

“Public Policy, Opinions, Behavior, and Health Outcomes during the COVID Pandemic”

November 13th, 2020

8:00am to 5:00pm US central time

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We are pleased to announce a one-day virtual conference titled “Public Policy, Opinions, Behavior, and Health Outcomes during the COVID Pandemic.” This conference, which is jointly hosted by researchers at the University of São Paulo, the Vienna University of Economics and Business, and Texas A&M University, brings together a diverse group of social science scholars to present their current research on these important issues. Proceedings from the conference will be submitted and reviewed with accepted work published in a special issue of *Social Science Quarterly*.

Conference Organizers:

Lorena G. Barberia, University of São Paulo

Thomas Plümper, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Robert K. Goidel, Texas A&M University

Guy D. Whitten, Texas A&M University

Conference Sponsors:

Texas A&M University European Union Center

University of São Paulo Department of Political Science

Vienna University of Economics and Business



Overview:

No political observer could have predicted the introduction of effective travel restrictions among Schengen countries, the implementation of radical policy measures such as the lockdown, the emergence of intensified political conflict on these policy measures often, but not always, aligned with preexisting social, economic, and political cleavages, and an astonishing decline in international cooperation. At the microlevel, the political stance of individuals has been dominated by the health issues associated with Covid-19 and increased uncertainties about the electoral fate of incumbent and opposition parties alike.

The papers included in the workshop will cover all aspects of the politics and policies of the Covid-19 pandemic from an interdisciplinary social science perspective. The workshop focuses on Covid-19 related government policies and associated health outcomes across and within countries, and the multiple ways public opinion and behavior have interacted with these factors.

Conference Schedule:

Session I Chaired by Thomas Plümper

8:00-8:40

“How to Get Away with Spreading COVID-19: Political Connections and Pandemic Response”

Robert Kubinec (NYU Abu Dhabi), Haillie Na-Kyung Lee (Seoul National University),
Andrey Tomashevskiy (Rutgers University)

Discussant: Laron Williams (University of Missouri)

8:50-9:30

“Brazil’s subnational Covid response: Analyzing the effectiveness of state and city government measures, and associated behavioural shifts”

Anna Petherick (University of Oxford), Rafael Goldszmidt (EBAPE-FGV, Rio de Janeiro),
Beatriz Kira (University of Oxford), Lorena Barberia (University of São Paulo)

Discussant: Thiago Silva (University of Mannheim)

9:40-10:20

“The Political Economy of COVID-19 Border Closures”

Niklas Fent, Dominik Obeth, Cindy Cheng, Luca Messerschmidt, Ernesto Cruz Ruiz,
Tim Büthe (Technical University of Munich)

Discussant: Scott Cook (Texas A&M University)

Session II Chaired by Lorena Barberia

10:30-11:10

“Forecasting cases and deaths of the Covid-19 pandemic in Latin America”

Jurgen A. Doornik, Jennifer L. Castle and David F. Hendry (University of Oxford)

Discussant: Clayton Webb (University of Kansas)

11:20-12:00

“Summer School Holidays and the Growth Rate in Sars-CoV-2 Infections Across German Districts”

Thomas Plümper (Vienna University of Economics and Business), Eric Neumayer
(London School of Economics and Political Science)

Discussant: Cameron Wimpy (Arkansas State University)

12:10-12:50

“Gender Differences in Perceived Risk of COVID-19”

Andrew Lewis, Ray Duch (University of Oxford)

Discussant: Eline de Rooij (Simon Fraser University)

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Conference Schedule (cont.):

Session III Chaired by Guy Whitten

13:00-13:40

“Should I Stay or Should I Go? Perception of Infection Risk, Economic Hardship, and Compliance with COVID-19 Social Distancing Policies in Brazil”

Lorena G. Barberia (University of São Paulo), Guy D. Whitten (Texas A&M University), Natalia Moreira (University of São Paulo), Andrea Junqueira (Texas A&M University), Ingrid Castro Silva (University of São Paulo)

Discussant: Matthew Gabel (Washington University)

13:50-14:30

“Public Health Precaution or Democratic Undermining? A Study of COVID-19 and Global Electoral Calendar Manipulation”

Kelly Senters Piazza, James Landy, Wedgide Bourdeau (United States Air Force Academy)

Discussant: Mary Stegmaier (University of Missouri)

14:40-15:20

“Brexit, COVID-19 and Attitudes Towards Immigration in Britain”

Mark Pickup and Vincent Hopkins (Simon Fraser University)

Discussant: Harold Clarke (The University of Texas at Dallas)

Overview of schedule:

We have decided on the following format for each presentation

20 minutes of presentation

10 minutes of discussant comments

10 minutes of audience comments/questions

10 minutes between presentations (slack time)

