



STEG Annual Conference Week 2025

Programme

The [Structural Transformation and Economic Growth](#) (STEG) programme’s fifth Annual Conference and associated Thematic Workshops will be held between Wednesday 8 January and Saturday 11 January 2025.

Workshops on STEG Themes 0, 2 and 4 will take place in-person on Wednesday 8 January and workshop on STEG Themes 1, 3 and 5 will take place in-person on Saturday 11 January. The plenary session will take place in-person on Thursday 9 January and Friday 10 January. All events will be held at Oxford University with the support from the [Department of Economics](#) at the [University of Oxford](#).

Location: University of Oxford							
Wednesday 8 th			Thursday 9 th	Friday 10 th	Saturday 11 th		
Theme 0 Workshop	Theme 2 Workshop	Theme 4 Workshop	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	Theme 1 Workshop	Theme 3 Workshop	Theme 5 Workshop

Theme 0 Workshop on Data, Measurement, and Conceptual Framing

Wednesday, 8 January

Seminar Room A

(parallel with Theme 2 and Theme 4 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: Akos Valentinyi (University of Manchester and CEPR) and Gaaitzen de Vries (University of Groningen), the STEG Theme 0 leaders.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-9:45	Nadine Yamout	<i>"Unemployment in a Commodity-Rich Economy: How Relevant Is Dutch Disease?"</i> , American University of Beirut (AUB) (with Mariano Kulish, James Morley, Francesco Zanetti)
9:45-10:30	Prashant Garg*	<i>"The Rise of Onshoring: Evidence from a new AI Production Network"</i> , Imperial College London (with Thiemo Fetzer, Peter John Lambert, Bennet Feld)
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00-11:45	Zebang Xu*	<i>"The (Mis)Allocation Channel of Climate Change: Evidence from Global Firm-level Microdata"</i> , Cornell University (with Tianzi Liu)
11:45-12:30	Emmanuel B. Mensah	<i>"The Role of Exports for Income and Jobs in Sub-Saharan African Countries: New Evidence from ASUT Database"</i> , Utrecht University (with Gaaitzen de Vries)
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:15	Jan Grobovsek	<i>"Occupational Choices, Human Capital, and Cross-Country Income Differences"</i> , University Of Edinburgh (with Charles Gottlieb, Alexander Monge-Naranjo)
14:15-15:00	Akos Valentinyi	<i>"Structural Transformation or Marketization? The Role of Household Production in Consumption Expenditure"</i> , University of Manchester and CEPR (with Benjamin Bridgman)
15:00-15:30	<i>Break</i>	
15:30-16:15	Heng Chen	<i>"Bottom-up Institutional Change and Growth: Theory and Evidence from China"</i> , University of Hong Kong (with Bingjing Li and Xiaodong Zhu)
16:15-17:00	Adriano Fernandes	<i>"K Wasn't Built in a Day: Investment with Endogenous Time to Build"</i> , International Monetary Fund (with Rodolfo Rigato)

Time allocation: 35 mins for the presenter and 10 mins for questions
Dinner will be served at 19h00.

Theme 2 Workshop on Labour, Home Production, and Structural Transformation at the Level of the Household

Wednesday, 8 January

Seminar Room C

(parallel with Theme 0 and 4 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: L. Rachel Ngai (LSE and CEPR) and Taryn Dinkelman (Notre Dame and CEPR), the STEG Theme 2 leaders.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-10:00	Niharika Singh	<i>"Gender Dynamics in Entry into Competitive Careers: Evidence from Indian Civil Services"</i> , University of Notre Dame (with Kunal Mangal)
10:00-11:00	Nathan Barker	<i>"Flexibility versus Performance: The Determinants of Labor Contracts in Nairobi, Kenya"</i> , University of Chicago (with Inbar Amit, Alison Andrew, Robert Garlick, Kate Orkin, and Carol Nekesa)
11:00-11:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:30-12:30	Angelica Martinez Leyva*	<i>"Job Flexibility and Informality"</i> , University of Warwick
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:30	L. Rachel Ngai	<i>"Gendered Change: 150 Years of Transformation in US Hours"</i> , LSE and CEPR (with Claudia Olivetti and Barbara Petrongolo)
14:30-15:30	Quynh Huynh*	<i>"Gender Norms and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Export Shocks in Vietnam"</i> , University College London (with Hyejin Ku)
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Brian McCaig	<i>"Foreign Manufacturing Jobs and Women: Impacts on Work, Marriage, and Childbirth"</i> , Wilfrid Laurier University (with Natalia Drozdoff and Nina Pavcnik)

