

# Inaugural Rocky Mountain Urban and Real Estate (RMURE) Conference

June 5–7, 2026 | Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta

## Organizers

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## Host

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## DAY 1: Friday, June 5, 2026

8:00 - 8:45 AM	<i>Arrival and Registration / Breakfast</i>
8:45 - 9:00 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b>

### Session 1: Housing Supply and Affordability

9:00 - 9:45 AM	<p><b>Build What and for Whom? The Distributional Effects of Housing Supply</b>            Authors: Lei Ma  <b>Presenter: Lei Ma (University of Georgia)</b>            Discussant: Tsur Somerville (University of British Columbia)</p>
9:45 - 10:30 AM	<p><b>Where does the infill housing go? Addition versus division</b>            Authors: Thomas Davidoff and Tsur Somerville  <b>Presenter: Thomas Davidoff (University of British Columbia)</b>            Discussant: Ari Anisfeld (University of Arkansas)</p>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 11:30 AM	<p><b>Land use regulation, homeownership, and the cost of NIMBYism</b>            Authors: Brian Greaney, Christian Hilber, Hans Koster, Gabriel Loumeau, and Andrii Parkhomenko  <b>Presenter: Brian Greaney (University of Washington)</b>            Discussant: James Macek (University of Alberta)</p>
11:30 - 12:15 PM	<p><b>Supply constraints do not explain house price and quantity growth across U.S. cities</b>            Authors: Schuyler Louie, John Mondragon, and Johannes Wieland  <b>Presenter: John Mondragon (San Francisco FRB)</b>            Discussant: Harrison Wheeler (University of Toronto)</p>
12:15 - 2:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>

### Session 2: Real Estate Markets and Finance

2:00 - 2:45 PM	<p><b>Aggregate rate changes, local rent growth: the mortgage lock-in channel</b>            Authors: Jorge De la Roca, Marco Giacoletti, and Lizhong Liu  <b>Presenter: Jorge De La Roca (University of Southern California)</b>            Discussant: Sidharth Muktan (University of Alberta)</p>
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2:45 - 3:30 PM	<p><b>Of House and Home-Related Goods: The Home Purchase Channel of Expenditure</b>            Authors: Giovanni Favara, James Graham, and Geng Li  <i>Presenter: James Graham (University of Sydney)</i>  <i>Discussant: Michael Boutros (University of Toronto)</i></p>
3:30 - 3:45 PM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:30 PM onwards	<b>Trip to Lake Louise</b>

## DAY 2: Saturday, June 6, 2026

8:30 - 9:00 AM	<i>Arrival and Breakfast</i>
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### Session 3: Sorting, Agglomeration, and Congestion in Cities

9:00 - 9:45 AM	<p><b>The evolution of the residential-employment mix in U.S. cities</b>            Authors: Kristian Behrens, Julien Martin, Florian Mayneris, and Farid Toubal  <i>Presenter: Florian Mayneris (Université du Québec à Montréal)</i>  <i>Discussant: Jay Hyun (University of Alberta)</i></p>
9:45 - 10:30 AM	<p><b>Crowding</b>            Authors: Yizhen Gu, Qu Tang, Kai Wu, and Ben Zou  <i>Presenter: Ben Zou (Purdue University)</i>  <i>Discussant: Alice Wang (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)</i></p>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 11:30 AM	<p><b>Immigrants and Native Flight: Geographic Extent and Heterogeneous Preferences</b>            Authors: Bence Boje-Kovacs, Ismir Mulalic, Albert Saiz, Vinicios Sant'Anna, and Marie Louise Schultz-Nielsen  <i>Presenter: Albert Saiz (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)</i>  <i>Discussant: Nathan Schiff (University of Alberta)</i></p>

### Session 4: Housing and the Structure of Cities

11:30 - 12:15 PM	<p><b>How Housing Supply Expansions Reshape Cities</b>            Authors: Marco Giacoletti, Matthijs Korevaar, and Franklin Qian  <i>Presenter: Marco Giacoletti (University of Notre Dame)</i>  <i>Discussant: Alex Whalley (University of Calgary)</i></p>
12:15 - 1:30 PM	<p><i>Lunch Break (Boxed Lunches)</i>   <i>Housing and Real Estate Talk (hosted by Murtaza Haider (University of Alberta))</i></p>
1:30 - 2:15 PM	<p><b>Work from Home and the Evolution of Cities</b>            Authors: Brian Greaney, Andrii Parkhomenko, and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh  <i>Presenter: Andrii Parkhomenko (University of Southern California)</i>  <i>Discussant: Guangbin Hong (Michigan State University)</i></p>

### Session 5: Spatial Equilibrium and the Environment

2:15 - 3:00 PM	<p><b>Continuous Spatial Difference-in-Differences for Welfare Evaluation</b>            Authors: Sean McCulloch  <i>Presenter: Sean McCulloch (Brown University)</i>  <i>Discussant: Len Goff (University of Calgary)</i></p>
3:00 - 3:15 PM	<i>Coffee Break</i>

### Keynote Address

3:15 - 4:30 PM	<p><b>Professor Nathaniel Baum-Snow (University of Toronto)</b>  <i>Title: Housing Affordability and the Mobility of Renters</i></p>
5:45 - 7:45 PM	<i>Dinner at Park Distillery</i>

## DAY 3: Sunday, June 7, 2026

8:30 - 9:00 AM	<i>Arrival and Breakfast</i>
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### Session 5 continued: Spatial Equilibrium and the Environment

9:00 - 09:45 AM	<p><b>Rebuild or Relocate? Recovery after Natural Disasters</b>            Authors: Shifrah Aron-Dine  <i>Presenter: Shifrah Aron-Dine (UC Berkeley)</i>  <i>Discussant: James Macek (University of Alberta)</i></p>
9:45 - 10:30 AM	<p><b>Cities as Inverted Watersheds</b>            Authors: Sanghoon Lee and Seung Hoon Lee  <i>Presenter: Sanghoon Lee (University of British Columbia)</i>  <i>Discussant: Sean McCulloch (Brown University)</i></p>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>

### Session 6: Commercial Real Estate

10:45 - 11:30 AM	<p><b>Distributional Effects of Exclusive Dealing in Retail Real Estate</b>            Authors: Camilla Schneier  <i>Presenter: Camilla Schneier (Boston University)</i>  <i>Discussant: Longzhou Wang (University of Alberta)</i></p>
11:30 - 12:15 PM	<p><b>Determinants and Consequences of Return to Office Policies</b>            Authors: Sean Flynn, Andra Ghent, and Vasudha Nair  <i>Presenter: Vashuda Nair (University of Utah)</i>  <i>Discussant: Tianran Dai (University of Alberta)</i></p>
12:15 - 12:30 PM	<b>Closing Remarks — Future of RMURE</b>
12:30 PM	<i>Departure</i>

## Conference Notes

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- All sessions at PDC 103, Banff Centre
- Paper presentations: 45 min (30 min presentation + 10 min discussion + 5 min Q&A)

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