

2026 IESE Economics Summer Workshop

Date: June 18, 2026

Location: IESE Business School, North Campus
Arnús i Garí 3, 08034 Barcelona

Thursday, June 18

08.30 - 09.00 Breakfast

09.00 - 10.00 **Keynote:** Luis Garicano

10.00 - 10.30 **Discussant:** Daniel Ferreira

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.45 Basil Halperin

11.45 - 12.30 Kevin Bryan

12.45 Group photo

12.45 - 14.30 Lunch + Coffee

14.30 - 15.15 Lindsey Raymond

15.15 - 16.00 Miklos Koren

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.15 Ilse Lindelaub

17.15 - 18.00 Bharat Chandar

18.00 - 18.45 Anders Humlum

19.30 *Speakers' Dinner at Jardí de l'Abadessa*

Keynote

Luis Garicano "Messy Jobs"

Talks

Basil Halperin "Economics of Transformative AI"

Kevin Bryan "What bottlenecks to AI are real and what aren't"

Lindsey Raymond "AI-Assisted Programming and Labor Demand"

Zsófia Bárány and Miklos Koren ["The Directions of Technical Change"](#)

Ilse Lindelaub ["Beyond Exposure"](#)

Bharat Chandar ["AI and Labor Around the World"](#)

Anders Humlum ["Still Waters, Rapid Currents: Early Labor Market Transformation under Generative AI"](#)

Keynote Biography

[Luis Garicano](#) is a Professor of Public Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His research focuses on the impact of organization and technology on economic variables such as the wage and productivity distribution and economic growth. He was previously a Full Professor at the University of Chicago and IE Business School. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago. His work has been published in leading academic journals, including the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, and the American Economic Review. His book *Crisis Cycle: Challenges, Evolution, and Future of the Euro*, co-authored with John Cochrane and Klaus Masuch, has just been published (June 2025) by Princeton University Press. He has long been involved in European policymaking, having recently served as a Member of the European Parliament and currently writing the Substack blog *Silicon Continent* on technology, economics and growth in Europe.

Speakers' Biographies

[Kevin Bryan](#) is an Associate Professor of Strategic Management at the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management. He is also a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and serves as the Chief Economist for the Creative Destruction Lab Toronto. Kevin is a member of the Board of Editors for the *Journal of Economic Literature* and was previously an

Associate Editor at *Management Science*. His research interests focus on the economics of innovation, artificial intelligence, applied theory, and entrepreneurship. He holds a PhD in Managerial Economics and Strategy from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

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[Daniel Ferreira](#) is Professor of Finance at LSE and Fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute. He is also a Department Editor of *Management Science*, a council member of the Society for Financial Studies, and a research fellow at CEPR. His research lies in the intersection between corporate finance and organizational economics, from both empirical and theoretical perspectives. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.

[Basil Halperin](#) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Virginia. He also serves as the Associate Director of the Economics of Transformative AI Initiative, a Digital Fellow at the Stanford Digital Economy Lab, and the Director of the Stripe Economics of AI Fellowship. His research interests include monetary policy, economic growth, and the economics of artificial intelligence. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

[Anders Humlum](#) is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a Faculty Research Fellow at the NBER. His research studies the economic impacts of AI and automation on labor markets, and how reskilling policy can help workers adapt to technological change. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.

[Miklos Koren](#) is a Professor in the Department of Economics and Business at the Central European University. He has served as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of International Economics* since 2015 and was the Data Editor for the *Review of Economic Studies* from 2019 to 2025. He is also a Research Fellow at

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[Ilse Lindelaub](#) is an Associate Professor of Economics with tenure at Yale University. She is a Foreign Editor of the *Review of Economic Studies*, an Associate Editor of *Review of Economic Dynamics*, a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), and a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Her research focuses on matching theory and its applications to labor markets, including multidimensional sorting, social networks, and the impact of risk on matching. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the European University Institute.

[Lindsey Raymond](#) is a postdoctoral researcher in the Economics and Computation Group at Microsoft Research. In 2026, she will join the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Assistant Professor, with a joint appointment in the Department of Economics, EECS, and the Schwarzman College of Computing. Her research examines how new technologies shape labor markets and market competition, and how insights from economics can inform algorithm design.

External Participants' Biographies

[Zsófia Bárány](#) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the Central European University. She is also a Fellow of the Macroeconomics and Growth (MG) Programme Area of the CEPR, and a fellow and coordinator of the Macroeconomics group of the Hungarian Society of Economics. Zsófia is on the Council of the European Economic Association. Her main research interest is in economic growth, technological change, and its impact on the labor market.

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[Rohit Lamba](#) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Cornell University. He serves on the South Asia Program Steering Committee at Cornell and previously held faculty positions at Pennsylvania State University, New York University Abu Dhabi, and the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on economic theory, dynamic contracting, and the Indian economy, and he is the co-author of *Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future*. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.

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[Mireia Giné](#) is a Professor and head of the Department of Finance at IESE. Her research focuses on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and AI adoption by corporations. Her research has been published in top journals such as *The Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial*

Economics, Management Science, among others, as well as in various top media (Financial Times, The Economist, Bloomberg, BBC). She has received several internationally recognized awards such as the Brattle Prize. She is a Research Fellow at CEPR and ECGI and an Associate Editor at Management Science. Since 2020, Mireia serves as an Independent Director at Banc Sabadell, and currently chairs the Remuneration Committee.

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