Panel of Women Economists

BU Women in Economics Organization (WEorg) presents the inaugural Panel of Women Economists. This evening event brings together four female economists who are BU PhD recipients working in academia, consulting, government, and international organizations. The panelists will discuss their PhD, job market and professional experience thus far, with a specific emphasis on challenges faced as female economists in their respective industries.

Timeline

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Refreshments
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Panelists’ remarks
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Q&A
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Reception
Panelists

Myongjin (MJ) Kim is an Assistant Professor of economics at the University of Oklahoma (OU), where she conducts research in the field of empirical industrial organization. She especially focuses on the topics such as (1) firms’ investment on product quality in response to entry threats by newly merged firms or product innovation in the presence of active used-goods markets, (2) anti-trust (anti-competition) issues such as category captainship in retail market, and (3) relational contracts and outsourcing decisions with respect to market conditions. Myongjin began her graduate studies in economics at Seoul National University in South Korea and then joined BU to earn her PhD in economics. The class in empirical IO taught by Professor Marc Rysman led her to her current career path. Myongjin was attracted to the empirical IO research by the sophisticated dynamic structural methods and the dynamic aircraft/airline industry features. She teaches the two PhD courses, IO seminar and mathematical economics, and two undergraduate courses, intermediate microeconomics and statistics, at OU. When she has spare time, she enjoys drawing with watercolor as well as watching hockey games. Her favorite hockey team is Boston Bruins and favorite art is botanical illustration.

Jee-Yeon K. Lehmann is a Manager in the Boston office of Analysis Group Inc., where she specializes in the application of microeconomic theory, econometrics, and statistical methods to complex matters in the areas of labor economics, antitrust and competition, health care, and intellectual property. Prior to joining Analysis Group in 2014, she was an assistant professor of economics at the University of Houston, where she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in microeconomics and labor economics. Her academic research focuses on studying the determinants of inequalities and the impact of discrimination in the labor market and in the legal system. She received her Ph.D. from Boston University in 2012.
Ghazala Mansuri is a Lead Economist in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice and the Development Research Group at the World Bank. She has published extensively in leading journals in economics and development, including the American Economic Review, the Review of Economic Studies, the American Economic Journal: Applied and the Journal of Development Economics. She has also co-authored the book ‘Localizing Development: Does Participation Work?’ Currently, she is leading the poverty and equity program in Pakistan and advising a number of other country teams. Her work spans five broad areas: poverty and inequality, agriculture and rural development, the economics of household behavior, the political economy of participatory development, and institutional and governance reforms for development. She holds a PhD in economics from Boston University.

Doriana Ruffino is a Principal Economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC. She earned a Laurea in Economics at Università degli Studi di Torino in Italy in 2004 and a PhD in economics at Boston University in 2008. She started her career as an Assistant Professor in the finance department at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management, where she was awarded the Deans’ Research Grant in 2009 and 2011. From 2012 to 2013 she co-chaired the Minnesota Chapter of the Italian Scientists and Scholars in North America Foundation (ISSNAF). Her research interests include the behavior and functions of systemically important financial institutions (SIFIs), the connection between asset-pricing and the real economy, and decision theory. She has published in several journals, including the Journal of Monetary Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, and Econometrica. Since joining the Federal Reserve Board in 2013, she has been contributing to policymaking through the production of internal memoranda; Governors’ briefings and speeches; and her engagements with the Financial Stability Board (FSB). She is the Federal Reserve Board’s member representative on the Basel Committee’s Research Task Force.
BU Women in Economics Organization

We are an organization dedicated to the advancement of women in all stages of research in economics. Our goal is to inform both men and women of the challenges unique to women’s careers, and thus our mission is closely aligned with the AEA’s Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. We aim to give female economists a collective voice and to facilitate a discussion on gender in the economics profession. To advance the status of women in the profession, both genders must contribute to the dialogue. Therefore, we believe that this initiative is of value to all economists, both men and women alike.

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