

International and Intra-National Comparisons of Prices and Income (IICPI)

October 3-4, 2024

Harvard Business School, Boston

Location: Chao Center, Room 340

Organized by the Pricing Lab at the Digital, Data and Design Institute at Harvard
(www.pricinglab.org)

WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2024

6:45 p.m. **Welcome Dinner - sponsored by the World Bank** (Harvest Restaurant, 44 Brattle St Cambridge)

THURSDAY, October 3, 2024

8:30– 9:00am Conference Registration and Breakfast

Session I: International Comparisons

9:00 – 9:45 *Prices and Global Inequality: New Evidence from Worldwide Scanner Data*
Xavier Jaravel, Guenter Beck

15 min Break

10:00 – 10:45 *International Comparisons of Real Income by Matching Households Across Countries*
Javier Cravino, David Baqaee, Ariel Burstein

15 min Break

11:00 – 11:45 *The Treatment of Import and Export Prices in International Comparisons*
Robert Feenstra, Alberto Cavallo, Robert Inklaar, Ninghui Li

12:00–1:00 Lunch

Session II: Inflation & Price Setting

1:00 – 1:45 *Measuring Inflation at High Frequency Using Scanner Data*
Alicia Rambaldi, Robert Hill, Daniel Melser

15 min Break

2:00 -2:45 *Bias in the PCE Price Index*
David Argente, Chang-Tai Hsieh, Munseob Lee

15 min Break

3:00 – 3:45 *Inflation and Price Dispersion: New Cross-Sectoral and International Evidence*
Santiago Alvarez-Blaser

- 15 min Break
- 4:00 – 4:45 *Cultural superstitions and price-setting*
Oleksandr Talavera, Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Zhuangchen Wu
- 5:15 p.m. Reception (Meredith Room, Spangler Center, HBS campus)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Meredith Room, Spangler Center, HBS campus)

FRIDAY, October 4, 2024

8:30– 9:00am Breakfast

Session III: Intra-National Comparisons

- 9:00-9:45 *Which US States Suffered a Greater Great Depression and Why?*
Mario Crucini, Hanjo "Terry" Kim, Dong Cheng
- 15 min Break
- 10:00-10:45 *Six Steps to Civilization in the Middle East, 7500 - 3000 BCE / Eating with Neanderthals*
Bob Allen
- 15 min Break
- 11:00–11:45 *Estimating the Value of Product Variety to Consumers Using Instrumental Variables*
René Leal Vizcaino, Jean William Laliberte, Matthew Notwidigdo, Kory Kroft
- 12:00–1:00 Lunch

Session IV: New Data and Methods

- 1:00 – 1:45 *Comparing Housing Rents in Cities Around the World: Can Airbnb Help?*
Robert Hill, Miriam Steurer
- 15 min Break
- 2:00 -2:45 *The Convergence of Occupations: Evidence from Online Job Vacancy Data*
Alexis Antoniadis, Emmanouil Chatzikonstantinou
- 15 min Break
- 3:00 – 3:45 *A General Equilibrium approach to Constant Price Real Income Comparisons*
D.S. Prasada Rao, Antonio Peyrache
- 15 min Break
- 4:00 – 4:45 *Calculating PPPs when only Price Information is Available*
Erwin Diewert, Chihiro Shimizu