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Summer Institute Schedule

Azalai Hotel, Room Guezo

- July 6: **Introductory Lecture** (1:00 – 5:00 PM)
- Introductory Lecture by **Leonard Wantchekon** (Princeton University and African School of Economics)
 - Topics in Economic Theory I: **Ian Heffernan** (African School of Economics)
- July 7: **Topics in Economic Theory**
- Topics in Economic Theory 2: **Jean-Pierre Benoît** (London Business School), *The Role of Theory in Understanding Behavioural Experiments*
 - Topics in Economic Theory 2: **Roberto Sarkisian** (Toulouse School of Economics)
- July 8: **Topics in Econometrics**
- Topics in Econometrics 1: **Pierre Nguimkeu** (Georgia State University)

- Topics in Econometrics 2: **Firmin Doko Tchatoka** (University of Adelaide), *Instrumental Variables and GMM Inference in Structural Models*

July 9: **Topics in Econometrics**

- Topics in Econometrics 3: **Firmin Doko Tchatoka** (University of Adelaide), *Forecasting Time Series Using Filters and ARIMA Models*
- Topics in Econometrics 4: **Ismael Mourifié** (University of Toronto), *Recent Advances in Treatment Effects and Policy Evaluations*

July 10: **Topics in Trade and Development**

- Topics in Trade and Development 1: **Simon Alder** (University of North Carolina), *Transport Infrastructure and Regional Development*
- Topics in Trade and Development 2: **Illemin O. Kondo** (University of Notre Dame)

July 11: **Trade and Development** (02:30 PM - 06:30 PM)

- Topics in Trade and Development 3: **Renee Bowen** (University of California San Diego)

Note: Unless specified, courses are from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM and 02:30 - 06:30 PM

2018 AfES Conference
African Econometric Society
Cotonou, Benin, July 12 – 14, 2018
Golden Tulip Hotel

Conference Schedule

Thursday July 12, 2018

8:00-8:30 AM	Registration
8:45-9:00 AM	Welcome by Leonard Wantchekon , Princeton University and African School of Economics
9:00-10:00 AM	Plenary Session: Economic Research on/in Africa: Critical Review and Future Directions (Chair: Eliana La Ferrara (Bocconi University), Renee Bowen (University of California San Diego), Patrizio Piraino (University of Cape Town), Habiba Djebbari (Aix-Marseille University)); Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1, 2, 3
10:00-10:30 AM	Break
10:30-12:30 PM	Parallel Sessions 1 (5 panels)
12:30-2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00-3:30 PM	Parallel Sessions 2 (5 panels)
3:30-4:00 PM	Break
4:00-4:45 PM	Plenary Session – Economics Education in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges; Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1, 2, 3
5:00-6:30 PM	Keynote address: Roger Myerson , the Glen A. Lloyd Distinguished Service Professor of Economics. 2007 Nobel Laureate, University of Chicago, <i>Local Agency Costs of Political Decentralization</i> (Chair: Vicky Barham (University of Ottawa))
7:30 PM	Dinner

Friday July 13, 2018

8:30-10:30 AM	Parallel Sessions 3 (5 panels)
10:30-11:00 AM	Break
11:00-12:30 PM	Plenary Session – New Developments and Challenges in Econometrics (Chair: Prosper Dovonon (Concordia University)),

	Ismail Mourifie (University of Toronto), Nour Meddahi (Toulouse School of Economics), Sara Lowes (Bocconi University); Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1, 2, 3
12:30-2:00 PM	Lunch – Infrastructure and Development (sponsored by JRC at Princeton) - Chair: Simon Alder (University of North Carolina), Illenin O. Kondo (University of Notre Dame), Moussa Blimpo (The World Bank), Victor Murinde (SOAS, University of London)
2:00-3:30 PM	Parallel Sessions 4 (5 panels)
3:30-4:00 PM	Break
4:00-5:00 PM	Plenary Session – Tourism in Benin; Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1, 2, 3
5:15-6:45 PM	Keynote speaker - Eliana La Ferrara , Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi Chair in Development Economics, Bocconi University, <i>Media and Behavior Change: Social Effects of Edutainment</i> (Chair: Maria Micaela Sviatschi (Princeton University))
7:30 PM	Dinner and Music Show

