

**LBJ Policy Research Workshop**  
LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin  
January 20, 2022

**Workshop Agenda**

**08:30a - 09:00a      Breakfast**

**09:00a - 09:15a      Welcome Remarks** by JR DeShazo, Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs

**09:15a - 10:45a      Session 1: Energy and Environment**

Discussant: Mary Evans and Sheila Olmstead

**Organic Waste Bans: An Empirical Analysis of Source Reduction and Disposal**  
*Fiori Anglou, University of Texas at Austin*

**Do solar mini-grids improve energy access and the accumulation of human capital in rural India?**  
*Margarita Petrusevich, University of Texas at Austin*

**How do organizational characteristics shape environmental philanthropy in Texas? A network science approach**  
*Joycelyn Ovalle, University of Texas at Austin*

**How do local policies shape the status of green job development?**  
*Haijing Liu, University of Texas at Austin*

**11:00a - 12:30p      Session 2: Education and Employment**

Discussant: Raissa Fabregas and Richard Murphy

**Remediation or Stigma? New Evidence on the Long-run Effects of Grade Retention**  
*Jiee Zhong, Texas A&M University*

**The Effects of Public Child Care Expansion on Women's Child Penalty - Evidence from West Germany**  
*Nayeon Lim, Boston University*

**The Effects of Regulation Restrictions on Firm Dynamism: Evidence from a Shift-Share Instrument**  
*Dongchen Zhao, University of Texas at Austin*

**What's in a name? Evidence of Transgender Discrimination in Mexico**

*Alejandra Martínez Alfaro, Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico*

**12:30p - 01:00p      Egg-timer Session**

**01:00p - 01:45p      Lunch**

**01:45p - 03:15p      Session 3: Immigration and International Relations**

Discussant: Jaganath Sankaran and (TBD)

**Sound and Fury, Signifying Nothing? An Empirical Test of Russian Influence in Asia and Eastern Europe**

*Eoin Power, University of Texas at Austin*

**Japanese security relations with Southeast Asia**

*Ryan Ashley, University of Texas at Austin*

**Immigration and Income Inequality in the United States**

*Francisco A. Castellanos-Sosa, University of Texas at Austin*

**Does exposure to pro-immigration content on social media improve natives' behavior and attitudes toward immigration?**

*Antonia Vazquez, University of Texas at Austin*

**03:30p - 05:00p      Session 4: Health and Criminal Justice**

Discussant: Gordon Abner and Todd Olmstead

**The Rarity of Police Prosecution: Prosecutorial Approaches and Ideologies within Grand Jury Decision-making**

*Ilana Friedman, University of Texas at Austin*

**Budget Cut in Correctional Education on Reincarceration: Evidence from Texas**

*Zijing He, University of Texas at Austin*

**Optimal Contracting of Primary Care Physicians**

*Joridan Barash, University of Texas at Austin*

**05:00p - 06:30p      Happy Hour (Location TBD)**