

# *MAER-Net Colloquium*

## University of Ottawa, Canada

### October 16-18, 2025

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#### **Important locations**

- **Colloquium:** Main floor of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa (120 University Private, Ottawa ON K1N 9A7, Canada)  
[Google Maps](#)
- **Dinner Thursday 16th:** JOEY Rideau, 50 Rideau St E106, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J7
- **Dinner Friday 17th:** Ember, 92 Clarence St., Ottawa, ON K1N 7B5

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Thursday, Oct 16, 2025 – Replication Games and Non-Games Participants Arrive	
8:45 – 16:00	<b>Replication Games (Optional, but registration necessary)</b> <b>Room:</b> Faculty Social Sciences FSS1006
16:30 - 18:30	<b>Social Activity: Walking tour with John Bernard Lee (1908-1981) as your host</b>
18:30 - 20:30	<b>Dinner: JOEY Rideau, 50 Rideau St E106, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J7</b>

Friday, Oct 17, 2025 – Symposium Day 1 [University of Ottawa, Faculty Social Sciences, 120 University Private]	
<b>{Keynote speeches: 35 minutes; Papers: 20 min; Discussions: 5 min}</b>	
08:00 - 09:00	<b>Registration/Coffee</b>
09:00 - 10:15	<b>Plenary Session I</b> [Room: FSS1006] (Chair: Abel Brodeur) <i>Welcome: Abel Brodeur</i>  <i>Keynote: Meta-analysis, meta-meta-analysis and meta-science in environmental and other sciences</i> <b>Shinichi Nakagawa</b> University of Alberta <i>Comparing Human-Only, AI-Assisted, and AI-Led Teams on Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science</i> <b>Juan Pablo Aparicio</b> University of Ottawa, Institute for Replication
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:30 – 11:50	<b>Parallel Session Ia: Environmental</b> (Chair: Shinichi Nakagawa) [Room: FSS1006] <i>Green Finance and Sustainable Development: A Meta-Regression Analysis of Economic, Environmental, and Social Outcomes</i> <b>Colin Mang</b> McMaster University <i>The effect of urbanization on environmental emissions: Evidence from a meta-analysis</i> <b>Sylvanus Afesorghor</b> Guelph University <i>Revisiting the effects of climate change on wheat yields: A meta-analysis of simulation studies</i> <b>Tom Neumann &amp; Tobias Herkommer</b> University of Augsburg
10:30 - 12:15	<b>Parallel Session Ib: Methods</b> (Chair: Pedro Bom) [Room: FSS1030] <i>Understanding the Limits of Egger Regression in Detecting Publication Bias: Implications for Empirical Research</i> <b>Heiko Rachinger</b> Universitat de les Illes Balears <i>Fast Multilevel Robust Bayesian Meta-Regression</i> <b>Frantisek Bartos</b> University of Amsterdam <i>Meaningless Means? A Tail-Index Test for External Validity in Meta-Analysis</i> <b>Chishio Furukawa</b> Yokohama National University <i>Testing for and Evaluating the Extent of Selective Reporting</i> <b>Nikolay Kudrin</b> Queens University

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<b>Friday, Oct 17, 2025 – Day 1 – Continued</b>	
12:15 - 13:15	<b>Lunch</b>
13:15 - 13:30	<b>Group photo</b>
13:30 - 14:45	<p><b>Plenary Session II: Academia, University and Peer Review</b> (Chair: Tomas Havranek)  [Room: FSS1006]</p> <p><i>The Robustness Reproducibility of the American Economic Review</i>  <b>Abel Brodeur</b> University of Ottawa and Institute for Replication</p> <p><i>Non-Robustness and Selective Reporting in Log-Like Specifications: Evidence from a Large-Scale Reanalysis</i>  <b>Jack Fitzgerald</b> Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Tinbergen Institute</p> <p><i>The (Mis)leading Top 5: New Metrics of Misleading Evidence</i>  <b>Tom Stanley</b> Deakin University</p>
14:45- 15:00	<b>Break</b>
15:00 - 17:05	<p><b>Parallel Session IIa: Methods and Health</b> (Chair: Juan Pablo Aparicio)  [Room: Room: FSS1006]</p> <p><i>Media Stars: Statistical Significance and Research Impact</i>  <b>Nikolai Cook</b> Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <p><i>The Impact of Health Insurance on Mortality: A Meta-Analysis</i>  <b>Xindong Xue</b> Zhongnan University of Economics and Law</p> <p><i>Publication bias and p-hacking in the effect of COVID-19 on learning</i>  <b>Martina Lušková</b> Charles University</p> <p><i>Smoke-Fueled Science: How Tobacco Industry Shapes Scientific Research</i>  <b>Mathis Preti</b> Aix-Marseille School of Economics</p> <p><i>Do Effect Sizes Make a Difference?</i>  <b>April Wang</b>, University of Canterbury</p>
15:00 - 17:05	<p><b>Parallel Session IIb: Power and Methods</b> (Chair: Heiko Rachinger)  [Room: FSS1030]</p> <p><i>P-hacking and statistical power in empirical finance: Insights from a meta-meta study</i>  <b>Héloïse Hulstaert</b> University of Hasselt and HEC Liège</p> <p><i>Testing for Underpowered Literatures</i>  <b>Stefan Faridani</b> Georgia Institute of Technology</p> <p><i>Another Look at Statistical Power in Published Research</i>  <b>Bob Reed</b> University of Canterbury</p> <p><i>FinTech and Economic Performance: A Meta-Analytical Perspective</i>  <b>Amar Anwar</b> Cape Breton University</p> <p><i>A Bayesian Selection Model for Publication Bias Correction</i>  <b>Pedro R. Duarte Bom</b> University of Deusto</p>
17:40 - 19:40	<b>Dinner: Ember, 92 Clarence St., Ottawa, ON K1N 7B5</b>