Saturday July 14 2018

8:30-10:00 AM	Parallel Sessions 5 (4 panels)
10:00-10:30 AM	Break
10:30-12:00 PM	Presidential Address: Tim Besley , School Professor of Economics and Political Science and W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics at the London School of Economics (Chair: Moussa Blimpo (The World Bank))
12-12:45 PM	Annual general meeting of the Econometric Society: Africa Region
12:45-2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00-3:30 PM	Parallel Sessions 6 (4 panels)
3:30-4:00 PM	Break
4:00-5:30 PM	Plenary Session: Evaluating Institutions: Theory and Experimentation (Chair: Tim Besley (London School of Economics), Roger Myerson (University of Chicago), Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University and ASE); Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1, 2, 3
5:45-6:30 PM	Wrap-up Session
7:30 PM	Informal Reception

Sunday July 15 2018

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Historical site visit, organized by ASE. Details to be announced.

Program Index of Parallel Sessions

Parallel sessions 1

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Session 1: Education, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Session 2: Women and Development, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Session 3: Financial Inclusion I, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 4: Financial Econometrics, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 5: Trade and Regional Integration, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Parallel sessions 2

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Session 6: Human Capital Accumulation, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 7: Regional Development, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 8: Financial Inclusion II (Sponsored by AERC), Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Session 9: Macro-econometrics, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Session 10: Information Asymmetries and Choice under Uncertainty, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Parallel sessions 3

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session 11: Migration, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 12: Inequality and Sustainable Development, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 13: Graphical Models and Networks, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Session 14: Macro-finance, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Session 15: Conflict, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Parallel sessions 4

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Session 16: Information and Agriculture, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 17: Financial Markets, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 18: Treatment Effects, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Session 19: Growth and Productivity, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Session 20: Transfers and Networks, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Parallel sessions 5

Saturday July 14, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:00 AM:

Session 21: Health and Development, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 22: Micro-Finance and Agriculture (Sponsored by AERC), Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 23: Optimal Choice in Dynamic-stochastic Environments, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Session 24: Taxation and Environmental Economics, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Parallel sessions 6

Saturday July 14, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Session 25: Economics of Agriculture and Insurance, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Session 26: Prediction, Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Session 27: Model Selection and Inference, Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Session 28: Political Agency, Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Detailed List of Parallel Sessions

Thursday July 12, 2018

Parallel sessions 1, Sessions 1 - 5, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 1: Education

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Elfried Faton** (Université Laval)

Moussa Blimpo (The World Bank)

Asymmetry in Civic Information: An Experiment on Tax Incidence among SMEs in Togo

Fei Yuan (The World Bank)

The Economic Returns to Interventions that Increase Learning

Luke Chicoine (Bates College)

Free Primary Education, Fertility, and Women's Access to the Labor Market: Evidence from Ethiopia

Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University)

Education, Social Mobility and Risk Attitudes: Evidence from Colonial Benin

Session 2: Women and Development

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair - **Patrizio Piraino** (University of Cape Town)

Emiel Jerphanion (Tilburg University)

Premarital Investment in Human Capital & Marriage Returns

Hugues Champeaux (CERDI - University Clermont Auvergne)

Women's Political Participation and Intrahousehold Empowerment: Evidence from the Egyptian Arab Spring

Habiba Djebbari (Aix-Marseille University)

Gender, Information and Efficiency of Household Productive Decisions: An Experiment in Rural Togo

Session 3: Financial Inclusion I

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair – **Victor Murinde** (SOAS, University of London)

Peter Wamalwa (University of Cape Town)

Inclusive Finance for SMEs in South Africa and its Effect on Growth and Inequality

Ayse Ulku Demir (SOAS, University of London)

How Does Financial Inclusion Affect Economic Growth, Poverty and Income Inequality?

Here Is Africa's Story

Modeste Daye (University of Namur)

Household Finances and Access to Formal Savings and Liquidity Devices: Evidence from

a Field Experiment in Benin

Gaius W. M. Ahamide (African School of Economics)

Does Health Insurance Matter for Aggregate Labor Supply: Comparative Analysis on

Policy Change

Session 4: Financial Econometrics

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Rachidi Kotchoni** (University of Paris Nanterre)

Nour Meddahi (Toulouse School of Economics)

Volatility Regressions with Fat Tails

Roméo Tédongap (ESSEC Business School)

Variance Premium, Downside Risk, and Expected Stock Returns

Ulrich Hounyo (University at Albany, SUNY)

Is the Diurnal Pattern Sufficient to Explain the Intraday Variation in Volatility? A

