5th Annual Junior Workshop in Macroeconomics

October 30-31, 2026

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Held at The Upham Hotel in Santa Barbara, California, USA

Conference Schedule

Friday, October 30 (morning)

8:45-9:00 *Gather + Coffee & Pastries*

9:00-10:00 **Dynamic Pricing under Information Frictions: Evidence from Firm-level Subjective Expectations** (with Joris Tielens)
Luca Gagliardone (Yale)

10:00-10:15 *Break*

10:15-11:15 **Depreciation and Growth: Evidence from Machine Repair in Uganda**
Tilman Graff (Princeton)

11:15-11:30 *Break*

11:30-12:30 **Cross-sectional Identification with Heterogeneous Exposure to General Equilibrium Effects**
Paula Donaldson (Brown)

12:30-2:00 *Lunch in the Garden at the Upham*

Friday, October 30 (afternoon)

2:00-3:00 **Not-so-Cleansing Recessions**
(with Igli Bajo and Frederik Bennhoff)
Alessandro Ferrari (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

3:00-3:15 *Break*

3:15-4:15 **Tax Progressivity, Performance Pay, and Search Frictions**
(with Árpád Ábrahám, Paweł Doligalski, and Susanne Forstner)
Philipp Gruebener (Washington University, Saint Louis)

7:30 *Dinner at Opal*

Saturday, October 31

8:45-9:00 *Gather + Coffee & Pastries*

9:00-10:00 **Shipping to America**
(with Xiwen Bai, Jesús Fernández-Villaverde, Yiliang Li, and Francesco Zanetti)
Ricardo Marto (Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis)

10:00-10:15 *Break*

10:15-11:15 **Beyond Exposure: Predicting AI Adoption Based on Comparative Advantage**
(with Ilse Lindenlaub, Maria Alejandra Rodriguez, and Laura Veldkamp)
Ryungha Oh (Chicago Booth)

11:15-11:30 *Break*

11:30-12:30 **Marketization and Marriage in a Task-Based Model of Home Production**
(with Lindsey Uniat)
Matthew Schwartzman (University of Michigan)

12:30 *Lunch in Bistro Amasa on the Veranda*

Conference Organizers: Nick Pretnar, Job Boerma, and Paolo Martellini

Senior Participants: Chris Tonetti, Corina Boar, Rishabh Kirpilani, Diego Daruich,