



## Contemporary Challenges in Infrastructure Finance

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Georgia State University

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30–9:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee and Conference Introduction at the Andrew Young School (AYS)</b> Introduction by Conference Co-Chairs: Can Chen and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez Welcome Address: PFRC Director	
<b><u>Comparative and International Infrastructure Finance</u></b> Panel Chair: Stefano Carattini ( <i>Georgia State University</i> )		
9:00–9:45 a.m.	<b>Paper Title: <i>Subnational Investments in Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change: Governance and Financing Issue</i></b> (Virtual)  Discussant: <b>Komla Dzigbede</b> , State University of New York at Binghamton (Virtual)	<b>Ter-Minassian, Teresa</b> <i>Inter-American Development Bank</i> <b>Luiz de Mello</b> <i>OECD</i>
9:45–10:30 a.m.	<b>Paper Title: <i>Infrastructure Finance in Global South: The Public-Private Paradox</i></b>  Discussant: <b>Phuong H Nguyen</b> , University of Iowa	<b>Weiping Wu</b> <i>Columbia University</i>
10:30–11:15 a.m.	<b>Paper Title: <i>Fiscal Decentralization and Public Infrastructure Maintenance Expenditures: A Panel Country Analysis</i></b>  Discussant: <b>Rick Geddes</b> , Cornell University	<b>Can Chen</b> <b>Jorge Martinez-Vazquez</b> <i>Georgia State University</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	<b>Luncheon PFRC Presentation</b> Introduction by Interim AYS Dean of Ann-Margaret Esnard	
<b><u>The Economics of Infrastructure Maintenance and Capital Investment</u></b> Panel Chair: Peter Bluestone ( <i>Georgia State University</i> )		
1:00–1:45 p.m.	<b>Paper Title: <i>Financing Options and the Effects of Spending on New Infrastructure and Maintenance</i></b>  Discussant: <b>David Sjoquist</b> , Georgia State University	<b>Felix Rioja</b> <i>Tulane University</i> <b>John D. Gibson</b> <i>University of Texas at El Paso</i>

1:45–2:30 p.m.	<p><b>Paper Title: <i>Road Quality and Local Economic Development: Evidence from Indonesia’s Highways</i></b></p> <p>Discussant: <b>Felix Rioja</b>, Tulane University</p>	<p><b>Alex Rothenberg</b> <i>Syracuse University</i></p> <p><b>Paul Gertler</b> <i>University of California, Berkeley</i></p> <p><b>Marco Gonzalez-Navarro</b> <i>University of California, Berkeley</i></p> <p><b>Tadeja Gracner</b> <i>RAND Corporation</i></p>
<p><b><u>Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships and Alternative Financing</u></b></p> <p>Panel Chair: Carlianne Patrick (<i>Georgia State University</i>)</p>		
2:30–3:15 p.m.	<p><b>Paper Title: <i>Reconstructing Ukrainian Infrastructure: Issues of Funding, Financing and Technological Adoption</i></b></p> <p>Discussant: <b>Weiping Wu</b>, Columbia University</p>	<p><b>Rick Geddes</b> <i>Cornell University</i></p>
3:15–4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Paper Title: <i>Low-Carbon Infrastructures for Net-Zero Emission Targets: Investment Needs and Financing Modalities</i></b></p> <p>Discussant: <b>Cynthia Searcy</b>, Georgia State University</p>	<p><b>Govinda Timilsina</b> <i>The World Bank</i></p> <p><b>Kalim U. Shah</b> <i>University of Delaware</i></p> <p><b>Dowu Kunlere</b> <i>University of Delaware</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Refreshment Break 4:00-4:15 pm</b></p>		
<p><b><u>Rethinking Infrastructure Funding and Finance</u></b></p> <p>Panel Chair: Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (<i>Georgia State University</i>)</p>		
4:15–5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Paper Title: <i>The Effects of Property Tax Levy Limits on School Spending on Infrastructure: The Case of New York</i></b></p> <p>Discussant: <b>Alex Rothenberg</b>, Syracuse University</p>	<p><b>Phuong H Nguyen</b> <i>University of Iowa</i></p>
5:00–5:45 p.m.	<p><b>Paper Title: <i>Getting the Rate Right: Public Preferences for Different Mileage Fee Rate Options</i></b></p> <p>Discussant: <b>Can Chen</b>, Georgia State University</p>	<p><b>Asha Weinstein Agrawal</b> <b>Hilary Nixon</b> <i>San Jose State University</i></p>
6:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	