Nonparametric Assessment Approach

Sessi Tokpavi (Laboratory of Economics, University of Orléans)

Testing for Extreme Volatility Transmission with Realized Volatility Measures

Session 5: Trade and Regional Integration

Thursday July 12, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Chair – **Illenin O. Kondo** (University of Notre Dame)

Yewande Olapade (Univeristy of Houston)

Chinese Accession to the WTO: Trade and Welfare Impacts on Nigeria

David Agu (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)

Real Exchange Rate Misalignments and Macroeconomic Distortions in the West African Monetary Zone

Louphou Coulibaly (Université de Montreal)

Monetary Policy in Sudden Stop-prone Economies

Thursday July 12, 2018

Parallel sessions 2, Sessions 6 - 10, 02:00 PM- 03:30 PM

Session 6: Human Capital Accumulation

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair - **Habiba Djebbari** (Aix-Marseille University)

Finagnon Dedewanou (Université Laval)

Peer Effects on Students' Subjective Expectations

Yannick Dupraz (University of Warwick)

Student Performance in Primary School. A Comparative Study of Francophone and Anglophone Cameroon.

Aregawi Gebremariam (University of Venice)

Hello, I am calling to ask for some money: Mobile phones and credit uptake in rural Ethiopia

Session 7: Regional Development

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Messan Agbaglah** (African School of Economics)

Immaculate Machasio (JLU Giessen)

Are Remittances Cyclical? The Role of South-South Flows

Sossou Simplicie Adjisse (African School of Economics)

Benin's Bilateral Trade: Patterns and Potential

Chukwunenye Emekaraonye (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)

Capital Flight from Nigerian Changing Economic Environment

Session 8: Financial Inclusion II (Sponsored by AERC)

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Chair – **Witness Simbanegavi** (AERC)

Nnaemeka Chukwuone (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)

Determinants of Financial Inclusion and Its Impact on Poverty among Rural Households in Nigeria

Benjamin Musah (University for Development Studies, Ghana)

Financial Inclusion and Welfare in Ghana

Caleb Jérémie Dohou (African School of Economics)

Chinese Foreign Aid and Inclusive Development: Evidence from Africa

Session 9: Macro-econometrics

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Simon Alder** (University of North Carolina)

Rachidi Kotchoni (CNRS-Economics, Université Paris Nanterre)

Macroeconomic Forecast Accuracy in a Data-rich Environment

Antoine Djogbenou (Queen's University)

Comovements in the Real Activity of Developed and Emerging Economies: A Test of Global versus Specific International Factors

Maureen Were (Bank of Kenya)

Is Export-led Growth a Mirage? The Case of Kenya

Session 10: Information asymmetries and choice under uncertainty

Thursday July 12, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair – **Renee Bowen** (University of California San Diego)

Øystein Daljord (University of Chicago)

Identifying Present-Biased Discount Functions in Dynamic Discrete Choice Models

Karine Marazyan (IEDES - University of Paris 1 - UMR D&S)

Demand for Insurance and Within-Kin-Group Marriage: Evidence from a West African Country

Patrizio Piraino (University of Cape Town)

The Value of Reference Letters

Friday July 13, 2018

Parallel sessions 3, Sessions 11 - 15, 08:30 AM-10:30 AM

Session 11: Migration

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair – **Immaculate Machasio** (JLU Giessen)

Marie Djuikom (Laval University)

Incentives to Labor Migration and Agricultural Productivity: The Bayesian Perspective

Ulrich Nguemdjo (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

Do Migrations that Respond to Climate Variation Improve the Living Standard of Households in Rural Areas? Evidence from Niakhar (Senegal) Using Two Types of Migration

Oluwafunmiso Olajide (University of Ibadan)

Migration: Effect on Rural Communities and Food Production in Oyo State, Nigeria

Caroline Schimanski (UNU-WIDER)

The Elasticity of Formal Work in African Countries

Session 12: Inequality and Sustainable Development

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Edouard Wemy** (Clark University)

Leandro De Magalhaes (Bristol University)

The Consumption, Income, and Wealth of the Poorest: An Empirical Analysis of Economic Inequality in Rural and Urban Sub-Saharan Africa for Macroeconomists

Rajnish Mehra (Arizona State)

Demographics and FDI: Lessons from China's One-Child Policy

Prudence Dato (Savoie University)

