



Conference on Risk and Risky Behavior

Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Monday, June 12 and Tuesday, June 13, 2017

General Information

Many individuals, adults, adolescents, and children engage in a host of risky behaviors that could have significant ramifications in the short-term and long-term. These behaviors often involve a trade-off between short-term benefits and long-term costs, both subjectively perceived. Examples of such behaviors include crime and delinquency, smoking, alcohol and substance abuse, suicidal behavior, reckless driving and driving under the influence, underage sexual activity and sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and poor diets and sedentary lifestyles leading to obesity. These behaviors are major source of preventable deaths and impose substantial costs on those who engage in them and society.

The meeting will bring together economists and researchers from other disciplines who work on the analysis of risky behaviors. We seek to advance understanding of the causes and consequences of risky behaviors, and to evaluate policies aimed to mitigate or manage the cost of these behaviors. We seek high quality academic work that enriches, refines, and challenges our understanding of the broad array of issues related to the analysis of risky behaviors.

The highlight of the 2017 meeting is a keynote lecture to be delivered by Professor **Eric Johnson**, Columbia University, on "Why Is Insurance so Difficult for Consumers?" He is the Norman Eig Professor of Business at the Columbia Business School, and has published widely in marketing, psychology, decision sciences, economics and public policy: <http://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/cbs-directory/detail/ejj3>. He is also the Director of the Center for Decision Sciences at Columbia: <http://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/decisionsciences>

Organizers

Glenn Harrison (Georgia State University and CEAR), Morten Lau (Copenhagen Business School) and Erdal Tekin (American University and NBER) are the organizers of this workshop. Funding is being provided by the Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk at Georgia State University, School of Public Affairs at American University, Copenhagen Business School, and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. Contact corresponding organizer Erdal Tekin tekin@american.edu about the substance of the workshop, and Mark Schneider at cear@gsu.edu with questions about participation and logistics.

Lodging

If you are a presenter, lodging is being arranged by the conference organizers. All other interested parties should manage their lodging directly. There is no host hotel. Please search for hotels in the vicinity of the event location (next section).

Location

The conference will be held on the ground floor in the [Kilen Building](#) of the Copenhagen Business School, in Frederiksberg, close to the heart of Copenhagen, Denmark. The venue (Kilen Building) is less than a 5-minute walk from a convenient subway stop (Fasanvej Station), which is not far from downtown. For more information on Copenhagen Business School, see: <http://www.cbs.dk/en>.



Participation

There is a registration fee of \$50 (USD) for attending the conference, which is also subject to capacity. This fee is used to cover lunch and coffee break costs – this fee will be waived for presenters and discussants. Registration will be online and available from **8 May** to **2 June 2017**, and can be linked to at the following – <http://cear.gsu.edu/event/conference-on-risk-and-risky-behavior/>

presentation (40 minutes) + discussion (10 minutes) + floor discussion (10 minutes)

PROGRAM – Monday, 12 June 2017

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| 08:45 – 09:00 | Coffee / Pastries |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 09:15 – 10:15 | “Vocational Training for Disadvantaged Youth in Columbia: An Assessment of Its Long Term Effects on Crime” Presenter: Christian Posso (Banco de la República, Medellín, Columbia) |
| Session A | Discussant: Dave Marcotte (American University) |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | “Modeling Expected Utility on Stochastic Networks” Presenter: Wynn Stirling (Brigham Young University) |
| | Discussant: Don Ross (University College Cork / University of Cape Town) |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Break |
| Session B | “Early Cannabis Use and School to Work Transition of Young Men” Presenter: Jenny Williams (University of Melbourne) |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Discussant: Jan Jozwik (Oxford University) |
| 12:30 – 13:45 | Lunch |
| 13:45 – 14:45 | “Sexual Violence, Title IX and Women's College Enrollment” Presenter: Dave Marcotte (American University) |
| Session C | Discussant: Joshua Zivin (UC San Diego) |
| 14:45 – 15:45 | “Systematic Bias in Sensitive Behavior and its Impact on Treatment Effects: An Application to Violence Against Women” Presenter: Veronica Frisancho (Inter-American Development Bank) |
| | Discussant: Gregory DeAngelo (West Virginia University) |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Break |
| Session D | “Disordered Gambling Prevalence: Methodological Innovations in a General Danish Population Survey” Presenter: Don Ross (University College Cork / University of Cape Town) |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Discussant: TBD |
| KEYNOTE | “Why Is Insurance Choice So Difficult For Consumers?” Presenter: Eric Johnson (Columbia University) |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Free-time |
| 19:00 – TBD | Conference Dinner <i>(by email invitation only)</i> |

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PROGRAM – Tuesday, 13 June 2017

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| Session E | 09:00 – 10:00 | “Behavioural Factors and Technology Adoption Decisions under Basis Risk” Presenter: Jan Jozwik (Oxford University) |
| | | Discussant: Jenny Williams (University of Melbourne) |
| | 10:00 – 11:00 | “Risk Attitudes, Sample Selection and Attrition in a Longitudinal Field Experiment” Presenter: Hong Il Yoo (Durham University) |
| | | Discussant: Jimmy Martinez-Correa (Copenhagen Business School) |
| | 11:00 – 11:15 | Break |
| Session F | 11:15 – 12:15 | “The Effect of Online Erotic Services Advertising on Prostitution Markets, Pricing, and Murder” Presenter: Gregory DeAngelo (West Virginia University) |
| | | Discussant: Veronica Frisacho (Inter-American Development Bank) |
| | 12:15 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| Session G | 13:30 – 14:30 | “How concern about having low relative wealth modulates risk-taking behavior” Presenter: Oded Stark (University of Bonn) |
| | | Discussant: Christian Posso (Banco de la República, Medellín, Columbia) |
| | 14:30 – 15:30 | “Minimum Legal Drinking, Injury, Harm, and Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Denmark” Presenter: Anton Nilsson (Lund University) |
| | | Discussant: Kevin Schnepel (University of Sydney) |
| | 15:30 – 15:45 | Break |
| Session H | 15:45 – 16:45 | “Children's rationality, risk attitudes and misbehavior” Presenter: Marco Castillo (Texas A&M University) |
| | | Discussant: Glenn Harrison (Georgia State University) |
| | 16:45 – 17:45 | “Hanging Out with the Usual Suspects: Peer Effects and Recidivism” Presenter: Kevin Schnepel (University of Sydney) |
| | | Discussant: Erdal Tekin (American University and NBER) |
| | 17:45 – 18:00 | Concluding Remarks & Conference Adjourns |