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Announcements

Sad News
We received news that our friend Ahmed Driouchi has recently passed away. Ahmed was a student of the department, whose PhD thesis was titled, "Government Intervention in the Moroccan Cereals Sector." Until he retired in 2016, he was Dean and Head of the Institute of Economic Analysis & Prospective Studies at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. All of our condolences to his friends and family.

Call for Papers
The North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) annual conference will be held this year at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, starting with a welcome reception Friday event, October 26, 2018. Sessions will run all day Saturday, October 27 through Sunday morning, October 28. Submissions will start being accepted online on June 18, closing on July 31. Only full drafts of papers will be considered. More information is available on their website.

Jobs

Postdoc
A postdoctoral research associate position is available at The University of Manchester. This position is part of a new RCUK-funded project called, "FutureDams: Design and Assessment of resilient and sustainable interventions of water-energy-food-environment Mega-Systems," under the UK’s Global-Challenges Research Fund Program. The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting research to assess the role of dams in delivering improved food security in developing countries, using remote sensing and other data to map current patterns of agricultural land and water use in the case study river basins. In addition, they will also develop and apply crop modelling tools to estimate future changes in crop production and water demands under different future agricultural development and climate change scenarios, and work collaboratively with the project team to investigate trade-offs between agriculture and other water users. Read more and apply online.

Assistant/Associate Professor
Texas A&M, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an Assistant or Associate Professor and Extension Specialist. Position responsibilities include district leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in management, marketing, finance, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchantisers, processors, lenders, and users. Overall responsibilities require individual and team efforts to plan, develop, implement and evaluate curricula, extension education programs, and applied research related to production economics, marketing, finance, risk management, technology transfer, analysis of economic choices and impacts, and other issues facing crop and livestock producers and other industry clientele. Read more and apply online.
Postdoc
The Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR)2 is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to with interest in inter-disciplinary research to be a member of their fire research project, seeking to assess the main drivers, impacts, responses and trends of fire regimes under climate change and variability in central and south-central Chile. The selected candidate will lead new research in at least one of the following topics: i) analysis of the economic impact of fire on natural ecosystem services; ii) multi-temporal and spatially explicit modelling of the socio-economic drivers of fire, including the role of fire as a driver of Land Use and Land Cover Changes (LULCC); and iii) causal analysis of environmentally-relevant policies on fire behavior and other fire-related socioeconomic outcomes. Interested applicants should send their CV, two letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose and research plan, by June 20th to Susan Bustos with subject line: Postdoc socioeconomic dimension of forest fires.

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch
"Real Interest Rates and Productivity in Small Open Economics"
Daniele Siena, Banque de France
Wednesday, May 16
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Departmental publications


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