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Saturday, Oct 18, 2025 – Symposium Day 2 [University of Ottawa, FSS, 120 University Private]	
09:00 - 09:30	<b>MAER-Net Open Forum</b> (Chair: Sebastian Gechert & Tom Stanley) [Room: FSS1006] <i>Chemnitz colloquium 2026 and AI infrastructure for meta-analysis</i>
09:30 - 11:00	<b>Plenary Session III</b> (Chair: Tom Stanley) [Room: FSS1006] <i>Keynote: All Our Default Models Are Wrong: Causal inference for varying treatment effects</i> <b>Andrew Gelman</b> Columbia University <i>WAIVE: Weighted Adjustment Instrumental Variable Estimator for Meta-Analysis</i> <b>Tomas Havranek</b> Charles University <i>Ambiguous empirical results are not oversold but more focused on statistical significance</i> <b>Stephan Bruns</b> Hasselt University
11:00 - 11:15	<b>Break</b>
11:15 - 12:55	<b>Parallel Session IIIa: Labor and Public Finance</b> (Chair: Patrice Laroche) [Room: FSS1006] <i>What will be the effect of population ageing on saving rates in a world in which shrinking populations are increasingly common? Meta-analysis and simulation</i> <b>Jacques Poot</b> University of Waikato <i>(Un)employment Effects of Conventional Monetary Policy: A Meta Analysis</i> <b>Franz Prante</b> Chemnitz University of Technology <i>Pay Transparency Laws and the Gender Pay Gap: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis</i> <b>Klára Kantová</b> Charles University <i>Novelty and Reporting Bias in Economics</i> <b>Valon Kadriu</b> University of Kassel & INCHER
11:15 - 12:55	<b>Parallel Session IIIb: Peer Review, University and Academia</b> (Chair: Stephan Bruns) [Room: FSS1005] <i>University Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and the Expansion of the Meta-Analysis Toolbox</i> <b>Martin Queißner</b> Zeppelin University <i>Comparing LLM and human peer reviews and ratings of social science research using data from Unjournal.org evaluations</i> <b>David Reinstein</b> Unjournal <i>How do financial conflict of interest impact publication bias in economics?</i> <b>Paul Sibille</b> HEC Liège <i>Do Better Journals Publish Better Estimates?</i> <b>David Slichter</b> Binghamton University
12:55 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 - 15:40	<b>Plenary Session IV</b> (Chair: Nikolai Cook) [Room: FSS1006] <i>State vs Market: Do Energy Price Elasticities Differ?</i> <b>Sebastian Gechert</b> Chemnitz University of Technology <i>Robustness in Development Economics - A Many-Analysist Meta-Reproduction</i> <b>Julian Rose</b> RWI Essen <i>Meta-Analysis of Risk-Taking Propensities</i> <b>Taisuke Imai</b> University of Osaka <i>AI in Evidence Synthesis and Meta-analysis: An overview of current research, tools and practices</i> <b>Sarah Young</b> Carnegie Mellon University Libraries

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Saturday, Oct 18, 2025 – Day 2 - Continued	
15:40 - 16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00 - 16:50	<b>Parallel Session IVa: Development</b> (Chair: Jacques Poot) [Room: FSS1006] <i>Mitigating Climate Shocks through Social Protection: A Systematic Review</i> <b>Binyam Afewerk Demena</b> Erasmus University Rotterdam <i>Meta-Analysis on Conditional Cash Transfers: Education Outcomes, Publication Bias and Institutional Influence</i> <b>Anna Schuetze</b> TU Dresden
16:00 - 16:50	<b>Parallel Session IVb: Politics</b> (Chair: Sebastian Gechert) [Room: FSS1005] <i>Excess Statistical Significance and the Crisis of Trust in the Post-Truth Era</i> <b>Patrice Laroche</b> University of Lorraine <i>We used LLMs to Track Methodological and Substantive Publication Patterns in Political Science and They Seem to do a Pretty Good Job</i> <b>Ryan Briggs</b> Guelph University
16:50 . . . .	<b>Farewell</b> [Room: FSS1006]

**Thank you for your research and participation!**

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### Additional information

#### Contact & Support

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#### WiFi

On the campus of the University of Ottawa, there are wireless network are available:

- eduroam
- University of Ottawa, Visitor

Eduroam is recommended for academic guests from participating institutions. Please contact Abel Brodeur if you cannot login.

