

NYU-Wagner Seminar – Fall 2016

Unless noted, 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.

Sep 29 – Sarah Cohodes, Assistant Professor of Education and Public Policy at Teachers College, Columbia University. Professor Cohodes uses quantitative causal inference methods to evaluate programs and policies that have the potential to ameliorate achievement gaps. She is particularly interested in how young people and their families make choices about education and how school and college quality interact with those decisions.

Oct 6 – Daniela Elisabeth Hochfellner, Senior Research Scientist and Research Assistant Professor at NYU-CUSP. Professor Hochfellner's research addresses the economics of labor markets, migration, aging and health and ethics in human subject research. She has worked with survey data, administrative data, and big-data and has extensive experience linking social security records, administrative information and survey data. She will present a paper titled "*Winners and Losers from Financial Crisis: Evidence from Individuals and Firms.*"

Oct 27 – David Chinitz, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Professor Chinitz's work focuses on applications of institutional economics to health policy issues such as rationing, physician involvement in management, organization of cancer services, mental health reform and comparative health system reform. He teaches courses in public policy, health management, qualitative research methods, and comparative health system reform.

Nov 3 –Matthew Amengual, Maurice F. Strong Career Development Professor and an Associate Professor in Work and Organization Studies at MIT Sloan. Professor Amengual examines the interactions between government bureaucracies, societal organizations, and firms in countries with weak institutions. He is currently conducting a study on the local developmental impacts of large-scale mining operations in Latin America. His first book, "*Politicized Enforcement in Argentina: Labor and Environmental Regulation*", was published by Cambridge University Press.

Nov 10 – Hilary Hoynes, Professor of Public Policy and Economics, at UC Berkeley. Professor Hoynes studies poverty, inequality, and the impacts of government tax and transfer programs on low income families. She is the co-editor of the American Economic Review (**This talk is being organized by IHDSC-Steinhardt and co-sponsored by NYU-Wagner. It will take place at Steinhardt, from 12:00 to 1:30PM**).

Nov 17 – Double-header: Raimundo Undurraga and Jon Cantor, PhD candidates at NYU Wagner. Raimundo's research lies at the intersection of development economics, urban economics, and policy analysis. Jonathan's research interests are in health policies related to obesity, substance abuse, pharmaceutical use, and other health behaviors.

Dec 8: Alejandro Portes, Professor of Sociology and Law at the University of Miami and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. Professor Portes is the author of 250 articles and chapters on national development, international migration, Latin American and Caribbean urbanization, and economic sociology. He has published nearly 40 books and special issues. In 1997, he was elected president of the American Sociological Association and served in that capacity in 1998-99. He will present his latest book, titled "*Spanish Legacies: The Coming of Age of the Second Generation.*"