

2025 Joint Asian and European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

August 27-30, 2025

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Health Technology Assessment Unit, Keio University

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

18:30 Pre-Workshop Dinner at Blue Ginger



Thursday, August 28, 2025

All presentations will take place in Classroom 10 (3rd floor), ESSEC Singapore Campus

8:45 Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome remarks by Professor Reetika Gupta (the Head of ESSEC Singapore), Professor Andrew Jones (University of York) & Professor Shiko Maruyama (The University of Osaka)



9:00 Session 1. Chair – Andrew Jones (University of York)



9:00–9:50 Paper 1

Katharina Janke, **Carol Propper** (Imperial College London), Raffaella Sadun
The Role of Top Managers in the Public Sector: Evidence from the English NHS
Discussant: Chenyuan Liu (Tsinghua University)



9:50–10:40 Paper 2

Jiaowei Gong, Jia Xiang, Chuanchuan Zhang, **Xuan Zhang** (Singapore Management University)
The VIP Effect in Medicine: How Patients' Insider Knowledge, Social Ties, and Authority Shapes Clinical Decisions
Discussant: Sungchul Park (Korea University)



10:40-11:05 Coffee Break



11:05 Session 2. Chair – Jamus Lim (ESSEC Business School)

11:05–11:55 Paper 3



Kazuki Tomioka (Australian National University)

Life-cycle Implications of Latent Health Type Learning

Discussant: Eugenio Zucchelli (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)



12:15-13:20 Lunch: Study Area 1 (5th floor)



13:20 Session 3. Chair – Qu Feng (Nanyang Technological University)



13:20-14:10 Paper 4

Raphaël Langevin (McGill University)

Policy Learning with Observational Data : The Case of Hepatitis C Treatment for HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients

Discussant: Denzil Fiebig (University of New South Wales)



14:10-15:00 Paper 5

Aurélien Baillon, Joseph Capuno, Aleli Kraft, Jenny Kudymowa, **Owen O'Donnell** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Leveraging Probability Distortion to Target Prevention: A Cardiovascular Screening Experiment in the Philippines

Discussant: Tomoki Fujii (Singapore Management University)



15:00-15:25 Coffee Break

15:25 Session 4. Chair – Haruko Noguchi (Waseda University)



15:25-16:15 Paper 6

Yaying Zhou (University of Queensland)

In Sickness and in Health Insurance: Gender in Household Benefit Plan Choice

Discussant: Yi Zhang (Central University of Finance and Economics)



16:15-17:05 Paper 7

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17:30 Dinner at Empress and Singapore River Cruise





Friday, August 29, 2025

8:45 Session 5. Chair – Sok Chul Hong (Seoul National University)



8:45-9:35 Paper 8

Lena Janys, **Jan Kabátek** (University of Melbourne), Bettina Siflinger

Price of Care, Cost of Growth: Unraveling the Causal Effect of Childcare Utilization on Child Mental Health and Educational Development in the Netherlands

Discussant: Mingjia Xie (Liaoning University)

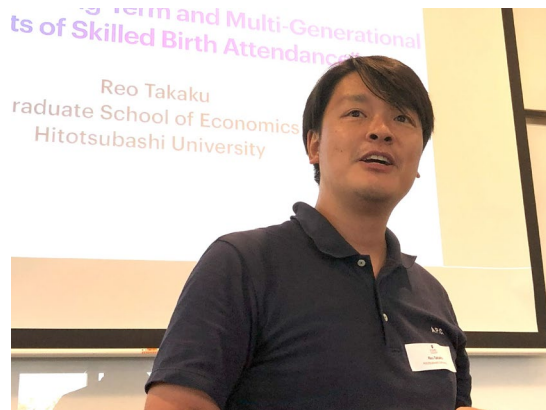


9:35-10:25 Paper 9

Meiping Aggie Sun (Fordham University), Yiying Yang

Long-Term and Multi-Generational Impacts of Skilled Birth Attendance

Discussant: Reo Takaku (Hitotsubashi University)



10:50 Session 6. Chair – Xiaoyan Lei (Peking University)

