

The 20th Applied Econometrics Conference

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Date: November 8, 2025(Saturday)

All presenters are encouraged to attend all sessions.

All times are shown in Japan Standard Time.

Venue: The large meeting room, 3F, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

<https://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/access/index.html>

Discussion: 25 minutes for the presenter, 10 minutes for the discussants, and 15 minutes for discussion by all participants.

- 10:30~10:35 Opening Remarks Reo Takaku (Hitotsubashi University)

1st Session Moderator: Haruko Noguchi (Waseda University)

- 10:35 ~ 11:20

Presenter: Shuhei Kaneko (UC Santa Barbara), E

Discussant: Hitoshi Shigeoka (The University of Tokyo)

“Beyond Cavities: Low-Level Fluoride Exposure in Childhood and the Development of Non-Cognitive Skills”

- 11:20 ~ 12:05

Presenter: Thomas Monnier (Hitotsubashi University), E

Discussant: Jun Goto (GRIPS)

“The Informality Trade-Off: Wages and Rural-Urban Migration in South Africa”

- 12:05 ~ 13:05: Lunch

- 13:05 ~ 13:50

Presenter: Tim Ruberg (The University of Tokyo), E

Discussant: Shinpei Sano (Kobe University)

“Characterizing the Returns to STEM: Marginal and Policy-Relevant Treatment Effects”

- 13:50 ~ 14:35

Presenter: Hayato Kanayama (Waseda University), J

Discussant: Hiroko Okudaira (Doshisha University)

“Who Bears the Cost? High-Frequency Evidence on Minimum Wage Effects and Amenity Pass-Through in Spot Labor Markets”

- 14:35 ~ 14:50: Coffee Break

2nd Session Moderator: Masaru Sasaki (Osaka University)

- 14:50 ~ 15:35

Presenter: Rentaro Utamaru (The University of Tokyo), J

Discussant: Susumu Imai (Hitotsubashi University)

“From Reduced to Structural: A New Identification Strategy for Production Functions”

- 15:35 ~ 16:20

Presenter: Hayato Umetani (Kobe University), J

Discussant: Mariko Nakagawa (Hitotsubashi University)

“Wildfires, Pollution, and Pregnancy Outcomes: Evidence from Lightning Strikes”

- 16:20 ~ 16:35: Coffee Break

- 16:35 ~ 17:20

Presenter: Yuki Takahashi (Tilburg University), E

Discussant: Michihito Ando (Rikkyo University)

“Does the Gender Ratio at Colleges Affect High School Students’ College Choices?”

- 17:30 ~ 17:45 Awards for Outstanding Papers

Closing Remarks Emiko Usui (Hitotsubashi University)

- 18:00 ~ 20:00: Reception