

1st Annual World Bank Conference on Transport Economics

March 16, 2023

Program

10:00-10:10 **Welcome**
Binyam Reja, Global Practice Manager, Transport Global Knowledge Unit, World Bank

10:10-10:20 **Opening remarks**
Guangzhe Chen, Vice President for Infrastructure, World Bank

10:20-11:20 **Session 1: Freight transport**

Moderator: Binyam Reja, World Bank

(Don't) Take Me Home: Home Preference and the Effect of Self-Driving Trucks on Interstate Trade

Presenter: Ron Yang, Stanford University

Discussant: Muneeza Alam, World Bank

A Toolkit for Setting and Evaluating Price Floors

Presenter: Carlos Hernandez, Universidad de los Andes

Discussant: Mathilde Lebrand, World Bank

11:20-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 **Session 2: Access and efficiency**

Moderator: Matias Herrera Dappe, World Bank

Fragmented Markets and the Proliferation of Small Firms: Evidence from Mom-and-Pop Shops in Mexico

Presenter: Diana Sverdlin-Lisker, MIT

Discussant: Theophile Bougna, World Bank

Road Connectivity, Last Mile Delivery and Bureaucratic Efficacy: Evidence from India

Presenter: Kartykeya Batra, University of Maryland, College Park

Discussant: Nino Pkhikidze, World Bank

12:30-1:30 Lunch break

1:30-2:30 **Session 3: Urban transport and welfare**

Moderator: Maria Vagliasindi, World Bank

The Welfare Effects of Congestion Pricing: Evidence From High-Occupancy Toll Lanes

Presenter: Yooseon Hwang, University of Virginia

Discussant: Alejandro Molnar, World Bank

Spatial Mobility, Economic Opportunity, and Crime

Presenter: Daniel Ramos-Menchelli, Harvard University

Discussant: Roman David Zarate, World Bank

2:30-2:40 Break

2:40-3:40 **Session 4: Multimodal transport**

Moderator: Cecilia Briceño-Garmendia, World Bank

High-Speed Rail: A Game Changer for Spanish Motorway Transport?

Presenter: Carlos Leon-Gomez, Universitat de Barcelona

Discussant: Javier Morales Sarriera, World Bank

Multimodal Transport Networks

Presenter: Simon Fuchs, Atlanta Fed

Discussant: Megersa Abate, World Bank

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