

AAEA News



Call for Selected Presentations

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. Selected Papers can be assigned to present in a Lightning Session (8 papers, 9 minutes for each presentation; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion) or a Selected Paper Session (4 Papers, 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion). At the time of submission, individuals will have the option of having their submission considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Joint Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.

Abstracts must be received by Thursday, January 14, 2016, and should be submitted using AAEA's [online Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

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To submit a proposal, you must be a 2016 AAEA member or pay a non-refundable \$25 submission fee. You may become or renew membership or pay the \$25 submission fee before submitting your proposal in the [online Abstract Management System](#).

Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. Notification of whether a presentation proposal has been accepted will be sent via email by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please check spam boxes, as the notification email may have gone there. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned interval for questions and discussion. The printed program will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their Poster to AgEcon Search no later than May 25, 2016. Posters that miss this deadline will need to be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Selected Papers can be allotted 9 or 20 minutes for presentation at the meeting, which is dependent on what type of session a paper is assigned to. Up to 8 papers are included in a Lightning Session and up to 4 papers are included in a Selected Paper Session. Each type of session lasts 90 minutes. Therefore, each of the 8 paper presentations in a Lightning Session is 9 minutes; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion, and each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is given 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to AgEcon Search no later than May 25, 2016. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the [American Journal of Agricultural Economics](#) style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online [Abstract Management System](#).

Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2016

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2016 on the [AAEA website](#). Simply log in to the "My Account" section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves you time by filling out most of the information for you automatically.

The benefits of your AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2016, so be sure to renew soon to ensure that you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.

Call for Organized Symposia Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Proposals are due by Thursday, January 14, 2016, and should be submitted using AAEA's [online abstract submission system](#). Material previously presented cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are not encouraged. If such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **May 25, 2016**.

Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

Notification of whether a proposal has been accepted will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please contact Anna Douangphachanh at adouangphachanh@aea.org if you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposium proposal.





International Lecture and Reception Announcement

Dear AAEA Colleagues,
The International Section is extremely pleased to announce Daron Acemoglu, PhD will be our featured International Speaker at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Dr. Acemoglu is an Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His many publications are widely acclaimed for their contributions to understanding economic development and growth, the success or failure of nation states, and the transition to new technologies, and to advancing the field of network economics. His 2012 book, “Why Nations Fail” (with James Robinson), is decidedly relevant and important in today’s world of stark divisions between the rich and the poor. It’s described by the *Wall Street Journal* as “a splendid piece of scholarship” and by *The Washington Post* as “a surprisingly captivating read.” Professor Acemoglu won the prestigious John Bates Clark Medal in 2005, and he is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences,

among many professional honors he has received.

We invite everyone attending the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting to join us for Dr. Acemoglu’s lecture and the reception to follow. This year we introduce a new format for the International Speaker events, designed for greater affordability and accessibility, and to provide a welcoming venue where graduate students, new professionals, senior members, and others may mingle, partake of refreshments—including a cash bar that will open before the talk begins—share thoughts about the talk, and expand professional and social networks.

The lecture and reception will take place Monday evening, August 1, 2016. Stay tuned for time and place. We look forward to seeing you!

Chris Barrett, Gopi Munisamy, Melinda Smale, and Nicole Ballenger
International Section Executive Committee

AAEA Proudly Presents Four New Sections:



AAEA at ASSA 2016



T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture: Frank Wolak

January 3, 2016 at 6:15 PM

Marriott Marquis — Lower B2 Level, Yerba Buena Salons 5 & 6

Reception to Follow in Yerba Buena Salons 3 & 4 at 7:15pm

Frank Wolak is the Holbrook Working Professor of Commodity Price Studies in the Economics Department at Stanford. He is well known for his work on competition in infrastructure industries, including electricity and water, which is a very timely topic. His bio and contact information are online at:

<http://web.stanford.edu/group/fwolak/cgi-bin/>

2016 AAEA Invited Paper Sessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

Water Resource Management Challenges: Efficient Institutions and Policies (Q5)