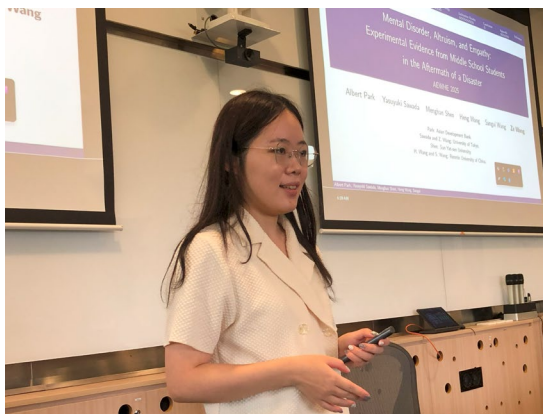


10:50-11:40 Paper 10

Albert Park, Yasuyuki Sawada, Menghan Shen, Heng Wang, Sangui Wang, **Ze Wang**
(University of Tokyo)

Mental Disorder, Altruism, and Empathy: Experimental Evidence from Middle School Students in the Aftermath of a Disaster

Discussant: Toshiaki Aizawa (Hokkaido University)



11:40-12:30 Paper 11

Makiko Omura (Meiji Gakuin University)

Assessing Peer Effects in Healthy Habit Formation: Insights from a Skill-Based Health Education Intervention in Bangladesh

Discussant: Li Han (ESSEC Business School)



13:45 Session 7. Chair – **Owen O'Donnell** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

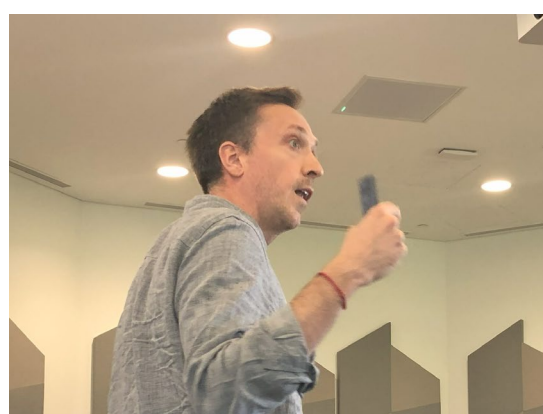


13:45-14:35 Paper 12

Toshiaki Iizuka, Junya Kawamura, **Hitoshi Shigeoka** (The University of Tokyo)

Two Inefficiencies of Self-Selection: Evidence from Health Care

Discussant: Fabrice Kämpfen (University College Dublin)



14:35-15:25 Paper 13

David Johnston, Rachel Knott, **Ashani Ranmalie Abayasekara** (Monash University)

Mental health and differential belief updating: Evidence from unemployment shocks

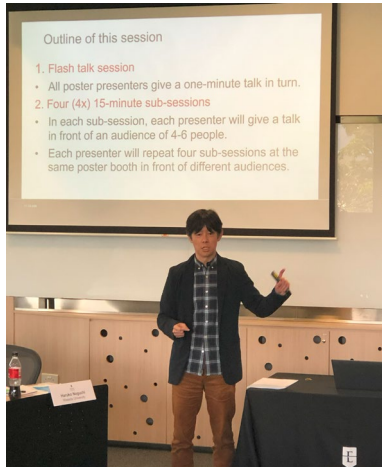
Discussant: Nattavudh Powdthavee (Nanyang Technological University)