Investment in Energy Efficiency, Adoption of Renewable Energy and Household Behaviour: Evidence from OECD countries

Session 13: Graphical Models and Networks

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Ismael Mourifié** (University of Toronto)

Yves Atchade (Boston University)

A Scalable Algorithm for Large Graphical Models with Change Points

Daniel Felix Ahelegbey (University Ca'Foscari of Venice)

Bayesian Graphical Models for Structural Vector Autoregressive Processes

Abhimanyu Gupta (Essex University)

Consistent Specification Testing Under Network Dependence

Chuku Chuku (University of Uyo, Nigeria)

Intelligent Forecasting of Economic Growth for African Economies: Artificial Neural Networks Versus Econometric Models

Session 14: Macro-finance

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair – **Ayse Ulku Demir** (SOAS, University of London)

Nicola Limodio (Bocconi University)

Liquidity Requirements and Bank Deposits: Evidence from Ethiopia

Elizabeth Nanziri (University of Oxford)

Women, Finance and Welfare Outcomes: Evidence from Zambia

Rodrigue Dossou-Cadja (University of Yaounde)

A Treatise on Financial Crisis Contagion: The Case of African Securities Exchange

Umar Auwal (University of Ahmadu Bello, Nigeria)

Does Herding Behavior and Contagion Exist in the Nigerian Stock Market? Evidence from the Insurance Sector

Session 15: Conflict

Friday July 13, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Chair – **Abdoulaye Seck** (Université de Cheikh Anta Diop)

Hector Galindo-Silva (PUJ, Bogota)

Political Openness and Armed Conflict: Evidence from Local Councils in Colombia

Ian Heffernan (African School of Economics)

Peace Diamonds

Maria Micaela Sviatschi (Princeton University)

Making a Narco: Childhood Exposure to Illegal Labour Markets and Criminal Life Path

Friday July 13, 2018

Parallel sessions 4, Sessions 16 - 20, 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Session 16: Information and Agriculture

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair – **Louis Hodey** (University of Ghana)

David Awolala (Federal University of Technology Akure, Nigeria)

Reliability of Rainfall Regime as Proxy for Agricultural Losses in Constructing

Parametric Weather Insurance Indexes in the Nigeria Savannah

Christelle Makougoum Tchoupe (Clermont Université)

Determinants of Access and Intensity of Farm Mechanization in Mali: Does Drought Matter?

Halefom Nigus (United Nations University – MERIT)

The Effect of Weather Index Insurance on Social Capital: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia

Session 17: Financial Markets

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Umar Auwal** (University of Ahmadu Bello, Nigeria)

Bernard Cornet (Paris School of Economics and University of Kansas)

Submodular financial markets with frictions

Alberto Teguia (Rice University)

Law of Small Numbers and Hysteresis in Asset Prices and Portfolio Choices

Andrea Presbitero (International Monetary Fund)

Financial Access under the Microscope

Session 18: Treatment Effects

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Yves Atchade** (Boston University)

Guy Tchuente (University of Kent)

Immigration Policy and Remittance Behaviour: An Application with Fuzzy Diff-in-diffs

Désiré Kédagni (Penn State University)

Identifying Treatment Effects in the Presence of Confounded Types

Moudachirou Oumarou (ENSAE Senegal)

An Analysis of the Impact of Naira's Devaluation and of its Fluctuations in Benin Economy Using an Estimated DSGE Model

Session 19: Growth and Productivity

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 3

Chair – **Nicola Limodio** (Bocconi University)

Oluwabunmi O. Adejumo (Obafemi Awolowo University)

Educational Dynamics and Productivity Advancement in Nigeria, (1970 - 2012)

Omar Stabridis (CONACYT, Mexico)

Exposure to Firewood: Consequences for Health and Labor Force Participation in Mexico

Edouard Wemy (Clark University)

What is the Long-run Relationship between the Labor Income Share and Relative Price of Investment?

