

NAMUR SUMMER SCHOOL IN ECONOMICS

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Keynote speakers

Manuel GARCÍA-SANTANA

(Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Eric VERHOOGEN

(Columbia University)



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About the Summer School

The Namur Summer School in Economics is an annual academic event hosted by the Department of Economics of the University of Namur. It brings together advanced doctoral students and early-career economists working on international trade, development, household economics, public economics, and political economy, with two keynote lectures from established researchers.

Format

- 14 contributed talks across two days (7 per day), organised in three thematic sessions per day
- Each talk: 40 minutes (30 min presentation + 10 min Q&A)
- Two keynote lectures of 1h30 each (one per day)
- Poster session for additional accepted papers (A0 format)
- No formal discussants; open Q&A after each talk
- Lunch buffet served at UNamur on both days
- Conference dinner on 24 June; closing dinner on 25 June

Programme at a Glance

Wednesday 24 June 2026

International Trade, Firms & Policy

- 09:30** Registration and welcome coffee
- 10:00** Keynote • Manuel García-Santana
- 11:50** Session 1A • International Trade
- 14:10** Session 1B • Firms, Markets & Labor
- 16:30** Session 1C • Trade Policy & Political Economy
- 19:30** Conference dinner

Thursday 25 June 2026

Development, Households & Public Economics

- 09:30** Welcome coffee
- 10:30** Keynote • Eric Verhoogen (Columbia University)
- 12:15** Session 2C • Public Economics & Political Economy
- 14:35** Session 2A • Development Economics
- 16:50** Session 2B • Family and Demographic Economics
- 18:10** End of academic programme
- 19:30** Closing dinner

DAY 1 | Wednesday 24 June 2026

International Trade, Firms & Policy

09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:55 Opening

10:00 **KEYNOTE • Manuel García-Santana (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)**

The U.S. State Procurement War

(with Miquel Lorente, Joshua Mascord, and Marta Santamaría)

11:30 Coffee break

11:50 **SESSION 1A • International Trade**

Chair: Gonzague Vannoorenberghe (UCLouvain)

Oguzhan Erdogan (University of Antwerp / ULB)

The Cost of Compliance: How NTBs Reshape Global Value Chains

Weibin Wei (Peking University, with X. Cui, H. Ma, M. Xu)

Colluding Against Import Competition

13:10 Lunch buffet at UNamur

14:10 **SESSION 1B • Firms, Markets & Labor**

Chair: Filippo Biondi (ULB ECARES)

Carole Marullaz (University of Zurich, with G. Romanini, Bank of Italy)

Inside Out: The Allocative Impact of Firms' Make-or-Buy Decisions on Aggregate Energy Intensity

Bashige Musholombo (KU Leuven)

Firm Size, Market Power, and Government Spending Multipliers

Jeteesha Foollee (Sciences Po)

Introduction of National Minimum Wage, Informality and Gender Inequality (Mauritius)

16:10 Coffee break

16:30 **SESSION 1C • Trade Policy & Political Economy**

Chair: Jo Van Biesebroeck (KU Leuven)

François Leurquin (UNamur, with A. Erbahar and L. Trimarchi)

Home Bias in Defence Procurement

Federico Gallina (ULB ECARES, with P. Conconi, F. Cucu, M. Nardotto)

A Political Disconnect? Evidence From Voting on Trade Agreements

17:50 End of academic programme

19:30 Conference dinner

DAY2 | Thursday 25 June 2026

Development, Households & Public Economics

09:30 Welcome coffee

10:30 **KEYNOTE • Eric Verhoogen (Columbia University)**
Two Experiments with Firms in Developing Countries

12:00 Coffee break

12:15 **SESSION 2C • Public Economics & Political Economy**

Chair: Mattia Nardotto (KU Leuven)

Alexis Mergan (UNamur)

Closing the Overground Loop: The Intensive Margin Impact of Network Expansion in London

Álvaro Zúñiga Cordero (UNamur / WIL, with R. Alfaro-Redondo)

Who Votes and Who Wins? Income Shocks, Inequality, and Political Realignment (Costa Rica)

13:35 Lunch buffet at UNamur

14:35 **SESSION 2A • Development Economics**

Chair: Daniele Verdini (National Bank of Belgium)

Ricardo Guzman (AMSE)

The Arrival of Patented Agricultural Technologies (Tanzania)

Angela Lülle (UNamur, with C. Guirkingier and J.-P. Platteau)

Bottom-up Discrimination by Gender (Benin)

Ignacio Marra de Artiñano (ULB ECARES)

The Labor Market Effects of Multinational Entry (Brazil)

16:35 Coffee break

16:50 **SESSION 2B • Family and Demographic Economics**

Chair: Catherine Guirkingier (UNamur)

Anna Jolivet (UNamur, with P. Alvarez-Aragon and L. Angelini)

It Takes a Lineage: Kinship Structure and Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa

Zhijie Wang (KU Leuven)

Why Wanting a Child Is Not Enough: Anticipated Specialization and Fertility Realization in Japan

18:10 End of academic programme

19:30 Closing dinner

Poster Session

Authors present their work in poster format. Posters will be displayed during both days.

Waleed Hassan (KU Leuven VIVES)

FDI Liberalization and Allocative Efficiency: Evidence from Multi-product Firms in India

England Rhys Can (KU Leuven)

Like Sardines in a Can: Congestion and Spatial Choice in Indonesian Fisheries

Imran Farooq Bugti (University of Antwerp, with D. Cassimon and G. Mavrotas)

Determinants and Ways Forward for Pakistan's Public Debt Challenges

Amira Ben Massaoud (UMons)

Asset or Agent? A Systematic Review of the Employee's Position in the CSR-HRM Literature

Nora Noceir (UMons)

Habituated Ambidexterity: A New Theoretical Framework for Organizations in Developing Countries

Giorgio Ferroni (UNamur, with Á. Zúñiga Cordero and L. Trimarchi)

Housing Shocks and Local Elections: Evidence from Short-Term Rentals in Italy

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