15:45-17:00 Session 8. Organized Poster Oral Session

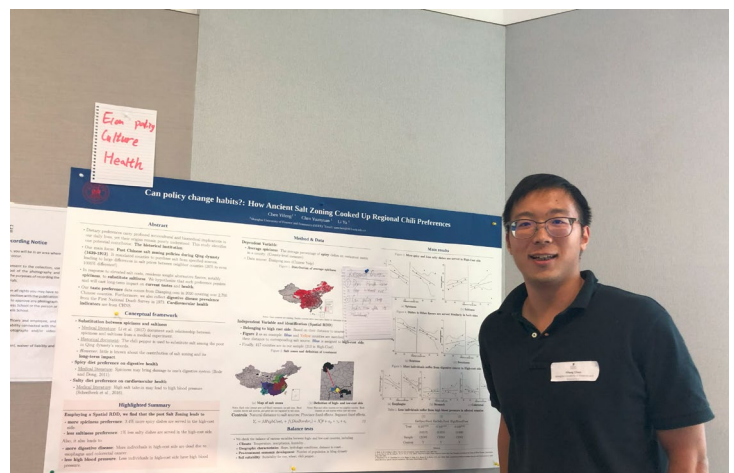
Location: Classrooms 9 and 10 (3rd floor), ESSEC Singapore Campus

Facilitator – Sayaka Nakamura (Sophia University)



Yifeng Chen (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics), Yuanyuan Chen, Ya Li

Can Policy Change Habits?: How Chinese Ancient Salt Zoning Policies Cooked Up Regional Chili Preferences

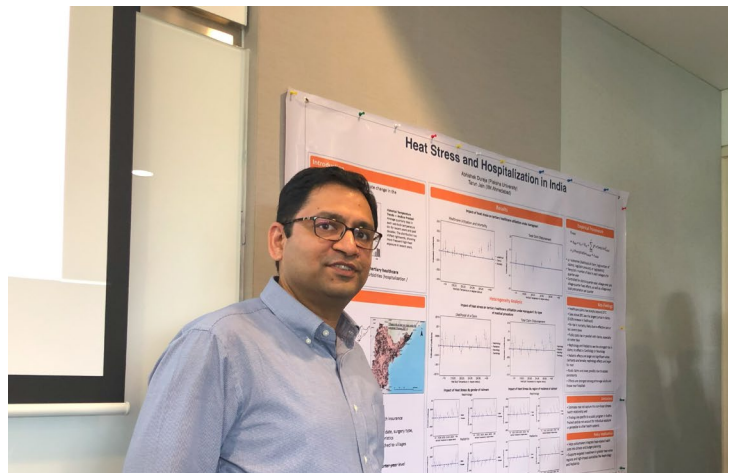


Michelle Sovinsky, Liana Jacobi (University of Melbourne), Alessandra Allocca, Tao Sun

More Joint Use? A Bundle Choice Model of Youth Multi-Substance Use and Legalization Implications

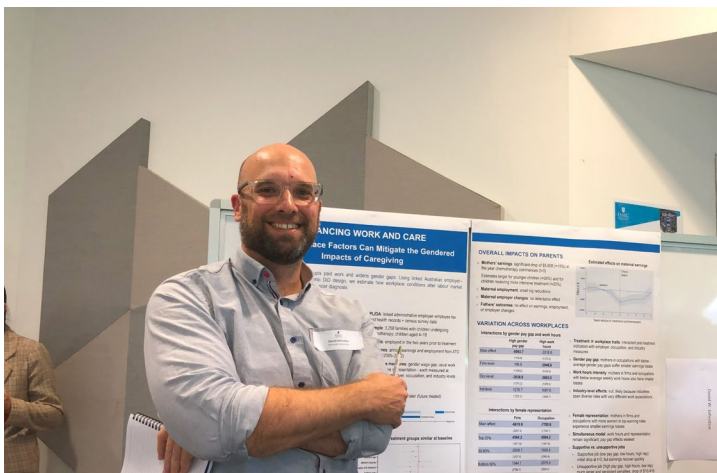
Abhishek Dureja, **Tarun Jain** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)

Heat Stress and Hospitalization in India



Peyman Firouzi Naeim, **David W. Johnston** (Monash University), Maryam Naghsh Nejad

Balancing Work and Care: How Workplace Factors Can Mitigate the Gendered Impacts of Caregiving



Zhiyong Huang, **Fabrice Kämpfen** (University College Dublin)

Do Health Check-Ups for Seniors Improve Diagnosis and Management of Hypertension and Diabetes in China?