8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: Levan Elbakidze (West Virginia University)

The Gravity of Water: Water Trade Frictions in California

- Charles Regnacq (Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour)
- Ariel Dinar (University of California, Riverside)
- Ellen Hanak (Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center)

Technological Portfolio Approach to Address Changing Climate and Its Impact of Water

- Yang Xie (University of California, Berkeley)
- David Roland-Holst (University of California, Berkeley)
- David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

Bargaining for Recharge: An Analysis of Cooperation and Conjunctive Surface Water-Groundwater Management for Irrigation

- Kelly Cobourn (Virginia Tech)
- Levan Elbakidze (University of Idaho)
- Gregory Amacher (Virginia Tech)

Discussant:

- Jeffrey Peterson (University of Minnesota)
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Targeting Nutrient Pollution to Protect Inland and Coastal Waterways: Tradeoffs Between Agriculture and Aquatic Ecosystem Services (Q5)

10:15 am, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: Joseph Herriges (Michigan State University)

The Implications of Environmental Policy on Nutrient Outputs in Agricultural Watersheds

- Brent Sohngen (The Ohio State University)

Robust Optimization of Agricultural Conservation Investments to Cost-Efficiently Reduce the Northern Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone

- Catherine Kling (Iowa State University)

Too Burdensome to Bid: Transaction Costs and Pay-for-Performance Conservation

- Leah H. Palm-Forster (University of Delaware)

The Agricultural Phosphorus Pollution Puzzle: Knowledge Gaps on Costs, Ecosystem Services, Values and Policy

- Frank Lupi (Michigan State University)

Analysis of Trade and Localization in Agricultural Products and Processed Foods (A1)

12:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: Stephen Devadoss (University of Idaho)

Implications of Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for Food Processing Sector

- Jeff Luckstead (University of Arkansas)
- Stephen Devadoss (University of Idaho)

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Barriers in Chinese Agricultural Exports: The Role of Trade Intermediaries

- Mark J. Gibson (Washington State University)
- Qianqian Wang (Henan University)

The Localization of Processed Food Products over Time

- Andrew J. Cassey (Washington State University)
- Ben O. Smith (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

Discussant:

- Gopinath Munisamy (United States Department of Agriculture)
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Supply Chains as Mechanisms to Facilitate Technological Change in Agriculture (Q1)

2:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

Disembodied Technology Innovation and Supply Chain Design

- Xiaoxue Du (University of California, Berkeley)
- Liang Lu (University of California, Berkeley)
- David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

Global Agrifood Firms Leveraging Value Chain Innovations and Inter-Firm Contracts to Fast-Track Technology Transfer to Emerging Market Investment Locations

- Thomas Reardon (Michigan State University)

Innovations in International Value Chains to Transfer Technologies in Developing Countries

- Johan Swinnen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

New Product Introductions and Innovation in the Food Marketing Chain

- Haimanti Bhattacharya (University of Utah)
- Robert Innes (University of California, Merced)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**Food Access, Food Choice and Obesity: Theoretical and Empirical Advances (I1, Q1)**

8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: Di Zeng (University of Arkansas)

Food Desert and Obesity Risk: A Theoretical Perspective

- Di Zeng (University of Arkansas)
- Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr. (University of Arkansas)
- Michael R. Thomsen (University of Arkansas)

Food Access and Obesity Outcomes: A Multidimensional Examination

- Jacqueline Yenerall (Virginia Tech)
- Wen You (Virginia Tech)

The Effect of Food Environment on Weight and Obesity: Evidence from French Urban Data

- France Caillavet (INRA-ALISS)
- Gayaneh Kyureghian (Korea University)
- Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr. (University of Arkansas)
- Pierre Chauvin (INSERM)

Discussant:

- Louis-Georges Soler (INRA-ALISS)
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Frontiers in the Economics of Food Labeling (Q1)

2:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, (fifth level) Sierra C

Presiding: Xiaoyong Zheng (North Carolina State University)

Market Responses to Changes in Food Labeling: Theory and Empirical Implementation

- Xiaou Liu (Renmin University of China)
- **Chen Zhu** (China Agricultural University)
- **Rigoberto A. Lopez** (University of Connecticut)

The Effects of Expert Opinion on Consumer Demand for Goods with Credence Attributes: Evidence from a Natural Experiment

- **Chen Zhen** (University of Georgia)
- **Xiaoyong Zheng** (North Carolina State University)

Effects of Nutrition Label Use on Consumer Diet–Health Concerns

- **Sven Anders** (University of Alberta)
- **Christiane Schroeter** (California Polytechnic State University–San Luis Obispo)

Socially Responsible Product Labels and Warm Glow: The Case of Specialty Coffee

- **Leslie J. Verteramo Chiu** (Cornell University)
- **Miguel Gómez** (Cornell University)
- **Jura Liaukonyte** (Cornell University)
- **Harry M. Kaiser** (Cornell University)
- **Jubo Yan** (Cornell University)

Other News

19th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis***“Analytical Foundations for Cooperation in a Multipolar World”***

June 15–17, 2016 in Washington D.C.

The 19th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis is being jointly organized by the [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) and [The World Bank](#).

Background

The goal of the annual conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues. Particular emphasis will

be placed on applied general equilibrium methods, data, and application. Related theoretical and applied work is also welcome.

The overall theme of the conference is *“Analytical Foundations for Cooperation in a Multipolar World”* with sub–themes on:

- Perspectives and policies for sustainable, inclusive growth

- Poverty and inequality in a rapidly changing world
- Sustainable development for the 21st Century
- Structural transformation in a changing world
- Implications of the internet for the world economy with sub-themes of trade in digital goods and NTMs

Submissions

Abstracts and organized session proposals are currently being accepted on the [GTAP website](#) through **January 15**. Please visit the [conference homepage](#) for further details.

Scholarships

The [Centre of Policy Studies](#), Victoria University and [GAMS Development Corporation](#) have graciously provided funding to offer scholarships to participants with papers accepted into the conference. The CoPS

scholarship is named in memory of the late [Ken Pearson](#), and the GAMs in recognition of [Thomas Rutherford](#). Both scholarships are aimed to support the participation of promising young researchers at the conference and encourage their contributions to the use and further development of analytical software for CGE modelling. Please visit the [conference homepage](#) for further details on eligibility and application.

Registration

Registrations for this event will be accepted from **early January 2016 through April 30, 2016**. Rates will be posted in the near future.

For further information or to submit an abstract or session proposal, please visit the conference homepage on the GTAP website at: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2016/>.

Call for Papers

Fifth Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA)

June 16–17, 2016 – Bologna, Italy

The fifth AIEAA Conference aims at providing a scientific contribution to these issues by expanding the knowledge base on the fundamentals of better regulation, and by promoting a critical debate on the underlying theoretical and methodological issues and policy implications.

Specific issues to be addressed include:

- Cost–benefit analysis of regulation in the bio–based economy
- Design of enforcement rules for food safety and agri–environmental regulation
- Nudge approaches to consumer regulation vis a vis command and control regulation in the food chain
- Political economy of regulation in the bio–based economy
- Intellectual property rights regulation (geographical indication)
- Regulating the provision of public goods
- Competition regulation
- Regulation of quality standards and global value chains
- Impact of alternative types of regulation (standards, licensing and labeling) of the bio–based economy
- Sources and effects of market failures in the bio–based economy

- Innovation in methods and tools for regulatory impact analysis
- Applications to sectoral policies: agriculture, food, biotechnology, bio-energy, biomaterials

AIEAA welcomes the submission of contributions on the topics above. However, the submission of contributions on all agricultural and applied economics topics is encouraged as well.

Submissions

Contribution proposals should be submitted in English through the conference website at www.aieaa.org. There are three types of contributions: contributed papers, organized sessions, and posters.

