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Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop

26-27 June 2026

University of Naples Parthenope (Italy)

Day 1 – Friday, 26 June 2026

- 09:30 - 10:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee**
- 10:00 - 10:45 Mehmet Fatih Ulu, Koç University**
Network Knowledge on the Move: How Worker Mobility Shapes Firm Connections
(with M. Nurullah Gulec)
Discussant: Mattea Stein, University of Naples Federico II
- 10:45 - 11:30 Miguel Angel Talamas Marcos, Inter-American Development Bank**
Building and Maintaining Productive Relationships
(with Nemanja Antic and Ameet Morjaria)
Discussant: Anik Ashraf, LMU Munich
- 11:30 - 12:15 Matthew Pecenco, Brown University**
Opportunities and Entrepreneurship: Evidence on Advanced Labor Market Experience
(with Carlos Schmidt-Padilla and Hamilton Taveras)
Discussant: Philipp Barteska, University of Hong Kong
- 12:15 - 13:45 Lunch**
- 13:45 - 14:30 Kristina Manysheva, Columbia Business School**
The Origins of Structural Transformation
(with Julieta Caunedo and Mayara Felix)
Discussant: Markus Poschke, McGill University
- 14:30 - 15:15 Kalyani Padmakumar, Florida State University**
No Country for Dying Firms: Evidence from India
(with Shoumitro Chatterjee, Kala Krishna and Yingyan Zhao)
Discussant: Anton Reinicke, UCL
- 15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break**
- 15:45 - 16:30 Sarah Winton, London School of Economics**
Refugees' Right to Work: Efficiency and Equity in Host Country Labor Markets
Discussant: Silvia Peracchi, UCLouvain
- 16:30 - 17:15 Agustina Colonna, University of Zurich**
Violation and Enforcement of Workplace Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Firm Inspections
(with Lukas Rodrian and Jorge Pérez Pérez)
Discussant: Gabriel Burdin, University of Siena
- 20:00 Conference Dinner**

Day 2 – Saturday, 27 June 2026

- 9:15 - 10:15** **Keynote: Jonas Hjort, UCL and University of Oslo**
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- 10:15 - 11:00** **Leonardo Iacovone, World Bank**
Driving Technology Adoption: Lessons from a Customer Success Management RCT in Mexico
(with Shreya A. Kankanhalli, Stephen J. Anderson and Sridhar Narayanan)
Discussant: Denni Tommasi, University of Bologna
- 11:00 - 11:15** **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 - 12:00** **Eric Verhoogen, Columbia University**
Social Learning among Urban Manufacturing Firms: Energy-Efficient Motors in Bangladesh
(with Ritam Chaurey, Gaurav Nayyar and Siddharth Sharma)
Discussant: Julia Cajal-Grossi, Geneva Graduate Institute
- 12:00 - 12:45** **Celine Zipfel, Stockholm School of Economics**
Commercial Farming and Gendered Labor Reallocation: Evidence from Senegal
(with Regina Schnars, Mohamadou Dieye, Renate Hartwig and Christoph Kubitzka)
Discussant: Alex Armand, NOVA Lisbon
- 12:45** **Lunch**

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