CURE 2026

Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

Friday 9 – Saturday 10 October 2026 · Geffen Hall, Columbia Business School

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Time	Stream A Geffen 490	Stream B Geffen 520
8:30 – 8:55	*Pastries & Coffee* — Geffen 570	
8:55 – 9:00	*Welcome and Introductions* — Geffen 570	
9:00 – 10:00	**Whose Tree Is It Anyway? Property Rights and Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon** Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (University of Chicago)	**Pathways into Homelessness** Victor Couture (University of Toronto)
10:00 – 11:00	**Local Human Capital Spillovers** Nicolas Gendron-Carrier (McGill University)	**Building Segregation: The Long-Run Neighborhood Effects of American Public Housing** Beau Bressler (Yale University)
11:00 – 11:30	*Coffee Break* — Geffen 570	
11:30 – 12:30	**Road Pricing under Heterogeneity** Brad Ross (The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)	**Slums and Urban Development** Lucas Conwell (UCL)
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch* — Geffen Boardroom (3rd floor)	
14:00 – 15:00	**Delayed Childbearing and Urban Revival: A Structural Approach** Clara Santamaría (Sciences Po)	**Choices or Constraints? Disentangling Preferences from Restrictions in Housing Markets** Aradhya Sood (University of Toronto)
15:00 – 16:00	**Uber versus Trains? Worldwide Evidence from Transit Expansions** Jonathan Hall (University of Alabama)	**Land Use Regulation, Homeownership, and the Cost of NIMBYism** Brian Greaney (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)
16:00 – 16:30	*Coffee Break* — Geffen 570	
16:30 – 17:30	**Who Benefits from Million Dollar Plants? The Missing Local Beneficiaries** Stephen L. Ross (University of Connecticut)	**Zoning: Externalities or Misallocation?** Chang-Tai Hsieh (Chicago Booth)
18:00	*Conference Dinner* — Sempre Oggi	

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

TIME	STREAM A Geffen 490	STREAM B Geffen 420
8:30 – 9:00	*Pastries & Coffee* — Geffen 570	
9:00 – 10:00	**The Making of a National Mortgage Market and Its Effects on American Cities** Leonardo D'Amico (Chicago Booth)	**Quantifying the Sensitivity of Quantitative Trade Models** Edward Wiles (Harvard University)
10:00 – 11:00	**Evicted from Opportunity: Labor Market Effects of Housing Loss in High-Productivity Cities** Charly Porcher (Georgetown University)	**Cities without Suburbs? The Effect of Municipal Scale on Local Public Finance** Allison Green (London School of Economics)
11:00 – 11:30	*Coffee Break* — Geffen 570	
11:30 – 12:30	**Creating High-Opportunity Neighborhoods: Evidence from the HOPE VI Program** Matthew Staiger (Opportunity Insights, Harvard University)	**A Unified Urban Model with Non-Homothetic Housing Demand** Gilles Duranton (University of Pennsylvania)
12:30 – 13:30	*Lunch & Close of Conference* — Geffen Boardroom (3rd floor)	

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