Time allocation: 55 mins for the presenter (with focus questions during the presentation) and 5 mins to address broader questions

Dinner will be served at 19h00

Theme 4 Workshop on Trade and Spatial Frictions

Wednesday, 8 January

Skills Lab

(parallel with Theme 0 and 2 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: Michael Waugh (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis) and Paula Bustos (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR), the STEG Theme 4 leaders.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-10:00	Aishwarya Kekre*	<i>"Ports, Roads, and Structural Change: The Role of Internal Geography in Trade Liberalization"</i> , University of Virginia (with Anmol Agarwal)
10:00-11:00	Sarah Schroeder	<i>"Mobility Frictions, Partial Migration and the Distributional Effects of International Trade"</i> , Aarhus University (with Rui Zhang)
11:00-11:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:30-12:30	Lucas Zavala	<i>"Quality Regulation Creates and Reallocates Trade"</i> , World Bank (with Ana Fernandes, Ryan Haygood, Tristan Reed, Jose Daniel Reyes)
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:30	Yuhei Miyauchi	<i>"Unpacking Aggregate Welfare in a Spatial Economy"</i> , Boston University (with Eric Donald, Masao Fukui)
14:30-15:30	Florian Oswald	<i>"Structural Change, Land Use and Urban Expansion"</i> , SciencesPo (with Nicolas Coeurdacier, Marc Teignier)
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Jordan Norris	<i>"Diet, Economic Development and Climate Change"</i> , NYU Abu Dhabi (with Heitor Pellegrina and Lucas Correa)

Time allocation: For the 1 hour slots: No questions for the first 10 mins, and then open questions throughout the presentation. No separate Q&A.

Dinner will be served at 19h00

Plenary Session Programme – Day 1 Thursday, 9 January at the Lecture Theatre

Organisers: Gabriel Ulyssea (UCL and CEPR), Isabela Manelici (LSE and CEPR), and Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis (NYU Abu Dhabi and CEPR), the STEG Annual Conference 2025 Organisers. Douglas Gollin (Tufts University and CEPR) and Joseph Kaboski (University of Notre Dame and CEPR), the STEG Research Director and STEG Head of Commissioning and Chair of the Academic Steering Committee respectively.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
08:50	Gabriel Ulyssea, Isabela Manelici, and Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis	Welcoming Remarks from the STEG Annual Conference Organisers
09:00-10:00	Lucas Conwell	<i>“Privatized Provision of Public Transit”</i> , University College London <i>Discussant: Gharad Bryan, London School of Economics and CEPR</i>
10:00-11:00	Julien Wolfersberger	<i>“Deforestation and Structural Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa”</i> , AgroParisTech and Paris-Saclay University (with Kenneth Hounghbedji, Clément Imbert, Samuel Marshall, and Liam Wren-Lewis) <i>Discussant: Taryn Dinkelman, University of Notre Dame and CEPR</i>
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:15-12:15	Robert Townsend	STEG Academic Keynote Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12:15-13:35	Speed Round Session 1	
12:15	Eva Van Leemput	<i>“Internal Trade Barriers in India”</i> , Federal Reserve Board (with Prabhat Barnwal, Jonathan Dingel, Daniil Iurchenko, and Pravin Krishna)
12:35	Arinze Nwokolo	<i>“Gas Flaring, Agricultural Productivity and Labor Reallocation: Evidence from Nigeria”</i> , Lagos Business School
12:55	Harrison Mitchell*	<i>“Land inequality and rural structural transformation: Evidence from India”</i> , University of California San Diego (with Frances Lu and Manaswini Rao)
13:15	Anisha Garg*	<i>“Safe Travels: Transport Development and Women’s Safety in India”</i> , University Of Warwick
13:35-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30-15:30	Kei-Mu Yi	<i>“Structural Change in sub-Saharan Africa: An Open Economy Perspective”</i> , University of Houston, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and NBER (with Gaaitzen de Vries, Hagen Kruse, Emmanuel Mensah, and Yabo Vidogbena) <i>Discussant: Michael Waugh, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</i>
15:30-15:45	<i>Break</i>	
15:45-16:45	Anand Chopra	<i>“The Equilibrium Impact of Agricultural Support Prices and Input Subsidies”</i> , University Of Liverpool (with Pubali Chakraborty and Lalit Contractor) <i>Discussant: Jan Grobovšek, University of Edinburgh</i>
16:45-17:45	Beata Javorcik	STEG Policy Keynote: <i>“Navigating Industrial Policy in a Turbulent World”</i> University of Oxford, EBRD, and CEPR

Time allocation: 40 mins for the presenter, 10 mins for the discussant and 10 mins for questions (excluding speed rounds).

