

**Rice Conference on Firms, Productivity, and Growth**  
***Rice University, Department of Economics***  
***October 13-14, 2023***

**Conference Schedule**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

*(in Kraft Hall 110, unless otherwise noted)*

8:55-9:00      Welcome/Opening Remarks

9:00-10:00    **“Sectoral Development Multipliers”**  
Francisco Buera (WUSTL)

*10:00-10:15    Break*

10:15-11:15   **“Dynamic Multiproduct Firms”**  
David Argente (Yale)

*11:15-11:30    Break*

11:30-12:30   **“Customer Acquisition, Rising Market Concentration, and US Productivity Dynamics”**  
Shihan Shen (Rice)

*12:30-2:00     Lunch*

2:00-3:00      **“Good Rents versus Bad Rents: R&D Misallocation and Growth”**  
Huiyu Li (San Francisco Fed)

*3:00-3:15      Break*

3:15-4:15      **“Transforming Institutions: Labor Reallocation and Wage Growth in a Reunited Germany”**  
Tommaso Porzio (Columbia)

*4:15-4:30      Break*

4:30-5:30      **Keynote “Customers and Retail Growth”**  
Peter Klenow (Stanford)

*7:30    Dinner (by invitation) – Hugo’s Mexican Restaurant*

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**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

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9:00-10:00     **“Quantifying the Impact of Red Tape on Investment: A Survey Data Approach”**  
Bruno Pellegrino (Columbia GSB)

*10:00-10:15   Break*

10:15-11:15   **Keynote “Knowledge Creation and Diffusion with Limited Appropriation”**  
Hugo Hopenhayn (UCLA)

*11:15-12:00   Short Lunch*

12:00-1:00     **“Specialization in a Knowledge Economy”**  
Yueyuan Ma (UCSB)

1:00-2:00     **“Risk Markups”**  
Christopher Tonetti (Stanford)

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