Future of Growth Conference

May 20-21, 2021 Online
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Keynote Speakers

Janice Eberly, Kellog School of Management, Northwestern University and NBER
James Robinson, Harris School, University of Chicago, Pearson Institute, NBER and CEPR
John Van Reenen, LSE, MIT, Sloan School of Management, NBER, CEPR, IZA and CESifo

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Research Centre for Economic Analysis (RCEA) invites papers to be considered for the Future of Growth Conference at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The conference, originally planned at Laurier for 2020, will be held online. The conference will use EST (Eastern Standard Time).

The theme of the conference is the Future of Growth, and we welcome submissions from economists and other social scientists dealing with growth, innovation, entrepreneurship, technology, finance, environment, demographics and public policy. Studies analyzing the long-term effects of the pandemic are especially welcome. We also invite papers in other fields including health, macroeconomics, monetary economics, international trade and finance, IO, labour, law and economics, financial markets, corporate finance, fintech, banking, behavioral finance and related fields.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Submission deadline: April 14, 2021

Keynote speakers

Janice Eberly is the James R. and Helen D. Russell Professor of Finance Kellog School of Business, Northwestern University. She served as the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury from 2011 to 2013 and was the Chief Economist at the Treasury. Professor Eberly’s research focuses on finance and macroeconomics. Her work studies firms’ capital budgeting decisions and household consumption and portfolio choice. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Editor of the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity.
James A. Robinson is the Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and University Professor, University of Chicago. He is a world renowned specialist in governance, growth and development. He is the co-author (with Daron Acemoglu) of the highly praised books Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy (translated into 32 languages) and Why Nations Fail. His work explores the underlying relationship between poverty and the institutions of a society and how institutions emerge out of political conflicts.

John van Reenen is the Gordon Y. Billiard Professor of Management and Economics at the Department of Economics and Sloan School of Management, MIT and Ronald Coase School Professor at the London School of Economics. In 2016 he was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Economics and Public Policy Making, and in 2009 was awarded the Yrjö Jahnsson Award, a biennial award for the best European economist under the age of 45. John Van Reenen has published widely on the economics of innovation, labour markets and productivity.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Research Centre for Economic Analysis (RCEA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the advancement of research in economics and other social sciences. It is a newly created international centre with chapters in Canada, at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario; in Poland, at the University of Warsaw and in Italy, at the University of Siena.

RCEA envisions to become a network of academics and policymakers that collaborate to apply cutting-edge theoretical and empirical research relevant to economic policy. The centre welcomes diverse views on how to realize this goal. RCEA sponsors high quality research linkages in both interdisciplinary and international dimensions. We encourage long-term affiliation with the centre, and strongly support the active involvement of graduate students and new PhDs.

RCEA is directed by the Board. Members of the Board have extensive experience with organizing conferences. Past speakers at these conferences included, among others, Philippe Aghion, Costas Azariadis, Giuseppe Bertola, Steven Cecchetti, Steven J. Davis, Mick Devereux, Emmanuel Farhi, Sergei Guriev, John Haltiwanger, Elhanan Helpman, Peter Howitt, Charles Jones, Larry Karp, Josh Lerner, Florencio López de Silanes, Enrique Mendoza, Robert Mundell, Brian O’Neill, Hashem Pesaran, Morten Ravn, Uwe Reinhardt, James Robinson, Barbara Rossi, Stephanie Schmidt-Grohe and Volker Vieland.

Information about RCEA can be found at www.RCEA.org

SUBMISSIONS

Authors should submit an extended abstract of up to 300 words. Please include JEL classification codes for the paper as well as keywords. Complete papers may be submitted but the extended abstract is required. In case of more than one author, the name of presenter should be underlined.

Submission deadline: April 14, 2021.

Proposals for sessions consisting of three or four papers are particularly welcome. If you are interested in submitting a session, please send the session topic, author names, titles and abstracts to the conference e-mail at RCEAGrowth@rcea.org

Notification of acceptance: Authors will be notified by May 1, 2021.
BEST PAPER AWARD

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REGISTRATION

Registration will start on **May 1, 2021** on the conference website www.RCEA.org

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

*Review of Economic Analysis* (REA), an open access official journal of RCEA, is planning to publish a special issue from the conference. The journal is in its 13th year and is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). The papers submitted to the special issue will go through the usual refereeing process. REA charges no submission or publication fees.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission deadline: April 14, 2021
- Notification of acceptance: by May 1, 2021
- Registration starts: May 1, 2021

For additional information about paper submission and registration please contact RCEAGrowth@rcea.org.

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