: CULTURAL TRANSMISSION, FERTILITY AND INTEGRATION POLICY**  |
|        | *Chaim Fershtman, Tel Aviv University and CEPR  
Sagit Bar-Gill, Tel Aviv University                                   |
| 10:45-11:30 | **SOCIAL NETWORKS AND PARENTAL BEHAVIOR IN THE INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF RELIGION**  |
|        | *Yves Zenou, Stockholm University and CEPR  
Eleonora Patacchini, La Sapienza University of Rome and CEPR            |
| 11:30-12:15 | **Coffee Break**                                                          |
| 12:15-13:00 | **CONSUMPTION NETWORK EFFECTS**                                           |
|        | *Luigi Pistaferri, Stanford University, EIEF and CEPR  
Giacomo De Giorgi, Stanford University and CEPR  
Anders Frederiksen, Aarhus University                                 |
| 13:00-13:45 | **GERMS, SOCIAL NETWORKS AND GROWTH**                                     |
|        | *Alessandra Fogli, University of Minnesota and CEPR  
Laura Veldkamp, New York University and CEPR                           |
13:45-14:45  
*Lunch*  
Chair: Alberto Bisin

14:45-15:30  
INTERGENERATIONAL AND SOCIAL TRANSMISSION OF A SMOKING CULTURE: THEORY AND EVIDENCE  
*Rebekka Christopoulou*, Cornell University  
Ahmed Jaber, Cornell University  
Dean R. Lillard, Cornell University

15:30-16:15  
THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES OF CULTURAL TRANSMISSION: SPATIAL EVIDENCE FROM NAMING PATTERNS ACROSS FRANCE  
*Thierry Mayer*, Sciences Po and CEPR  
Yann Algan, Sciences Po and CEPR  
Mathias Thoenig, Université de Lausanne and CEPR

16:15-16:45  
*Coffee Break*

16:45-17:30  
REDISTRIBUTION, IDENTITY, AND IDEOLOGY  
*Rachel Kranton*, Duke University  
Seth Sanders, Duke University  
Scott Huettel, Duke University

17:30-18:15  
THE PARADOX OF INTEGRATION: A MODEL OF SOCIAL DIFFERENCE AND BARRIERS TO ADVANCEMENT  
*Lydia Mechtenberg*, Wissenschafts Zentrum Socialforschung fuer Berlin

18:15-19:00  
CULTURAL PROXIMITY AND LOAN OUTCOMES  
*Vikrant Vig*, London Business School and CEPR  
Raymond Fisman, Columbia Business School  
Daniel Paravisini, Columbia Business School

20:00  
*CONFERENCE DINNER*

*Saturday 28 April*

Chair: Yann Algan

09:15-10:00  
THE ONSET OF FEMALE LABOR MARKET PARTICIPATION AND THE ROLE OF MOTHERS  
*Matilde Pinto Machado*, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and CEPR  
Jesus Carro, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Ricardo Mora, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

10:00-10:45  
THE OLD BOY NETWORK: GENDER DIFFERENCES IN THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL NETWORKS ON REMUNERATION IN TOP EXECUTIVE JOBS  
*Marie Lalanne*, Toulouse School of Economics  
Paul Seabright, Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR
10:45-11:30  THE DISAPPEARING GENDER GAP: THE IMPACT OF DIVORCE, WAGES, AND PREFERENCES AND ON EDUCATION CHOICES AND WOMEN'S WORK

*Raquel Fernández, New York University and CEPR
Joyce C. Wong, New York University

11:30-12:15  Coffee Break

12:15-13:00  SELF-ESTEEM, SHAME AND PERSONAL MOTIVATION

*Roberta Dessi, Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR
Xiaojian Zhao, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

13:00-13:45  SEEDS OF DISTRUST: CONFLICT IN UGANDA

*Mathias Thoenig, Université de Lausanne and CEPR
Dominic Rohner, University of Zurich
Fabrizio Zilibotti, University of Zurich and CEPR

13:45-14:45  Lunch

Chair: Luigi Guiso

14:45-15:30  ON THE HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA

*Giovanni Prarolo
Paolo Buonann, University of Bergamo
Ruben Durante, Sciences Po
Paolo Vanin, University of Bologna

15:30-16:15  SOCIAL CAPITAL AND THE HORIZON OF PUBLIC SPENDING

*Giacomo Ponzetto, CREI and CEPR
Ugo Troiano, Harvard University

16:15-16:45  Coffee Break

16:45-17:30  MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: THE EFFECTS SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ELECTIONS ON PUBLIC GOODS IN RURAL CHINA

*Nancy Qian, Yale University and CEPR
Yiqing Xu, MIT
Gerard Padró i Miquel, LSE and CEPR
Yang Yao, Peking University

17:30-18:15  TRADE, SCALE, OR SOCIAL CAPITAL? TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN POOR AND RICH COUNTRIES

*José Tavares, Nova School of Business and Economics and CEPR
João Tovar Jalles, Cambridge University

18:15-19:00  DEMOCRACY, DICTATORSHIP AND THE CULTURAL TRANSMISSION OF POLITICAL VALUES

*Davide Ticchi, IMT Lucca Institute for Advanced Studies
Thierry Verdier, PSE and CEPR
Andrea Vindigni, IMT Lucca

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