

# 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  
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## 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 Melsner

15 min Break

2:00 -2:45 [\*Bias in the PCE Price Index\*](#)  
**David Argente**, Chang-Tai Hsieh, Munseob Lee

15 min Break

300 – 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 Vizcaíno**, 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 *Alternative Interregional PPPs for Japan at the First Level of Aggregation*  
**Erwin Diewert**, Chihiro Shimizu