

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Faculty and Students

From: David E. Weinstein  
Executive Director, Program for Economic Research

Date: September 15, 2018

Re: **Upcoming PER Events**

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This fall we will sponsor fifteen public events, and host fourteen faculty members from peer institutions such as Stanford, Harvard, Northwestern and Toulouse School of Economics. In addition, we will continue supporting graduate students with PER's funding for research, student editing services, conference travel, and additional support for data construction costs and experiments.

We have a great line up of events in the months ahead. Below is a list of our main activities and additional information about resources.

➤ **Activities for the Fall Semester:**

- **PER Distinguished Lectures:**
  - Gary Charness (UC Santa Barbara): Wednesday, September 26, 2018
  - Chris Udry (Northwestern): November 2018
- **PER Mini-Course Series:**
  - Frederic Vermeulen (KU Leuven)
  - Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde (University of Pennsylvania)
- **PER Weekly Visitors:**
  - Bruno Julien (Toulouse School of Economics): Week of September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Ralph Luetticke (UCL): Week of October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Alexandros Theloudis (University of Luxembourg): Week of November 26<sup>th</sup>
- **PER Faculty Lunch Series:**
  - Suresh Naidu, Thursday October 4, 2018
- **Conferences:**
  - **Columbia Conference on Economic Theory (CCET) 2018, September 14-15, 2018.** This event is organized by Navin Kartik (Columbia) and Jacopo Peregò (NYU)

- **The Columbia University-NYU Joint Conference: Spatial Economics Through the Lens of Economic History, September 21-22, 2018.** This event is organized by Reka Juhasz (Columbia) and Walker Hanlon (NYU)
    - **Urban Economic Association Conference, featuring Raj Chetty (Harvard), Leah Platt Boustan (Princeton), and Edward Glaeser (Harvard), October 11-13, 2018.** This event is organized by Donald Davis (Columbia).
    - **The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Arrow Lecture, featuring Alvin E. Roth (Stanford), Thursday November 8, 2018**
    - **Political Economy Conference, Friday December 14, 2018.** This event is organized by Suresh Naidu (Economics) and Carlo Prato (Political Science).
  - **Other Special Events:**
    - **A Special Evening Lecture with Dr. William H. Janeway:** Monday October 1, 2018, Columbia Maison Française
    - **Financial Architecture Panel, Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Berner (Former Director of the Office of Financial Research), Nobuchika Mori (Commissioner at the Financial Services Agency of Japan), Tano Santos (Columbia), José Alexandre Scheinkman (Columbia)
- **Funding for Research Support for Graduate Students:**
  - a. **Support for Data Purchase:** PER will provide support for students who wish to purchase data sets for their Ph.D. research. To apply, a student must submit a 5-page research proposal detailing the use of data for his/her research, accompanied by letters of endorsement by two advisors. The funding will be conditional on the research carried out not being co-authored with advisors; and the funding decision will take favorably into account a proposal that will make the data available for other students and has the advisors offering to match a share of the expense.
  - **Student Editing Support Program:** PER will provide \$500 per person during the program for English editing services, under the condition that the sponsoring faculty member(s) match the PER contribution.
  - **Fly-Out Assistance:** PER will provide support to job-market candidates who need assistance traveling for interviews.
  - **Conference Travel:** PER will reimburse 50% of conference-related expenses up to a maximum commitment of \$400.
  - **Faculty | Student Lunch:** PER will help cover the costs of faculty –student lunch with 1<sup>st</sup> year Ph.D. students. Each lunch should have 2-5 students, and at least one of you. PER will reimburse \$20 per person (excluding tax and tip). You will cover any overage. You can submit a regular reimbursement request indicating that the expense is for a “1st year students-faculty lunch”. Each of you is most welcome to host multiple such lunches, but please do not repeat the same group of students.

- **Summer RA Support Program:** PER will award up to 20 summer RA grants of \$2,000 each for Ph.D. students working with a faculty in the department. The Call for Proposal will distributed Spring 2019.
  
- **Working Paper Series (Online)**
  - **The Columbia Economics Discussion Paper (DP) Series:** The DP series will publish faculty research at the pre-publication stage. (Columbia Ph.D. candidates at an advanced stage, typically in the job market year, may publish papers in the DP series with the endorsement of at least two faculty members within the Department.) For more information, please contact Stephanie Cohen, Program Manager ([sc3867@columbia.edu](mailto:sc3867@columbia.edu)).

I invite you to reach out to Sophia Johnson, Assistant Director for PER ([sj2482@columbia.edu](mailto:sj2482@columbia.edu)), with your ideas and interests, and become part of our unique research community. Again, thanks so much for your continued support and engagement.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sophia Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.