Urbanization and Development Conference at Williams College

Sponsored by the Center for Development Economics, the Department of Economics, the Gaudino Fund, and the Center for Environmental Studies

Thursday, October 17
MainStage, ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance

8:00 PM  
Keynote Address: Questions for Policy and Understanding of Urban Systems: The Case of Colombia  
Gilles Duranton, University of Pennsylvania

Friday, October 18
All lectures are held in Griffin Hall, Room 3

9:00 AM  
Urbanization, Property Rights and Entrepreneurship  
Lakshmi Iyer, Harvard University

10:00 AM  
Land Markets, Property Rights, and City Structure in West African Cities  
Harris Selod, The World Bank

11:00 AM  
The Spatial Distribution of Population in 54 World Cities: The Role of Markets, Planning, and Topography  
Stephen Malpezzi, University of Wisconsin

12:00 PM  
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1:15 PM  
Quantifying the Influence of Climate on Human Conflict  
Solomon Hsiang, UC Berkeley

2:15 PM  
Climate Change and Urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa  
Adam Storeygard, Tufts University

3:15 PM  
Transportation and Urban Growth in Chinese Cities  
Nathaniel Baum-Snow, Brown University

4:30 PM  
Panel Discussion and Wrap-up  
Gilles Duranton; Yannis Ioannides, Tufts University; and Stephen Sheppard, Williams College.  
Moderated by Yong Suk Lee, Williams College