Dinner will be served at 19h15.

Plenary Session Programme – Day 2

Friday, 10 January at the Lecture Theatre

Organisers: Gabriel Ulyssea (UCL and CEPR), Isabela Manelici (LSE and CEPR), and Raül Santaeuilàlia-Llopis (NYU Abu Dhabi and CEPR), the STEG Annual Conference 2025 Organisers.
Douglas Gollin (Tufts University and CEPR) and Joseph Kaboski (University of Notre Dame and CEPR), the STEG Research Director and STEG Head of Commissioning and Chair of the Academic Steering Committee respectively.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
09:30-10:30	Felix Samy Soliman*	<i>“Slack and Economic Development”</i> , University of Zurich (with Michael Walker, Nachiket Shah, Edward Miguel, Dennis Egger, and Tilman Graff) <i>Discussant: Federico Rossi, University of Warwick</i>
10:30-11:30	Johannes Boehm	<i>“The Network Origins of Firm Dynamics: Contracting Frictions and Dynamism with Long-Term Relationships”</i> , The Graduate Institute Geneva and CEPR (with Ezra Oberfield, Ruairidh South, and Mazhar Waseem) <i>Discussant: Yuhei Miyauchi, Boston University</i>
11:30-11:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:45-12:45	Rachel Kyte	STEG Climate Policy Keynote: <i>“A To-Do List for 2025: How Can We Strengthen Cooperation for Just Transitions in an Era of Fraying Multilateralism and Growing Economic Nationalism”</i> University of Oxford and UK Special Representative on Climate
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45-14:45	<i>Speed Round Session 2</i>	
13:45	Claudia Gentile	<i>“Relying on Intermittency: Clean Energy, Storage, and Innovation in a Macro Climate Model”</i> , London School of Economics and CEP
14:05	Adam Szeidl	<i>“Firm-to-firm referrals”</i> , Central European University (with Jing Cai and Wei Lin)
14:25	Clement Minaudier	<i>“Spillovers in State Capacity Building: Evidence from the Digitization of Land Records in Pakistan”</i> , City University (with ShanAman-Rana)
14:45-15:00	<i>Break</i>	
15:00-16:00	Marieke Kleemans	<i>“Selection and Heterogeneity in the Returns to Migration”</i> , University of Illinois (with Eduardo Cenci and Emilia Tjernstrom) <i>Discussant: Dennis Egger, University of Oxford</i>
16:00-17:00	Ting Chen and Jia Jia Gu	<i>“Sowing Seeds of Mobility: Gender-biased Impact of Land Reforms”</i> , Hong Kong Baptist University and IMF (with L. Rachel Ngai and Jin Wang) <i>Discussant: Julieta Caunedo, Cornell University and CEPR</i>
17:00	Doug Gollin and Joe Kaboski	Closing Remarks

Time allocation: 40 mins for the presenter, 10 mins for the discussant and 10 mins for questions (excluding speed rounds).

Dinner will be served at 19h00.

Theme 1 Workshop on Firms, Frictions and Spillovers, Industrial Policy

Saturday, 11 January

Seminar Room A

(parallel with Theme 3 and 5 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: Ezra Oberfield (Cornell University) and Francisco Buera (Washington University in St. Louis and CEPR), the STEG Theme 1 leaders.

Papers have been assigned either a one hour or a 30 minute presentation slot.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-10:00	Gustavo de Souza	<i>"More Trade, Less Diffusion: Technology Transfers and the Dynamic Effects of Import"</i> , Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (with Ruben Gaetani and Marti Mestieri)
10:00-10:30	Luis Felipe Sáenz	<i>"Jobless Industrialization"</i> , University Of South Carolina (with Laura Alfaro, Marcela Eslava, Martí Mestieri)
10:30-11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:15-12:15	Jeremy Majerovitz	<i>"Measuring Misallocation with Experiments"</i> , University of Notre Dame (with David Hughes)
12:15-12:45	Megha Patnaik	<i>"Big India vs Big US"</i> , Luiss Guido Carli Free International University for Social Studies and CEPR (with Nick Bloom, Pete Klenow, Shelby Buckman)
12:45-13:15	Kriti Khanna	<i>"Credit Contract Enforcement and Income Disparities Across Indian States"</i> , Plashka University
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15-15:15	Martin Rotemberg	<i>"Gaining Steam: Technology Switching and Entrant Leapfrogging"</i> , New York University (with Richard Hornbeck, Shanon Hsuan-Ming Hsu, Anders Humlum)
15:15-15:45	Yongseok Shin	<i>"Risky Business and the Process of Development"</i> , Washington University in St. Louis (with Paco Buera, Jeremy Majerovitz, Kuldeep Singh)
15:45-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Xiaomei Sui	<i>"Innovation Potential, Firm Life Cycle, and Cross-Country Productivity Differences"</i> , University Of Hong Kong

