

Economics Research Seminar

Pre-registration and Reporting: Evidence and Innovations



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How well does preregistration address publication bias and selective reporting in economics? In this talk, Dr. Fernando Hoces de la Guardia will present results from two large-scale projects investigating preregistration and reporting practices.

The first study standardizes and tracks thousands of hypotheses from more than 300 preregistered studies in the AEA RCT Registry, following them through subsequent publications, working papers, and reports.

The findings reveal many hypotheses never appear in the published literature—even years later—raising questions about the limits of preregistration as a safeguard against selective reporting.

The second study develops a minimal set of reporting standards for economics and tests whether interventions can improve compliance. By adapting practices widely used in medicine and public health, this project explores pathways toward more transparent and consistent research reporting.

Together, these papers shed light on the challenges and opportunities of preregistration, while offering innovative tools to improve the credibility and cumulative value of economic research.

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