Contributed papers

Participants intending to present a paper are requested to submit an extended abstract (minimum 1000 words; maximum 1500 words) before **January 31, 2016**. Abstracts should include:

- a. Introduction to the topic
- b. Description of data and research methodology
- c. Discussion of theoretical and/or empirical results
- d. Emphasis on the paper's potential for generating discussion during the conference
- e. A list of few essential references

Organized sessions

Participants are invited to propose organized sessions primarily, but not exclusively, on topics relevant to the conference themes. Proposals (max 2,000 words) should include the name of the organizer, the session title, the name of contributors, and the title and abstract of each paper. It is suggested that proposed sessions include no more than four papers. Proposals should be submitted by **January 31, 2016**. Organized session proposals will be subject to a peer review process. Authors will be notified of acceptance by March 11, 2016.

Posters

AIEAA welcomes the submission of posters. Accepted posters will be presented and discussed in dedicated sessions. Participants should submit an abstract (max 500 words) by **January 31, 2016**. Poster proposals will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of poster acceptance by March 11, 2016.

Important deadlines

Abstract submission by authors: **January 31, 2016**

Notification of acceptance to authors: **March 11, 2016**

Full paper/poster submission: **May 27, 2016**

Authors' registration deadline: **May 27, 2016**

Learn more online: www.aieaa.org

Call for Proposals:***NBER Project on the Economics of Food Security, Nutrition, and Health: Insights from FoodAPS***

For this initiative, priority will be given to proposals that explore questions related to SNAP, child nutrition (including child nutrition programs), and WIC. Potential research topics for this initiative include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The Role of Food Access in Child Nutrition
- WIC and the Local Food Environment
- Understanding Food Insecurity
- Private Food Charities, Economic Conditions, and Food Choice
- SNAP, Food Choice, and Purchase Quality for Households with Children
- Provider Responses to Federal Food Programs
- Reporting of Program Benefits and Participation

A complete list of variables available to users in this initiative and a user guide is available at:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/foodaps-national-household-food-acquisition-and-purchase-survey.aspx#49482>.

This list of researcher questions is intended to be illustrative rather than exhaustive. Researchers interested in studying these or related questions should upload proposals of no more than five pages, single spaced and including references, tables, and other supplementary material by **January 15, 2016** to http://papers.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=p_FS

Proposals should describe the research question to be studied and indicate how FoodAPS data will be used to study this question. Projects that do not propose to utilize the FoodAPS data will not be funded. Proposals should also discuss other data, if applicable, that will be used to supplement FoodAPS data, explain methods to be used, and present preliminary or related findings where possible. They should also provide a complete list of the investigators who will be involved in carrying out the project and indicate any potential conflicts of interest that might arise from financial or other interests of the researchers.

The initiative leaders will review the proposals and select projects for support, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Researchers who submit proposals that are selected for inclusion in the project will be notified by **February 28, 2016**.

The research team for each project will receive \$25,000 of salary support for the principal investigator(s) and \$15,000 in research assistant support. The costs for access to the FoodAPS data at the NORC data enclave will be covered for the duration of the grant. Investigators and research assistants will be paid as NBER employees. At least one of the principal investigators on each project must be a faculty member at a U.S. college or university. Proposals from researchers with and without NBER affiliations are welcome.

Successful research teams will be expected to:

- 1) Participate in a conference call in during in May 2016 to share ideas across projects and to solicit feedback from other researchers.
- 2) Present initial results of research at a pre-conference to be held in early 2017.
- 3) Provide a completed manuscript describing project results and a short executive summary with highlighted findings, and present the findings at a final research conference in late 2017.

A refereed journal may be invited to consider some or all of the research papers in this project for a potential special issue.

Questions about this research initiative may be directed to Elisa Pepe (epepe@nber.org). Please feel free to forward this message to other researchers who might be interested in this project.

Job Openings

Be sure to visit the [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information



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