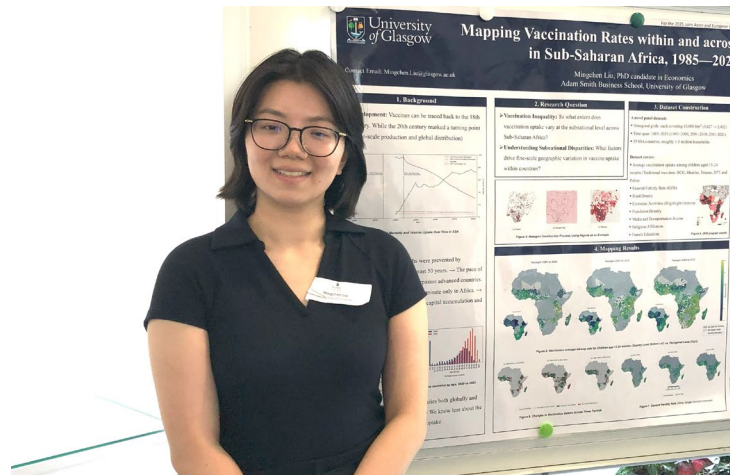


Luis Alonso-Armesto, Julio Cáceres-Delpiano,
Warn N. Lekfuangfu (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

The Impact of Raising the Minimum Legal Drinking Age on Academic Achievement and Risky Behaviour: A Difference-in-Discontinuities Approach

Mingchen Liu (University of Glasgow)

Mapping Vaccination Rates Within and Across Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1985—2021

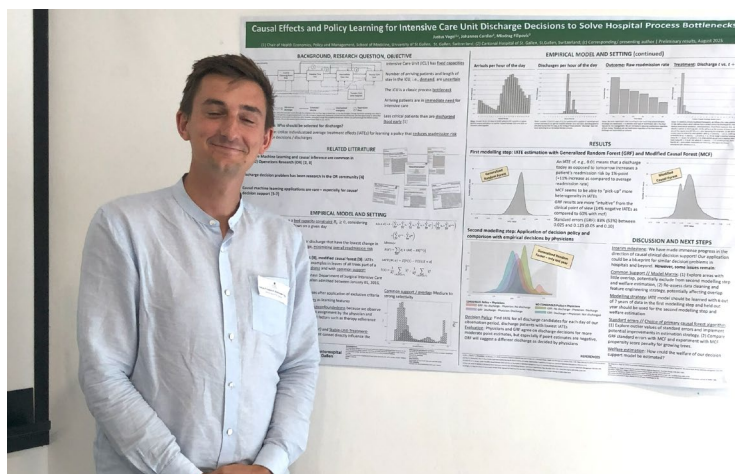


Sara Muzzi (University of Milano-Bicocca),
Paolo Berta, Stefan Verzillo

The Impact of Public Transport Strikes on Road Accidents and Healthcare Costs: Evidence from Lombardy, Italy

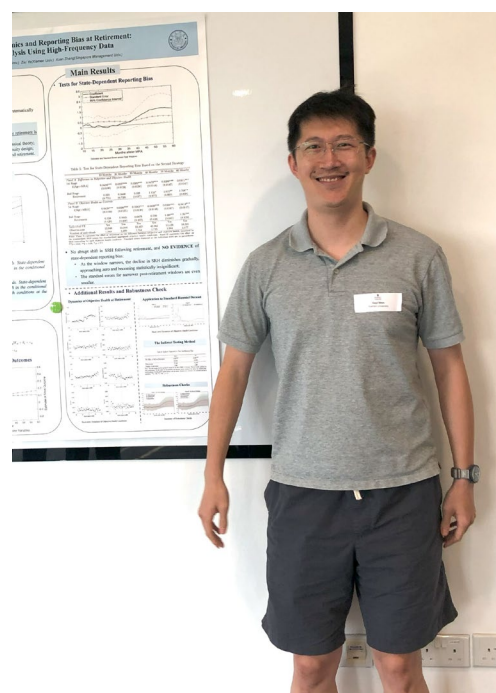
Aljoscha Janssen, **Meng-Chi Tang** (National
Chung Cheng University)

