# Sloan-Nomis Conference on Attention and Applied Economics

**September 11th and 12th, 2020**

**Format of the conference:**
Each presentation will last 20 minutes. The discussant will have 15 minutes to discuss both the papers. Following this there will be a 15 minute general Q and A session

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| **Session 1**  
**Public Economics**  
Discussant: Dmitry Taubinsky |
| 10:20 am to 11:30am  
*Speaker 1: Kory Kroft: “Salience with Imperfect Competition”*  
*Speaker 2: Johannes Spinnewijn: “Job Seekers’ Perceptions and Employment Prospects: Heterogeneity, Duration Dependence and Bias”* |
| 11:30 am to 11:45 am  
Break |
| 11:45 am to 12:55 pm  
**Session 2:**  
**Labor Economics**  
Discussant: Ernst Fehr |
| *Speaker 1: Justine Hastings: “The Effects of Earnings Disclosure on College Enrollment Decisions”*  
*Speaker 2: Heather Schofield: “Attention as Human Capital”* |
| 12:55 pm to 1:30 pm  
Break |
| 1:30 pm to 2:40 pm  
**Session 3:**  
**Memories and Expectations in Asset Markets**  
Discussant: Michael Woodford |
| *Speaker 1: Andrei Shleifer: “Expectations of Fundamentals and Stock Market Puzzles”*  
| 2:40 pm to 2:50 pm  
Break |
| 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm  
**Session 4:**  
**Boundedly-Rational Expectations in Macroeconomics**  
Discussant: John Leahy |
| *Speaker 1: Ulrike Malmendier: “Exposure to Daily Price Changes Inflation Expectations”*  
*Speaker 2: Xavier Gabaix: “In Search of the Origins of Financial Fluctuations”* |
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<td>10:20 am to 11:30 am</td>
<td><strong>Session 1:</strong> Retirement Income and Retirement Age</td>
<td>Michaela Pagel: “Post-Retirement Savings and Reduction of Consumer Debt”</td>
<td>Victoria Gregory: “Deferred Contribution Pensions, Retirement Income Uncertainty, and Precautionary Savings”</td>
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| 11:45 am to 12:55 pm | **Session 2:** Machine Learning | Ziad Obermeyer: “A Machine Learning Approach to Low-Value Health Care: Wasted Tests, Missed Heart Attacks and Mis-Predictions” | Vikram Krishnamurthy: “Two views of Inverse Reinforcement Learning”
|                |                  |                                                | “Rationally Inattentive Inverse Reinforcement Learning Explains YouTube Commenting Behavior” |
|                |                  |                                                | "Langevin Dynamics for Inverse Reinforcement Learning of Stochastic Gradient Algorithms" |
| 12:55 pm to 1:30 pm | Break            |                                                |                                                |
| 1:30 pm to 2:40 pm | **Session 3:** Development Economics | Frank Schilbach (or Gautam Rao): “The Economic Consequences of Increasing Sleep Among the Urban Poor” | Supreet Kaur: “Does Financial Strain Lower Productivity?” |
| 2:40 pm to 2:50 pm | Break            |                                                |                                                |
| 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm | **Session 4:** Health Economics | Ben Handel: “The Social Determinants of Choice Quality: Evidence from Health Insurance in the Netherlands” | Jason Abaluck: “Mortality Effects and Choice Across Private Health Insurance Plans” |