

**ThReD Conference 2026 Program**  
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# ThReD

Theoretical Research in Development Economics

*Theoretical Research in Development Economics announces its 2026 ThReD Conference, which will be hosted by the Geneva School of Economics and Management and the Geneva Graduate Institute, and will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Thursday, May 28, and Friday, May 29, 2026. The Organizing Committee consists of Giacomo De Giorgi, Garance Genicot, Hugo Hopenhayn, Rachel Kranton (Chair), and Kalle Moene.*

## DAY 1: Thursday, May 28th

Time	Presentation	Authors ( <b>Presenter</b> )
8.30-9.00	Welcome Coffee	
SESSION ONE		
09.00-10.00	Capital Embodied Structural Change	<b>Julieta Caunedo</b> (Cornell)
10.00-11.00	Technology Adoption and Optimal Industrial Policy	Fernando Alvarez (U Chicago), Francisco Buera (Washington U - St Louis), <b>Nicholas Trachter</b> (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break	
SESSION TWO		
11.15-12.15	Endogenous Transfer Networks Under Spatial Risk	<b>Christina Qiu</b> (Yale)
12.15-13.15	Do Banks Reduce Community-Level Cooperation? Experimental Evidence from Indian Villages	Christine Binzel (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), Erica Field (Duke University), <b>Alastair Langtry</b> (University of Bristol), Rohini Pande (Yale), Louise Paul-Delvaux (The World Bank)
13.15-14.30	Lunch	
SESSION THREE		
14.30-15.30	Social Networks and Polarization	<b>Nilmini Herath</b> (LSE)
15.30-16.30	Incentives in altruism networks	<b>Tizié Bene</b> (NYU Abu Dhabi)
19:30	Dinner	

***DAY 2: Friday, May 29 (Morning Only)***

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Authors (Presenter)</i>
SESSION FOUR		
09.00-10.00	Shifting Grounds: Social Norms and the Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth	<b>Rossella Calvi</b> (Rice University), <b>Aletheia Donald</b> (The World Bank), <b>Joao Montalvao</b> (The World Bank)
10.00-11.00	Aspirations as Reference Points	<b>Marco Fongoni</b> (Aix-Marseille Univ, CNRS, AMSE), <b>Alex Dickson</b> (University of Strathclyde)
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break	
SESSION FIVE		
11.15-12.15	Beliefs Over Contracts	<b>Francis Annan</b> (UC Berkeley), <b>Collin Raymond</b> (Cornell)
12.15-13.15	Relational Frictions along the Supply Chain: Evidence from Senegalese Traders	<b>Deivy Houeix</b> (Harvard) <b>Edward Wiles</b> (Harvard)
13.15-14.30	Lunch	