

Conference on “Auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy”  
May 28 & 29, 2015  
Department of Economics, Lancaster University

**Local Organizers:** Dakshina G. De Silva, David Rietzke, and Aurelie Slechten

**Scientific Committee:** Klenio Barbosa (Fundação Getulio Vargas-Sao Paulo School of Economics), Dakshina G. De Silva, Timothy Hubbard (Colby College), Georgia Kosmopoulou (NSF & OU), David Rietzke, and Aurelie Slechten

**May 27:**

Informal group discussions on the issue of auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy

**May 28:**

**Welcome**

08.30—08.45: **Sue Cox** (Dean, Lancaster University Management School) and **Lucas D. Introna** (Associate Dean for Research)

**Session 1:** Chair — **Dakshina De Silva**

08.45—09.30: **Ronald Peeters** (Maastricht University) and Leonard Wolk (Colby College)  
“Forecasting with Colonel Blotto”  
Discussant: Georgia Kosmopoulou (NSF & OU)

09.30—10:15: **David Rietzke** (Lancaster University)  
“Push or Pull? Grants, Prizes and Information”  
Discussant: Rachel Pownall (Tilburg University & Maastricht University)

**10.15—10:30: Coffee break**

**Session 2:** Chair — **Aurelie Slechten**

10.30—11:15: Timothy P. Hubbard (Colby College) and **Rene Kirkegaard** (University of Guelph)  
“Asymmetric Auctions with More Than Two Bidders”  
Discussant: Philipp Reiss (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

11:15—12.00: Kirill Chernomaz (San Francisco State University) and **Hisayuki Yoshimoto** (University of Glasgow)  
“Are Estimates of Asymmetric First-Price Auction Models Credible? Semi & Nonparametric Analyses”  
Discussant: Paulo Somaini (MIT)

**12.00—13.00: Conference Lunch – LUMS Hub**

**Session 3:** Chair — **David Rietzke**

13:00—13.45: **Thomas Jeitschko** (Michigan State University) and Mark J. Tremblay (Michigan State University)  
“Platform Competition with Endogenous Homing”  
Discussant: Stefano Galavotti (University of Padova)

13.45—14:30: **Martin Pollrich** (Humboldt University Berlin)  
“Mediated Audits”  
Discussant: Aurelie Slechten (Lancaster University)

14.30—15.15: **Stefano Galavotti** (University of Padova), Luigi Moretti (University of Padova), and Paola Valbonesi (University of Padova)  
“Sophisticated Bidders in Beauty Contest Auctions”  
Discussant: Rene Kirkegaard (University of Guelph)

**15.15—15:30: Coffee break**

**Session 3:** Chair — **Ronald Harstad** (University of Missouri)

15.30—16.15: Dakshina G. De Silva, Georgia Kosmopoulou (NSF and University of Oklahoma), and **Carlos Lamarche** (University of Kentucky)  
“A Panel Quantile Regression Analysis of the Survival of Plants in the Road Construction Industry”  
Discussant: Hisayuki Yoshimoto (University of Glasgow)

16.15—17.00: **Rachel Pownall** (Tilburg University & Maastricht University)  
“The Color of Money”  
Discussant: Klenio Barbosa (Fundação Getulio Vargas-Sao Paulo School of Economics)

**18:30: Conference reception and dinner at the Lancaster House Hotel**

**May 29:**

**Session 1:** Chair — **Dakshina De Silva**

08.45—09.30: **Aurelie Slechten** (Lancaster University)  
“Environmental agreements under asymmetric information”  
Discussant: Martin Pollrich (Humboldt University Berlin)

09.30—10:15: Brent R. Hickman (University of Chicago), **Timothy Hubbard** (Colby College), and Harry J. Paarsch (University of Melbourne)  
“Investigating the Economic Importance of Pricing-rule Mis-specification in Empirical Models of Electronic Auctions”  
Discussant: Stephen Ryan (University of Texas at Austin)

**10.15—10:30: Coffee break**

**Session 2:** Chair — **Georgia Kosmopoulou** (NSF & OU)

10.30—11:15: Francesco Decarolis (Boston University), Maria Polyakova (Stanford University), and **Stephen Ryan** (University of Texas at Austin)  
“The Welfare Effects of Supply-Side Regulations in Medicare Part D”  
Discussant: Thomas Jeitschko (Michigan State University)

11:15—12.00: Nikhil Agarwal (MIT and NBER) and **Paulo Somaini** (MIT and NBER)  
“Demand Analysis using Strategic Reports: An Application to a School Choice Mechanism”  
Discussant: **Matt Gentry** (London School of Economics)

**12.00—13.00: Conference Lunch – LUMS Hub**

**Session 3:** Chair — **Carlos Lamarche** (University of Kentucky)

13:00—13.45: E. Lavinia Gotovan (University of St. Andrews) and **Philipp Reiss** (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)  
“The Law of One Price in Auctions with Outside Competition”  
Discussant: Damian Damianov (Durham University)

13.45—14:30: **Georgia Kosmopoulou** (NSF & OU), Carlos Lamarche (University of Kentucky), and Xueqi Zhou (Langston University)  
“Price Adjustment Policies and Firm Size”  
Discussant: Timothy Hubbard (Colby College)

14.30—15.15: **Damian Damianov** (Durham University) and Ronald Peeters (Maastricht University)  
“Prize-based Mechanisms for Fund-raising: Theory and Experiments”  
Discussant: David Rietzke

**15.15—15:30: Coffee break**

**Session 4:** Chair — **Timothy Hubbard** (Colby College)

15.30—16.15: **Klenio Barbosa** (Fundação Getulio Vargas-Sao Paulo School of Economics) and Pierre Boyer (University of Mannheim)  
“Discrimination in Dynamic Procurement Design with Learning-by-doing”  
Discussant: Ronald Peeters (Maastricht University)

16.15—17.00: **Keynote & closing remarks – Tong Li** (Gertrude Conaway Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University)  
“Auctions with Selective Entry and Risk Averse Bidders: Theory, Empirics, and (Structural) Econometrics”  
([Paper 1](#) & [Paper 2](#))

**Presenters’ names are in bold letters and linked to their websites.**