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Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

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Thursday 5 March

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| 09:00-09:15 | Registration & Coffee |
| 09:15-09:30 | Welcome |
| 09:30-09:50 | Traditional Beliefs and Health Behaviors: Evidence from Rural West Africa
Teresa Molina Millan (University of Alicante and NOVAFRICA) |
| 09:50-10:10 | Shaking the Traditional Order: Women's Conversion to New Christian Churches in Sub-Saharan Africa
Catherine Guirkingier (University of Namur) |
| 10:10-11:00 | The Family According to the State: Modernization Ideals and Fertility Decline
Alex Armand (Nova School of Business and Economics, NOVAFRICA and CEPR) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-11:50 | Equity Conundrum: Unintended Consequences of College-Level Affirmative Action on the Labor Market
Ritika Gupta (Wageningen University) |
| 11:50-12:10 | Worker Absenteeism and Firm Outcomes: Evidence from the Indian Manufacturing Sector
Sampreet Goraya (Stockholm School of Economics)
Virtual presentation |

- 12:10-13:00 **Absent but Not Idle: the Social Roots of Demand for Flexible Work**
Suanna Oh (Paris School of Economics and CEPR)
- 13:00-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-14:35 **Forced Modernization and its Discontents: Policy and Culture in Laos**
Resem Makan (Case Western Reserve University)
Virtual presentation
- 14:35-14:55 **Wearing Your Religion: Labor Market Consequences in Indonesia**
Stefano Fiorin (Bocconi University and CEPR)
- 14:55-15:45 **Entrepreneurship on a Safety Net: Evidence from the World's Largest Cash Transfer Program**
Guilherme Junqueira (University of Florida)
- 15:45-16:10 Coffee
- 16:10-17:00 **Electoral Integrity and Local Development: Experimental Evidence From Colombia**
Mateo Montenegro (Toulouse School of Economics)
- 19:00 Conference dinner (by invitation only)

Friday 6 March

- 10:00-10:20 **On the Other Side of the Creek: Historical segregation, neighborhood social capital, and human capital accumulation**
Guillermo Woo-Mora (Paris School of Economics)
- 10:20-10:40 **Information and Collective Will Against Environmental Harms: Experimental Evidence from Ghana's Galamsey**
Chiman Cheung (University Of California, Berkeley)
- 10:40-11:00 **Social Networks and Polarization**
Nilmini Herath (London School of Economics)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:20 **Land Rights Insecurity and the Persistent Misallocation of Talent**
Yun Xiao (University Of Gothenburg and CEPR)
- 12:20-13:10 **Drug Lords in STEM**
Maria Montoya Aguirre (Paris School of Economics and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- End of conference

All talks include a Q&A session of 5 minutes.