Peer Effects in Drug Adoption



Justus Vogel (University of St. Gallen), Johannes
Cordier, Miodrag Filipovic

*Causal Effects and Optimal Policy Learning for
Intensive Care Unit Discharge Decisions to Solve
Hospital Process Bottlenecks*

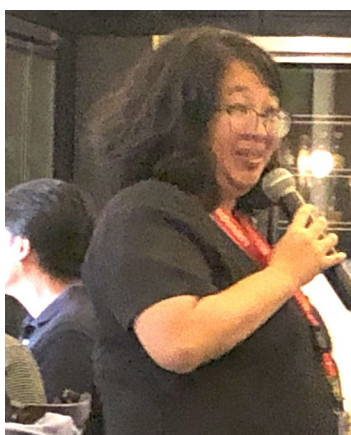


Jiayi Wen (Xiamen University), Zixi Ye, Xuan
Zhang

*Health Dynamics and Reporting Bias at Retirement:
An Analysis Using High-Frequency Data*

17:20 Dinner: Dinner at Il Giardino







Saturday, August 30, 2025

8:30 Session 9. Chair – Jui-Fen Rachel Lu (Chang Gung University)



8:30-9:20 Paper 14

Aline Bütikofer, **Zichen Deng** (University of Amsterdam), Kjell G Salvanes

Moving to Cleaner Skies: Age-Specific Effects of Exposure to Pollution on Health and Human Capital

Discussant: David Johnston (Monash University)



9:20-10:10 Paper 15

Congyuan Cui, Zhengwen Liu, **Yun Qiu** (Jinan University), Wen Wang

Crops, Insects, and Diseases: Unintended Consequences of Straw-burning Ban on Ecosystem and Human Health

Discussant: Chon-Kit Ao (National Cheng Kung University)



10:30 Session 10. Chair – Ming-Jen Lin (National Taiwan University)

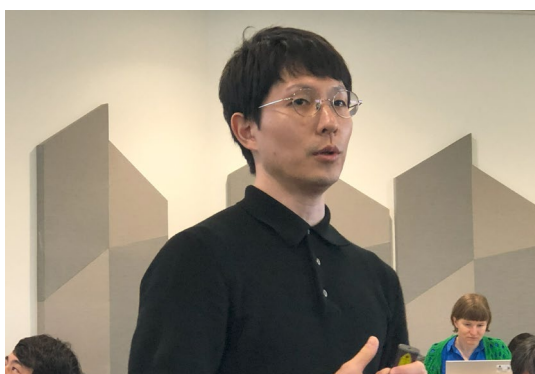


10:30-11:20 Paper 16

Chiyuki Ikeda, **Masaru Nagashima** (IDE-JETRO)

HIV Prevention and ART Provision: Examination of Risk Compensation in the New Dawn

Discussant: Akshar Saxena (Nanyang Technological University)



11:20–12:05 Paper 17

Priyanka Sarda Tadikonda (Good Business Lab)

Birth Endowments and Intrahousehold Resource Allocation: Structural Estimates from a Collective Household Model



12:05-12:30 Best poster award, best discussant award, 2026 Workshops, Final remarks

Best poster award

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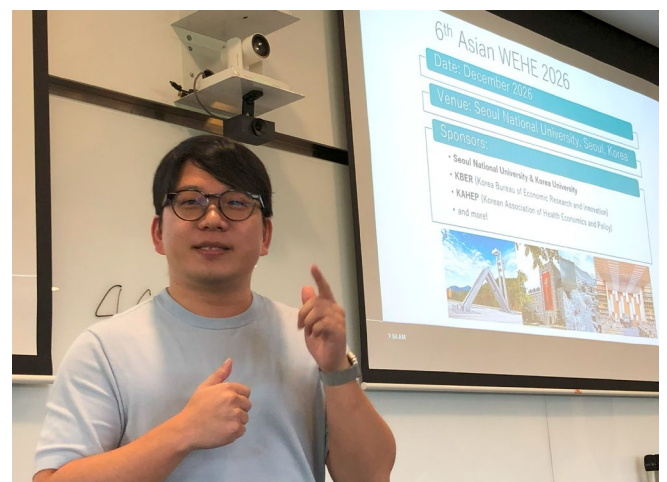


