



Day 1: Monday 8 December 2025

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee (Chris Hani Building, Atrium)
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome (Chris Hani Building, Lecture Theatre)
09:45 – 10:45	KEYNOTE 1: Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	Session 1: Energy and incentives ♦ Zachary Kuloszewski (University of Chicago): <i>Blackouts, Technology Investments, and Market Outcomes: Evidence from South Africa</i> ♦ Yonas Alem (University of Cape Town / University of Gothenburg): <i>Information Nudges and WTP for Solar Water Heaters</i>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:30	Session 2: Public health ♦ Fadzayi Chingwere (University of Pretoria): <i>Education Returns to a Public Health Insurance Program: Evidence from Rwanda</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Break
14:45 – 15:45	Local PhD Panel 1: Inequality and Households ♦ Gameli Adika (University of Cape Town): <i>Socioeconomic Inequality in Childhood Chronic Illness</i> ♦ Blessings Nkuna (University of Pretoria): <i>Power Outages and Productivity: Evidence from South Africa</i> ♦ Imaan Ghoor (University of Cape Town / DNA Economics): <i>Fairness in Water Consumption Experiments</i> ♦ Valentine Madzudzo (Stellenbosch University): <i>Immigrant Special Visas and Local Employment</i>
15:45 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Session 3: Infrastructural aspects of development ♦ Andrew Kerr (University of Cape Town & DataFirst): <i>Rail Service Quality, Cost of Living and Employment: Evidence from Cape Town</i> ♦ Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University): <i>Infrastructure, Inequality and Infant Mortality: Evidence from a South African Town, 1895–1930</i>
18:00	Close

Day 2: Tuesday 9 December 2025

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival and coffee (Chris Hani Building, Atrium)
09:30 – 11:00	Session 4: Identity-based exclusion (Chris Hani Building, Lecture Theatre) ♦ Jonas Hjort (UCL): <i>Needed but Not Welcome? Entrepreneurial Immigrants, Jobs, and Xenophobic Violence in South Africa</i> ♦ Rikhia Bhukta (IIT Kanpur): <i>Does Financial Inclusion Mitigate Social Exclusion?</i>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:50	Session 5: Industrial policy and institutions ♦ Dilan Yang (University of Oxford): <i>Equity vs. Subsidy: Government Venture Capital as Industrial Policy</i> ♦ Tchapo Gbandi (University of Lomé): <i>Traditional Marketplaces in Modern Economies: Evidence from Togo</i>
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch
13:50 – 14:35	Local PhD Session 2: Labour ♦ Richard Freund (University of Cape Town / MIDE): <i>Digital Skills for Better Jobs: Evidence from a Bootcamp Training Program in Peru</i> ♦ Michael Zuze (Stellenbosch University): <i>Understanding Productivity Gaps in Informal Enterprises (Zimbabwe & SA)</i> ♦ Gabriel Espi-Sanchis (SALDRU, University of Cape Town): <i>Household Pension Loss and Employment Outcomes</i> ♦ Steven Lee Mwaseba (Stellenbosch University): <i>Impact of Rotavirus Vaccine Rollout on Child Stunting</i>
14:35 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Session 6: Social Protection ♦ Robert Garlick (Duke University): <i>The Efficiency Gains from Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya</i> ♦ Adeola Oyenubi (University of the Witwatersrand): <i>Impact of Social Security on Food Choice and Vice Spending</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:45	KEYNOTE 2: Taryn Dinkelman, University of Notre Dame
17:45	Thanks
18:00	Close

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