



Microeconometrics of Spatial and Grouped Data April 24-29, 2004



MEALS

(Saturday dinner to Thursday lunch are included in workshop)

Breakfast (Continental): 7:00 – 9:00, 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall, Sunday-Thursday

*Lunch (Buffet): 11:30 – 13:30 pm, Donald Cameron Hall, Sunday-Thursday

*Dinner (Buffet): 17:30 – 19:30 pm, Donald Cameron Hall, Saturday-Wednesday

Coffee Breaks: As per daily schedule, 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall

***Please remember to scan your meal card at the host/hostess station in the dining room for each lunch and dinner.**

MEETING ROOMS

All lectures will be held in Max Bell 159. Please note that the meeting space designated for BIRS is the lower level of Max Bell, Rooms 155-159. Please respect that all other space has been contracted to other Banff Centre guests, including any Food and Beverage in those areas.

SCHEDULE

Experimental and Non-Experimental Evaluations of Peer Group and Other Effects

Organizers: Thomas Lemieux (UBC), David Card (Berkeley)

Saturday, April 24

Dinner 17:30-19:30 Donald Cameron Hall

Sunday, April 25

Breakfast 7:00-8:45 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

8:45-9:00 Introduction and Welcome to BIRS

9:00-10:00

Esther Duflo (MIT), “Experimental evidence on peer effects (or lack thereof) in the transmission of agricultural technology in Kenya.”

Discussant: Enrico Moretti (UCLA)

10:00-11:00

Ted Miguel (Berkeley)* and Michael Kremer (Harvard) “Social Network and Learning about Health in Kenya”

Discussant: Siwan Anderson (UBC)

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

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11:30-12:30

Jeff Kling (Princeton), “Moving to Opportunity...”

Discussant: Phil Oreopoulos (Toronto)

Lunch 12:30-13:30

Guided Tour of The Banff Centre 13:30-14:30 – meet in 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall

14:45-15:45

Armin Falk (Bonn) and Andrea Ichino (EUI)*, “Clean Evidence on Peer Effects”

Discussant: Eric Verhoogen (Berkeley)

Conference Dinner 17:30-19:30

Monday, April 26

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

9:00-10:00

Piero Cipollone (Bank of Italy)* and Alfonso Rosolia (Bank of Italy) “Social Interactions in schooling: evidence from earthquakes”

Discussant: Brian Krauth (SFU)

10:00-11:00

David Card (Berkeley) and Jesse Rothstein (Princeton)*, “Does Segregation Matter: The Effect of the Racial Composition of Schools on the Black-White Test Score Gap”

Discussant: Craig Riddell (UBC)

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30

11:30-12:30

Michael Boozer (Yale)* and Stephen Cacciola (Yale), “Inside the 'Black Box' of Project STAR: Estimation of Peer Effects Using Experimental Data”

Discussant: Thomas Lemieux (UBC)

12:30-12:40 Group Photo – meet on the front steps of Corbett Hall

Lunch 12:40-13:30

13:45-14:45

Bryan Graham (Harvard) “Social Interactions and Excess Variance Contrasts: Theory and an Application to Peer Group Composition and Student Achievement”

Discussant: Shinichi Sakata (UBC)

Dinner 17:30-19:30

* presenter

Tuesday, April 27

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

9:00-10:00

Shinichi Sakata (UBC), “Statistical issues in the National Maternal and Infant Health Survey datasets”

Discussant: David Card (Berkeley)

10:00-11:00

Erich Battistin (IFS) * and Andrew Chesher (UCL), “Measurement Error Bias and Propensity Score Methods”

Discussant: Sergio Firpo (UBC)

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30

11:30-12:30

David Lee (Berkeley), “Randomized Experiments from U.S. House Elections”

Discussant: Kevin Milligan (UBC)

Lunch 12:30-13:30

13:45-14:45

Thomas Lemieux (UBC) and Kevin Milligan* (UBC), “Incentives Effects of Social Assistance in Quebec”

Discussant: Jane Friesen (SFU)

14:45-15:45

Ken Chay (Berkeley), Patrick McEwan*(Wellesley), and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia), “On the role of test scores to rank and test schools: Direct Evidence from Chile’s P-900 program”

Discussant: Michael Boozer (Yale)

Dinner 17:30-19:30

Wednesday, April 28

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

Lunch 11:30-13:30

Dinner 17:30-19:30

Thursday, April 29

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

Lunch 11:30-13:30

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