# ThReD Conference 2025 Program
# Department of Economics at Monash University – Prato Italy
# June 25 – 26, 2025

ThReD
Theoretical Research in Development Economics

*Theoretical Research in Development Economics announces its 2025 ThReD Conference, which will be hosted by the Department of Economics at Monash University and will be held at the Monash Prato Centre in Prato, Italy, on Wednesday, June 25, and Thursday, June 26, 2025. The Organizing Committee consists of Jean-Marie Baland, Quoc-Anh Do, Patrick Francois, Dilip Mookherjee (Chair), and Diego Restuccia.*

## *DAY 1: Wednesday, June 25*

| *Time* | *Presentation* | *Authors (**Presenter**)* |
|---|---|---|
| 8.30-9.00 | Welcome Coffee | |
| | SESSION ONE<br>Chair: Jean-Marie Baland | |
| 09.00-10.00 | Inequality Traps in Convex and Convexified Economies | Maitreesh Ghatak (London School of Economics and CEPR) and **Andy Newman** (Boston University and CEPR) |
| 10.00-11.00 | Can Industrial Policy overcome Coordination Failures? Theory and Evidence | **Tishara Garg** (MIT) |
| 11.00-11.15 | Coffee Break | |
| | SESSION TWO<br>Chair: Diego Restuccia | |
| 11.15-12.15 | Consumer Search and Firm Location: Theory and Evidence from the Garment Sector in Uganda | **Anna Vitali** (NYU) |
| 12.15-13.15 | Rules and Regulations, Managerial Time and Economic Development | Nazim Tamkoc (World Bank) and **Gustavo Ventura** (Arizona State University) |
| 13.15-14.30 | Lunch | |
| | SESSION THREE<br>Chair: Dilip Mookherjee | |
| 14.30-15.30 | Conformity Concerns: A Dynamic Perspective | **Roi Orzach** (MIT) |
| 15.30-16.30 | Contracts with Interdependent Preferences | Marek Weretka (University of Wisconsin-Madison and and FAME/GRAPE) and **Debraj Ray** (New York University and University of Warwick) |
| 19:30 | Dinner at Interludio Restaurant Walled Garden, Via Pomeria, 64, 59100 Prato | |

## *DAY 2: Thursday, June 26 (Morning Only)*

| *Time* | *Presentation* | *Authors (**Presenter**)* |
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| | SESSION FOUR<br>Chair: Patrick Francois | |
| 09.00-10.00 | Faith-Based Organizations as Platforms | **Emmanuelle Auriol** (TSE), Amma Panin (University of Louvain), Eva Raiber (Aix-Marseille School of Economics) and Paul Seabright (TSE) |
| 10.00-11.00 | Learning About Outgroups: The Impact of Broad Versus Deep Interactions | **Anujit Chakraborty** (UC Davis), Arkadev Ghosh (Duke University), Matt Lowe (University of British Columbia) and Gareth Nellis (UCSD) |
| 11.00-11.15 | Coffee Break | |
| | SESSION FIVE<br>Chair: Quoc-Anh Do | |
| 11.15-12.15 | Search Frictions and Gendered Skill Investment in Marriage Markets | **Aditya Kuvalekar** (University of Essex) |
| 12.15-13.15 | A House for Two: Empowering Women with Property Rights | **Akanksha Vardani** (Columbia University) |
| 13.15-14.30 | Lunch | |