Time allocation: For the 1 hour slots: No questions for the first 10 mins, and then open questions throughout the presentation. No separate Q&A.

For the 30 min slots: 25 mins for presenters and 5 mins of Q&A at the end. Only short clarification questions during the presentation.

Theme 3 Workshop on Agricultural Productivity and Sectoral Gaps

Saturday, 11 January

Seminar Room C

(parallel with Theme 1 and 5 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: Julieta Caunedo (Cornell University and CEPR) and Kevin Donovan (Yale School of Management), the STEG Theme 3 leaders.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-10:00	Wyatt Brooks	<i>"Global Trade Shocks and Local Agricultural Policy in Rwanda"</i> , Arizona State University (with Kevin Donovan) <i>Discussant: Kristina Manysheva, Columbia University</i>
10:00-11:00	Eduardo Pinheiro Fraga	<i>"Fertilizer Import Bans, Agricultural Exports, and Welfare: Evidence from Sri Lanka"</i> , London Business School (with Devaki Ghose and Ana Fernandes) <i>Discussant: Minki Kim, University of Mannheim</i>
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:15-12:15	Yulu Tang	<i>"Quality Incentives and Upgrading in Uganda's Coffee Supply Chain"</i> , Harvard University <i>Discussant: Lucas Zavala, World Bank</i>
12:15-13:15	Florian Trouvain	<i>"A General Equilibrium Analysis of Income Risk and Consumption Volatility in Rural-Urban Economies"</i> , University of Oxford <i>Discussant: Kevin Donovan, Yale School of Management</i>
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15-15:15	Marco Sanfilippo	<i>"The Local (Informal) Multiplier of Industrial Jobs"</i> , University of Turin (with Francesco Amodio, Elia Benveniste, Hoang Pham) <i>Discussant: Brian McCaig, Wilfrid Laurier University</i>
15:15-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Tomás Budí-Ors	<i>"Rural-Urban Migration and Structural Change: A Reinterpretation"</i> , European University Institute <i>Discussant: Dennis Egger, University of Oxford</i>

Time allocation: 35 minutes for presentations, 15 minutes for discussions and 10 minutes for Q&As.

Theme 5 Workshop on The Role of the Public Sector

Saturday, 11 January

Skills Lab

(parallel with Theme 3 and 5 workshops, with joint lunch)

Organisers: Abdoulaye Ndiaye (New York University and CEPR), Manuel García-Santana (World Bank and CEPR), and Martina Kirchberger (Trinity College Dublin and CEPR), the STEG Theme 5 leaders.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
9:00-10:00	Honghao Zheng*	<i>"Imperfect (Re)allocation in Imperfect Markets: Evidence from China's Pilot Carbon ETS"</i> , KU Leuven (with Johannes Van Biesebroeck)
10:00-11:00	Olivia Wirth*	<i>"Mobile Technologies and Firm Formalization: Evidence from Uganda"</i> , University of Passau (with Marina Dodlova, Krisztina Kis-Katos, Anna Kochanova)
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:15-12:15	Philipp Barteska	<i>"Bureaucrats and the Korean Export Miracle"</i> , London School of Economics (with Jay Euijung Lee)
12:15-13:15	Fidel Pérez-Sebastian	<i>"Electricity Access and Structural Transformation: Evidence from Brazil's Electrification"</i> , Universite of Alicante
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15-15:15	David Henning*	<i>"Tax audits and their economic distortions"</i> , University Of California Los Angeles (with Joseph Okello)
15:15-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Gabriel Leite Mariante*	<i>"When can cash transfers increase employment?"</i> , London School of Economics

Time allocation: For the 1 hour slots: No questions for the first 10 mins, and then open questions throughout the presentation. No separate Q&A.