

## NYU-Wagner Seminar – Spring 2017

All presentations take place from 12:30-2:00PM in the Rudin conference room on the 2nd floor of the Puck Building (295 Lafayette St.). A light lunch will be served at 12:00 PM.

**Feb 2 – Kenneth Couch, Professor of Economics at the University of Connecticut and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.** Professor Couch's research examines numerous topics dealing with disadvantaged groups in society, the labor market, and policies designed to assist them. He has written about the experiences of workers after being laid-off and other individuals who face labor market discrimination. He has also evaluated the effects of numerous public programs such as workfare and Social Security. Prof. Couch obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin.

**Feb 9 – Janice Fine, Associate Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University.** Professor Fine teaches and writes about low wage immigrant labor in the U.S., historical and contemporary debates regarding federal immigration policy, dilemmas of labor standards enforcement, and innovative union and community organizing strategies. She is a member of the graduate faculty in Political Science as well as the Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies. Prof. Fine obtained a PhD in Management from MIT.

**Mar 2 – Andrew Schrank, Olive C. Watson Professor of Sociology and International and Public Affairs at Brown University.** Professor Schrank studies the organization, regulation, and performance of industry. He is particularly interested in the design and construction of "high road" institutions that reconcile the allegedly competing goals of regulatory compliance and economic competitiveness at the firm and regional levels, and toward that end he has examined the downside of the division of labor. Prof. Schrank obtained a PhD in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Mar 9 – Double-header: Agustina Laurito and Andrew Breck, PhD candidates at NYU Wagner.** Agustina Laurito's research interests are in urban policy and education with a focus on how children's various social settings affect their wellbeing. Andrew Breck's research interests are at the intersection of social policy and health behavior.

**Mar 23 – Meenu Tewari, Associate Professor of City & Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.** Professor Tewari works on the political economy of economic and industrial development, poverty alleviation, small firms, and the urban informal economy from a comparative, institutional perspective. She teaches economic development, historical and institutional analysis of development processes, and microeconomics. Prof. Tewari obtained a PhD in Urban Studies from MIT.

**Apr 13 – Joseph Cimpian, Associate Professor of Economics and Education Policy at NYU Steinhardt and Affiliated Associate Professor of Public Service at NYU Wagner.** Professor Cimpian's multi-disciplinary research focuses on the use and development of novel and rigorous methods to study equity and policy, particularly concerning language minorities, women, and sexual minorities. Prof. Cimpian obtained a PhD in the Economics of Education from Stanford University.

**Apr 20 – Abu Shonchoy, adjunct Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy at The University of Tokyo and Visiting Scholar at NYU Wagner.** Professor Shonchoy is a development economist with interests in impact evaluation and micro econometrics. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) JETRO, Japan. Originally from Bangladesh, he obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of New South Wales, in Australia.