

Santiago Alvarez-Blaser

15 min Break

4:00 – 4:45 [Cultural superstitions and price-setting \[slides\]](#)
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?* [\[slides\]](#)
Mario Crucini, Hanjo "Terry" Kim, Dong Cheng

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10:00-10:45 [Six Steps to Civilization in the Middle East, 7500 - 3000 BCE / Eating with Neanderthals \[slides\]](#)
Bob Allen

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11:00–11:45 [Estimating the Value of Product Variety to Consumers Using Instrumental Variables \[slides\]](#)
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? \[slides\]](#)
Robert Hill, Miriam Steurer

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2:00 -2:45 *The Convergence of Occupations: Evidence from Online Job Vacancy Data* [\[slides\]](#)
Alexis Antoniades, Emmanouil Chatzikonstantinou

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3:00 – 3:45 *A General Equilibrium approach to Constant Price Real Income Comparisons* [\[slides\]](#)
D.S. Prasada Rao, Antonio Peyrache