

Spring Schedule for the Cecele and Michael Birnkrant Development Seminar
(Seminal in International, Regional and Urban Development (2) **Second Draft**
Unless otherwise indicated all seminars are in KAP 319 Wednesdays 4-5:30 PM

Organizer: Jeff Nugent Tel (213) 740-2107, email: nugent@usc.edu

Jan 16, Nake Kamrany and Georgi Vassilev, USC
Convergence of Per Capita Income in the 21st Century

Jan 23 Tomomi Tanaka, Arizona State
Risk and time preferences: Experimental and household data from Vietnam

Feb 6 Ethan Ligon UC Berkeley
Vulnerability in Ecuador: Measuring Risk by Looking at Inequality

Tuesday Feb 12 5-6:30 David E. Weinstein, Columbia University (Joint with Dynamics, IEPR)
Variety, Quality and Prices: Macroeconomic Lessons from Micro Data

Feb 13 Kripa Freitas, University of Texas, Austin
The Indian Caste System as a Means of Contract Enforcement

Feb 20 Frederico Finan, UCLA (Joint with Dynamics)
Motivating Politicians: The Impact of Salary Increases on Performance and Selection

Feb 27 Jorge M. Aguero, UC Riverside (Joint with Dynamics)
(In)Fertility and Wages in Latin America

Tuesday March 4 5-6:30 PM Robert Feenstra, UC Davis (Joint with Dynamics)
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Tuesday March 11 5-6:30 Kalina Manova, Stanford (Joint with Dynamics)
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March 19 NO SEMINAR Spring Break

Tuesday March 25 5-6:30 Yasuyuki Sawada, Tokyo University (Joint with Dynamics)
How Is Consumption Smoothed against Income and Asset Shocks Induced by an Earthquake? The Case of Yamakoshi Village (joint with Hidehiko Ichimura and Satoshi Shimizutani)

March 26 Paul Schultz, Yale (Joint with IEPR and Applied Micro)
Health Human Capital and Economic Development: Assessing Causal Connections and Implications for Policy

Friday, April 4 John Hoddinott, IFPRI
The Impact of Nutrition during Early Childhood on Education among Guatemalan Adults

April 16 Christopher Meissner, UC Davis, (Joint with Economic Dynamics)
Trade Costs, 1870-2000

April 23 Claus C Pörtner, University of Washington
Hurricane Risk, Fertility and Education in Guatemala