

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



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

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Presentation</i> | <i>Authors (Presenter)</i> |
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| 8.30-9.00 | Welcome Coffee | |
| SESSION ONE | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 FAME/GRAPE) and Debraj Ray (New York University and University of Warwick) |

DAY 2: Thursday, June 26 (Morning Only)

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| SESSION FOUR | | |
| 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) |
| SESSION FIVE | | |
| 11.00-11.15 | Coffee Break | |
| 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 | |