

**Jim and Matthew Scarpati  
Honorary Applied Economics  
Conference**

Spring 2024 Conference Topic

**Economic consequences of traffic  
congestion pricing in Lower Manhattan**

- All undergraduate economics majors and all MA/MS students in Economics are eligible and invited to participate.
- Non-economics majors with sufficient economics background are also welcome.

- Participating students will present their papers in a conference format near the end of the Spring semester.
- The best and runner-up papers, **selected by a faculty panel of judges**, will be awarded \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

# Two ways to participate

## Way one:

- **For Economics BA students seeking upper-level elective course credit:** Submit a [registration form](#) for Spring 2024 to enroll in *Undergraduate Research* (ECO 498, section SAEC, registration #23625).
- **For Economics Masters students seeking elective course credit:** Submit a [registration form](#) for Spring 2024 to enroll in 1, 2, or 3 credits of *Graduate Independent Research* (ECO 598, section SAEC, registration #23626).
- Students enrolled as above will receive a grade for the course on their transcript. They will still have an opportunity to be chosen as a winner of one of the available awards if they present their paper at the conference.

# Two ways to participate

## Way two:

- If you do not register for ECO 498 or ECO 598 as described in previous page.
- **You can still participate in the conference** and compete to win the best or runner-up paper award.
- Just prepare your paper and present it at the conference.

# Other requirements

- All participants should fill out a form that will be available on the conference website. The form should be returned to Professor Anas by November 17, 2023.
- All participating students, whether Econ or non-Econ majors **should plan to attend three hour long presentations** early in the Spring 2024 semester. The schedule of these presentations are on the next page.

# Attend three hour-long presentations in the first three weeks of the Spring 2024 semester

- **Presentation 1:** Professor **Justin Downs** will present the economic reasoning behind the policy of pricing traffic congestion.
- **Presentation 2:** Professor **Alex Anas** will present a summary of how congestion pricing fared in Singapore, London, Stockholm, Milan.
- **Presentation 3:** Professor **Aisling Winston** will explain and provide guidelines on how to write a successful conference paper.

# Conference scheduling

- All conference **papers will be due by the last day of classes** in the spring 2024 semester. Papers must be **double spaced pdf files. Poorly prepared papers will not be accepted.**
- **The conference will be held on the first day after the final exams.** Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present her/his paper in person, using a power point presentation. The presentations will be attended by the faculty panel of judges.
- **Winners will be announced within two weeks after the conference.**