Conference on the economics of crime and justice

Discussing recent work on the economics of crime and the criminal justice system

31 May – 1 June 2024, LSE, SAL.1.04, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PH
In-person and online, times are shown in BST.

Friday 31 May

10:15 Welcome and introduction

10:30 Session one - Interventions

We're building something here: reducing gun violence without exacerbating the harms of policing in Baltimore's western district
Speaker: **Max Kapustin** (Cornell University)
Co-authors: Aaron Chalfin (University of Pennsylvania), Jeremy Biddle (University of Pennsylvania), Cristina Layana (University of Pennsylvania), Brian A Wade (University of Pennsylvania), Ben Struhl (University of Pennsylvania) and Anthony A Braga (University of Pennsylvania)
Discussant: **Kevin Schnepel** (Simon Fraser University)

Civilian alternatives to policing: evidence from Medellin's community problem-solving intervention 'Operacion Convivencia'
Speaker: **Santiago Tobón** (Universidad EAFIT)
Co-authors: Christopher Blattman (University of Chicago), Gustavo Duncan (Universidad EAFIT) and Benjamin Lessing (University of Chicago)
Discussant: **Jakub Lonsky** (University of Edinburgh)

12:10 Lunch

13:40 Session three – Prisons

Something works in US jails: misconduct and recidivism effects of the IGNITE program
Speaker: **Crystal S. Yang** (Harvard Law School)
Co-authors: Marcella Alsan (Harvard Kennedy School), Arkey Barnett (University of Michigan) and Peter Hull (Brown University)
Discussant: **Giovanni Mastrobuoni** (Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Building criminal networks in prison
Speaker: **Arnaud Philippe** (Bristol University)
Discussant: **Magdalena Dominguez** (CEP/LSE)

15:20 Break

15:40 Session four – Gangs

Breaking the gang: a preventive approach to reduce recruitment in schools
Speaker: **Mica Sviatschi** (Princeton University)
Co-authors: Eleno Castro (Johns Hopkins University), Felipe Coy (Princeton University) and Carlos Schmidt-Padilla (University of Pennsylvania)
Discussant: **Matteo Sandi** (Catholic University of Milan and CEP/LSE)

Explaining persistent duopolies of violence: how the state gets drug gangs to govern for it
Speaker: **Benjamin Lessing** (University of Chicago)
Discussant: **Maitreesh Ghatak** (LSE)

17:40 End of day one

Saturday 1 June

10:15	**Welcome and introduction to day two**
10:30	**Session five – Reforms**

Making background salient: the effects of opening access to records for individuals in criminal databases
Speaker: **Hans Grönqvist** (Linnaeus University)
Co-authors: Erika Forsberg (Uppsala University), Susan Niknami (Stockholm University) and Mårten Palme (Stockholm University)
Discussant: **Anna Bindler** (University of Cologne)

On the tension between due process protection and public safety: the case of an extensive procedural reform in Colombia
Speaker: **Daniel Mejia** (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)
Co-authors: Camilo Acosta (Inter-American Development Bank) and Angela Zorro Medina (University of Chicago)
Discussant: **Jeffrey Grogger** (Chicago University)

12:10	**Lunch**
13:10	**Session six – Sanctions**

Ethnic disparity in criminal sentences in China: evidence from the universe of court verdicts
Speaker: **Wenwei Peng** (Harvard University)
Co-author: Takanao Tanaka (University of California, Berkeley)
Discussant: **Stephen Machin** (CEP/LSE)

Satellites and fines: using monitoring to target inspections of deforestation
Speaker: **Alipio Ferreira** (Southern Methodist University)
Discussant: **Tom Kirchmaier** (CEP/LSE)

14:50	**Break**
15:10	**Session seven – Police**

Officer heterogeneity
Speaker: **Roman Rivera** (University of California, Berkeley)
Discussant: **Brian Bell** (King's College London)

Strategic bureaucratic opacity: evidence from death investigation laws and police killings
Speaker: **Stephen Kastoryano** (University of Reading)
Co-authors: Elda Celislami (University of Reading) and Giovanni Mastrobuoni (University of Turin)
Discussant: **Adam Soliman** (CEP/LSE)

17:00	**Close**

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