

IRES 2025 Graduate Student Workshop

May 30-31, 2025
Chapman University



Faculty & Students

Faculty

Chris Bader, Chapman University (Sociology)
Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University (Economics)
Mohammad Isaqzadeh, Chapman University (Political Science)
Taylor Jaworski, University of Colorado, Boulder (Economics)
Erik Kimbrough, Chapman University (Economics)
Avital Livny, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Political Science)
Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine (Economics)
Salma Mousa, University of California, Los Angeles (Political Science)
Steven Pfaff, Chapman University (Sociology)
Jared Rubin, Chapman University (Economics)
Carolyn Warner, University of Nevada, Reno (Political Science)

Students

Natalya Adam-Rahman, Stanford University
Malik Altaf Hussain, George Mason University
Benjamin Bauer, George Mason University
Paul Behler, University of Bonn
Marcel Caesmann, University of Zurich
Ekin Dursun, Yale University
Hannah Kazis-Taylor, Princeton University
Maria Medellin, Brown University
Anh Nguyen, UCLA
Hasher Nisar, University of Michigan
Wali Rehemani, American University

Friday, May 30

- 8:15 AM Shuttle departs from the [Embassy Suites Hotel](#)
- 8:45-9:15 AM Arrive at Chapman, IRES House ([338 N. Glassell, 92866](#))
- Pastries and Coffee
- 9:15-10:00AM Introductions
- 10:00-11:15 AM **IRES Conference Room**
"Pox, Piety, and Paradox: The Economics of Vaccination in British India"
Malik Altaf Hussain (George Mason University)
Student Discussant: Hasher Nisar
Faculty Discussant: Michael McBride
- Laura Scudders Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall**
"Radio for Progress: Lessons from a Large-Scale Media Education Program in Colombia"
Maria Medellin (Brown University)
Student Discussant: Benjamin Bauer
Faculty Discussant: Taylor Jaworski
- 11:15-11:45 PM **Coffee Break**

- 11:45-1:00 PM **IRES Conference Room**
“State vs. Faith: State-led Secularization, Political Backlash and Political Islamism among Muslims”
Wali Reheman (American University)
Student Discussant: Ekin Dursun
Faculty Discussant: Salma Mousa
- Laura Scudders Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall**
“Women’s Communities, Work, and Politics: How Resources and Norms Shape Political Behavior”
Natalya Adam-Rahman (Stanford University)
Student Discussant: Paul Behler
Faculty Discussant: Carolyn Warner
- 1:00-3:00 PM **Lunch - Old Towne Orange**
- 3:00-4:15 PM **IRES Conference Room**
“He who believes is not afraid”: Effects of Religion on Engagement in Conflict.”
Hannah Kazis-Taylor (Princeton University)
Student Discussant: Anh Nguyen
Faculty Discussant: Mohammad Isaqzadeh
- Laura Scudders Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall**
“Shaping Religious Identities: Evidence from the Protestant Reformation, 1517-1806”
Marcel Caesmann (University of Zurich)
Student Discussant: Maria Medellin
Faculty Discussant: Steve Pfaff
- 4:30-6:30 PM **Break**
- 6:30 PM **Group Dinner: TBA**

Saturday, May 31

8:30 AM **Shuttle departs The Embassy Suites**

9:00-9:30 AM **Arrive at Chapman, IRES House – Pastries and Coffee**

9:30-10:45 AM **IRES Conference Room**

“Targeting Piety? Religious Brokers and the Psychology of Welfare Politics”

Ekin Dursun (Yale University)

Student Discussant: Hannah Kazis-Taylor

Faculty Discussant: Avital Livny

Laura Scudders Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall

“French Colonialism and Vietnam’s Path of Economic Development”

Anh Nguyen (UCLA)

Student Discussant: Marcel Caesmann

Faculty Discussant: Erik Kimbrough

10:45-11:15 AM **Coffee Break**

11:15-12:30 PM **IRES Conference Room**

“Historical Ecospirituality and Environmental Attitudes”

Paul Behler (University of Bonn)

Student Discussant: Malik Altaf Hussain

Faculty Discussant: Chris Bader

Laura Scudders Conference Room, Roosevelt Hall

“A Mirror of the Times’ (Mir’at al-Zamān): Rethinking ‘Ulamā’-State Relations by Unfreezing History”

Hasher Nisar (University of Michigan)

Student Discussant: Wali Rehemani

Faculty Discussant: Jared Rubin

12:30-2:00 PM **Lunch, Downtown Orange**

2:00-3:15 PM **IRES Conference Room**
**“Competition within the Church: Market entry and the rise of
traditional Catholicism in the US”**
Benjamin Bauer (George Mason University)
Student Discussant: Natalya Adam-Rahman
Faculty Discussant: Larry Iannaccone

3:15 - 3:30 PM **Coffee Break**

3:30 - 4:00 PM **IRES Conference Room**
Chris Bader – ARDA introduction & discussion

4:00 – 4:15 PM **Workshop Debrief with all Students and Faculty**

4:30 PM **Depart for IRES Party**
“Friends of IRES” Year-End Party
Dinner at 4:30 pm
Home of Larry Iannaccone
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