Session 20: Transfers and Networks

Friday July 13, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair – **Ian Heffernan** (African School of Economics)

Vicky Barham (University of Ottawa)

Giving to the Endowment and Annual Giving: Understanding the Interaction between Donors and Charities

Elfried Faton (Université Laval)

Extremism and Listening in Networks

Messan Agbaglah (African School of Economics)

Stability in Informal Insurance: An Approach by Networks and Overlapping Coalitions

Saturday July 14, 2018

Parallel sessions 5, Sessions 21 - 24, 08:30 AM – 10:00 AM:

Session 21: Health and Development

Saturday July 14, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair – **Ulrich Hounyo** (University at Albany, SUNY)

Kossi Thomas Golo (Université de Laval)

Do Waiting Times Affect Health Outcomes? Evidence from Elective Surgeries in Quebec

Marie Christelle Mabeu (University of Ottawa)

Democracy, Genes, and the Male Survival Disadvantage

Sara Lowes (Bocconi University)

Mistrust in Medicine: The Legacy of Colonial Medical Campaigns in Central Africa

Session 22: Micro-Finance and Agriculture (Sponsored by AERC)

Saturday July 14, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Akoété Ega Agbodji** (Université de Lomé)

Abdoulaye Seck (Université de Cheikh Anta Diop)

Constraints and Smallholder Farming in Senegal

Ogundele Oladapo (Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research)

Gender Gap and Credit Use in Smallholder Agriculture in Nigeria: Implications for Farm-Level Technical Efficiency

Akoété Ega Agbodji (Université de Lomé and Ablamba A. Johnson)

Financial Inclusion and Its Impact on Performance of Smallholder Agriculture in Togo

Session 23: Optimal Choice in Dynamic-stochastic Environments

Saturday July 14, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:00AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Omar Stabridis** (CONACYT, Mexico)

John Inekwe (Monash University)

Financial Risk and Economic Sustainability in Africa

Césaire Meh (Bank of Canada)

Limited Nominal Indexation of Optimal Financial Contracts

Jules Sadefo Kamdem (Université de Montpellier)

Optimal Fishery Stopping Time Harvesting with a Regime Switching or Jump In Biomass Variation

Session 24: Taxation and Environmental Economics

Saturday July 14, 2018 08:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair – **Vicky Barham** (University of Ottawa)

Caroline Schimanski (UNU-WIDER)

Do Multinational Companies Shift Profits out of Developing Countries? New Evidence or Need for Better Data

Toluwalope Ogunro (University of Ibadan)

Fuel Choice and Health Outcomes in Ogun state, Nigeria

Paul Appiah-Konadu (Marshalls University College)

Fossil Fuel Consumption, Population Size, and Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Ghana

Saturday July 14, 2018

Parallel sessions 6, Sessions 25 - 28, 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Session 25: Economics of Agriculture and Insurance

Saturday July 14, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 1

Chair - **Alexandre Zounmenou** (University of Abomey-Calavi)

Louis Hodey (University of Ghana)

Impact of Rhizobium Inoculant Knowledge Dissemination via Videos and Radio Listening Clubs on Smallholders Inoculant Adoption, Crop Yields and Incomes

Alice Bonou Fandohan (African School of Economics)

Rice Production Effects of the 2012 Flooding in Benin: An Application of Generalized Propensity Score

Alexandre Zounmenou (University of Abomey-Calavi)

Effects of Health Insurance on Health Care Services Utilization in Benin

Session 26: Prediction

Saturday July 14, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Madiba 2

Chair – **Hector Galindo-Silva** (PUJ, Bogota)

Kaveh Salehzadeh Nobari (Durham University)

Exact Point-Optimal and Adaptive Inference on the Parameters of Stochastic Predictors in Linear and Nonlinear Regressions

Luc Zanmenou (African School of Economics)

A Set of Econometric Approaches to Forecast the South Africa Term Structure

Woubet Kassa (The World Bank)

Revisiting the Trade Impact of AGOA: A Synthetic Control Approach

Session 27: Model Selection and Inference

Saturday July 14, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Oregon

Chair – **Prosper Dovonon** (Concordia University)

Firmin Doko Tchatoka (University of Adelaide)

Model Selection with Possibly Weak Identification

Zime Songbian (African School of Economics)

Multi-criteria Decision Making Based on Multinomial Logistic Regression: An Analysis of Uncertain Probabilities in a Rough Set Universe

Session 28: Political Agency

Saturday July 14, 2018 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Room: Golden Tulip – Ebene

Chair – **Leonard Wantchekon** (Princeton University)

Renee Bowen (University of California San Diego)

Policy Experimentation, Redistribution and Voting Rules

Daniel Gibbs (Princeton University)

Selection Rates, Bureaucratic Expertise, and Agency Performance

Roberto Sarkisian (Toulouse School of Economics)

Screening Teams of Moral and Altruistic Agents

