

Enhancing Academic Activities amongst RPg Students

For further enhancing the student's knowledge in valuable econometric methods, the Department sponsored nine RPg students and an academic staff to attend a 4-day workshop on "Mastering 'Metrics: Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis'" delivered by Prof Joshua Angrist at Tokyo University in Japan on 21-24 May 2018. After attending the workshop, most of the students is capable to wield the econometric tools with skill and confident.



Left: Mr Yannson Wang, Ms Aida Ospanova, Ms Shirley Uchechi Anaduaka, Mr Khan Mehedi Hasan, Mr Ahmed Abdullahi Muhammed, Professor Joshua Angrist, Ms Vivian Ikwuoma Nnetu-Okolieuwa, Mr Muhammed Siraj Muhammed, Mr Xuan Li, Mr Michael Wang and Professor Alex Wong

Short Bio of Joshua Angrist

Professor Joshua Angrist is the Ford Professor of Economics at MIT, a co-founder and director of MIT's **Blueprint Labs**, and a Research Associate at the **National Bureau of Economic Research**. Angrist received his B.A. from Oberlin College in 1982 and completed his Ph.D. in Economics at Princeton in 1989. Professor Angrist has developed innovative ways to harness the power of natural experiments to answer important economic questions, transforming empirical research. These new econometric tools help social scientists and policy-makers discover the causal effects of choices and policy changes. Angrist's research is not only methodological. In dozens of studies, he explores the economics of education and school reform; the impact of social programs on the labor market; the labor market effects of immigration, regulation, and institutions. Professor Angrist received the **Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in 2021** (with Co-Laureates Guido Imbens and David Card). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society, and has served on many editorial boards and as a co-editor of the *Journal of Labor Economics*. An accomplished author, Angrist co-authored *Mostly Harmless Economics: An Empiricist's Companion* and *Mastering 'Metrics: The Path from Cause to Effect* with Steve Pischke. These are among the most widely used econometrics texts and are certainly the funniest.

Source: <https://economics.mit.edu/faculty/angrist/shortbio>

Mastering 'Metrics: Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis

Professor Josh Angrist (MIT)

21-23 May 2018

Hosted by
The Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE)

Meeting at
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall, Hongo Campus, University of Tokyo ([map](#))

GRIPS and UTokyo are pleased to announce a 3-day workshop led by MIT Professor Joshua Angrist (aka "Master Joshway", author with S. Pischke of *Mastering 'Metrics* and *Mostly Harmless Econometrics*). The workshop will run all day on 21-23 May 2018 at UTokyo.

Workshop Program

Monday, May 21

8:45 am Welcome and registration

9:30 am **Random Assignment & Causal Inference**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

10:45 am Break

11:00 am **Regression Recap for Empiricists**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

12:30 pm Labor lunch, Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

Xuebo Wang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, PhD Student
A Tale of Hardships: Gene, Family Education, and Children's Response to Negative Shocks

Takahiro Toriyabe, University of Tokyo, PhD Student
Empowerment Effects and Intertemporal Commitment of Married Couples: Evidence from Japanese Pension Reform

- 1:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **Regression vs. Matching/Old-School IV**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall
- 4:15 pm Break
- 4:30 pm Angrist office hours
Conference Room in Fukutake Hall

Tuesday, May 22

- 9:15 am **Instrumental Variables -- Old School (cont.)**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am **Instrumental Variables in the 21st Century**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall
- 12:15 pm Labor lunch, Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall
- Taisei Noda, Osaka University, PhD Student
Miki Kohara, Osaka University
The Effect of the Law Reform Raising Overtime Premium on Workers' Health: The Japanese Case
- Hiroyuki Egami, GRIPS, PhD Student
Impact of Mobile Money Adoption on Maternal Health Seeking Behavior: Evidence from Rural Uganda
- 1:30 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **More Modern IV/A Little RD**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall
- 4:15 pm Break
- 4:30 pm Angrist office hours
Conference Room in Fukutake Hall

Wednesday, May 23

- 9:15 am **Research Design Meets Market Design**

Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **Market Design Meets Regression Discontinuity Design**
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

12:15 pm Labor lunch, Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

Jia Wu, Jinan University (presenter)
Chunchao Wang, Tsinghua University
Yi Lu, Jinan University
Uniform De-tracking within Classroom: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Elementary School

Chigusa Okamoto, University of Tokyo, PhD Student
The Impacts of High-Speed Rail Way Construction on Urban Agglomerations: Evidence from Kyusyu in Japan

1:30 pm Break

3:00 pm Economics over coffee
Fukutake Learning Theater in Fukutake Hall

4:00 pm End

Thursday, May 24

4:50 pm **Angrist Research Seminar (Open to the public)**
Lecture Hall No. 1 in Economics Research Building ([map](#))

Josh Angrist, MIT
Sydnee Caldwell, MIT
Jonathan Hall, Uber Technologies, Inc.
[Uber vs. Taxi: A Driver's Eye View](#)

6:35 pm Close

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