

LEAP 10th Anniversary 2026 Conference

18-19 JUNE 2026

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THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026

8: 45 – 9:00

Registration

Plenary Session: Keynote

9:00 - 9:05

Welcome by **Michela Carlana** Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

9:05 - 10:05

Keynote: **Rohini Pande** Yale University

“Phones, Permissions, and Pushback: Experimental Evidence on Women's Digital Autonomy in Rural India”

10:05 - 10:30

Coffee break

Parallel Session 1A: POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chair: **Edoardo Teso** Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

10:30 - 11:10

David Yanagizawa-Drott University of Zurich

Towards Automated Policy Evaluation: Early Lessons

11:10 - 11:50

Stefano Fiorin Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

Institutional Uncertainty and State Building: National-Scale Experimental Evidence from Nepal

11:50 - 12:30

Andreas Madestam Stockholm University and IIES

Born Again: Experimental Evidence on the Economic and Social Impacts of Religious Renewal

Parallel Session 1B: HEALTH

Chair: **Lucia Corno**, Università Cattolica and LEAP-INSPIRE

10:30 - 11:10

Anne Karing University of Chicago

“The Role of Retail Providers in Antimicrobial Resistance: Evidence from Kenya”

11:10 - 11:50

Lorenzo Casaburi University of Zurich

“Copayments and the Value of Health Insurance: Experimental Evidence from Uganda”

11:50 - 12:30

Reshmaan Hussam Harvard Business School

“Experiential and Social Learning: A Field Experiment on Water Chlorination in Pakistan”

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

Parallel Session 2A: INEQUALITY AND OPPORTUNITIES

Chair: **Erika Deserranno** Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

- 14:00 - 14:40 **Emma Riley** University of Michigan
"We're All in This Together: Experimental Evidence from a Universal Livelihoods"
Program with Mahreen Mahmud
- 14:40 - 15:20 **Gharad Bryan** London School of Economics and Political Science
"Learning to See the World's Opportunities: Memory, Mental Experiencing, and the
Economic Lives of the Vulnerable"
- 15:20 - 16:00 **Matthew Staiger** Opportunity Insight
"Creating High-Opportunity Neighborhoods: Evidence from the HOPE VI Program"
- 16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 - 17:10 **Viola Corradini** Columbia University
"Overcoming Racial Gaps in School Preferences: the Effect of Peer Diversity on
School Choice"
- 17:10 - 17:50 **Melanie Wasserman** UCLA Anderson
"Whom Do We Study? Gender in Labor Economics Research"
- 17:50 - 18:30 **Joshua Blumenstock** Berkeley University
"Scalable Targeting of Social Protection: When Do Algorithms Out-Perform Surveys
and Community Knowledge?"

Parallel Session 2B: Labor and Female Labor Force Participation

Chair: **Alexia Delfino** Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

- 14:00 - 14:40 **Imran Rasul** University College London
"Causes and Consequences of Labor Underutilization: Evidence from Ugandan
Firms"
- 14:40 - 15:20 **Livia Alfonsi** Harvard Business School and LEAP-INSPIRE
"Whom You Know, Whom You recommend, and the Role of Referrals in Gender
Occupational Segregation"
- 15:20 - 16:00 **Madeline Mckelway** Dartmouth College
"The Power of Persuasion: Causal Effects of Household Communication on
Women's Employment"
- 16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 - 17:10 **Supreet Kaur** Berkeley University
"Habit formation in labor supply"
- 17:10 - 17:50 **Lisa Ho** Columbia University
"Bringing Work Home: Flexible Work Arrangements as Gateway Jobs for Women in
West Bengal"
- 17:50 - 18:30 **Girija Borker** The World Bank
"Cuisine"
- 19:30 *Dinner at Palazzo Invernizzi (Corso Venezia 32) (by invitation only)*
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FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

Plenary Session: Keynote

9:00 - 10:00 Keynote: **Asim Khwaja** Harvard Kennedy School
"LEAPS Pakistan: Learnings and Reflections from a Generation of Education Research"

10:00 - 10:30 *Coffee break*

Parallel Session 1A: EDUCATION

Chair: **Selene Ghisolfi** Università Cattolica and LEAP-INSPIRE

10:30 - 11:10 **Dilnovoz Abdurazzakova** J-PAL Europe
"Family compatibility of high-income careers and girls' career aspirations"

11:10 - 11:50 **Francesca Misericchi** Tilburg University
"Teacher Expectations and the Allocation of Educational Opportunity"

11:50 - 12:30 **Michela Tincani** University College London
"How far can inclusion go? The long-term impacts of preferential college"

Parallel Session 2A: GENDER

Chair: **Marinella Leone**, University of Pavia and LEAP-INSPIRE

10:30 - 11:10 **Maria Micaela Sviatschi** Princeton University
"Can Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers Improve Performance?"

11:10 - 11:50 **Selim Gulesci** Trinity College Dublin
"Gender-Based Violence in Schools and Girls' Education: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique"

11:50 - 12:30 **Diego Ubfal** The World Bank
"The Lasting Effects of Working While in School: Do Men and Women Benefit Equally?"

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

Joint Session: SKILLS AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Chair: **Eliana La Ferrara**, Bocconi University and LEAP-INSPIRE

14:00 - 14:40 **Noam Angrist**, Oxford University
"Can Foundational Skills Expand Agency Under Severe Constraints?"

14:40 - 15:20 **Lelys Dinarte** The World Bank
"Investing in Human Capital During Wartime: Experimental Evidence from Ukraine"

15:20 - 16:00 **Karen Macours** Paris School of Economics
"Transfers, Income Diversification and Climate Adaptation: long-term evidence"

16:00 - 16:40 **Emily Breza** Harvard University
"Crop Insurance and Social Networks: Interactions and Climate Resilience in Odisha, India"