Best discussant award



Akshar Saxena (Nanyang Technological
University)

Announcement of 33rd European WEHE & 6th Asian WEHE 2026

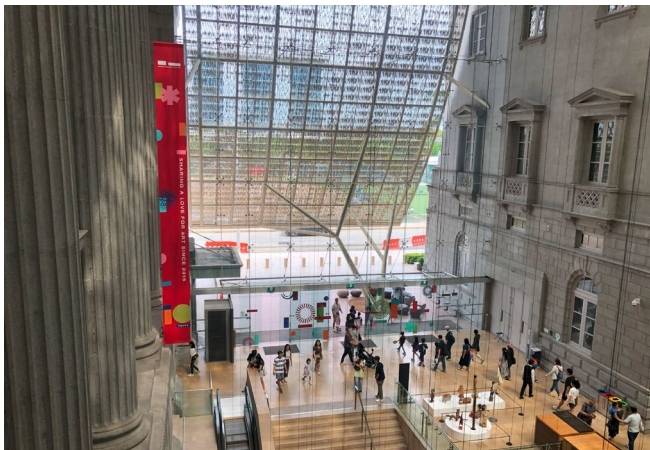


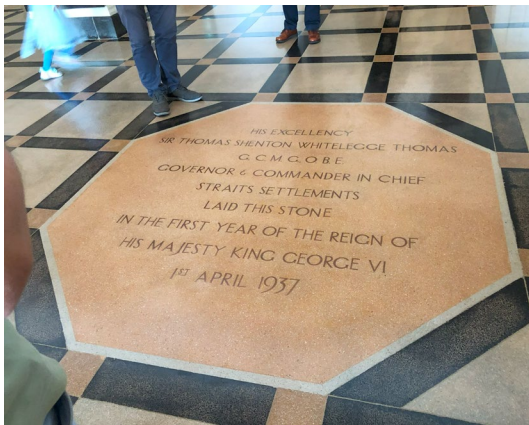
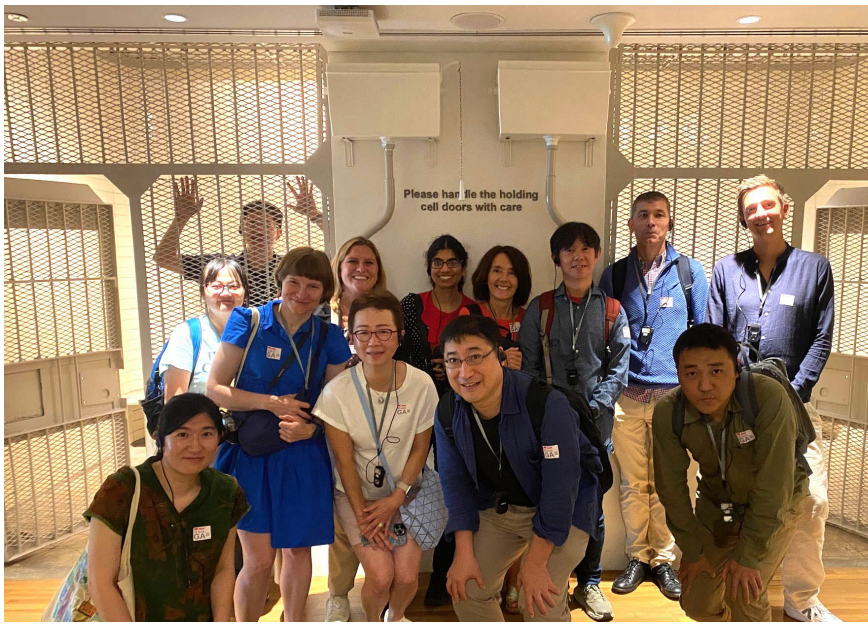
13:30 Lunch, Sing Swee Kee on Seah Street





14:45 Guided Tour “The Highlights of the National Gallery”





16:00 Walking Tour to and through Chinatown