#### Local Transport

Transport:

- Uber is available and can be booked via the Uber App
- Local taxi service, call a taxi +1 (613) 238-1111
- Public transport via bus or O-Train: <https://www.octranspo.com/en/plan-your-trip/schedules-maps/>

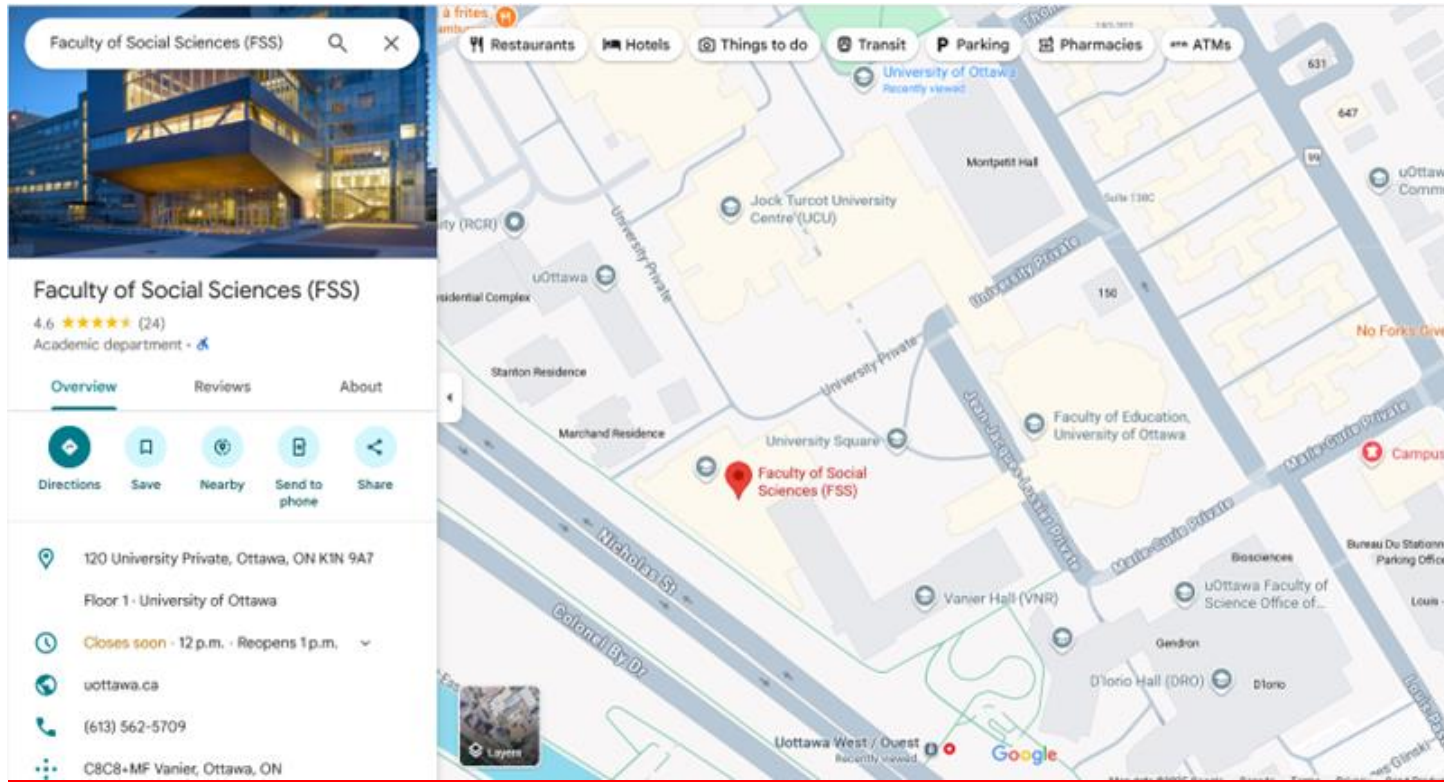
How to get to the **Colloquium Location** with Public Transport:

- If you are coming from the city center, walking (if possible) is your best option
- If you want to take the train, take the O-Train: <https://www.octranspo.com/en/>
- Exit at the station UOttawa

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Campus map: <https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/sites/g/files/bhrskd336/files/2024-09/Main%20Campus%20Map-%20May%202024%205.pdf>



## Recommended Restaurants & Bars in the City Center

*Reservations might be needed, esp. for larger groups!*

### Coffee:

- Best coffee near university is actually in the Faculty of Social Sciences, exactly where we meet! It will be closed on Saturday, but this is your best bet for a nice coffee on Thursday/Friday.
- Otherwise the city is plagued with Tim Hortons stores everywhere.

### Typical dish:

- Canadian food is mostly not good. It's a mix of American/British food. You visit Canada for the nature, not food/culture. But if you want to try a specialty from Quebec, then try a poutine (Smoke's Poutinerie Ottawa, 407 Dalhousie St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5X6).
- Desert: anything with maple syrup(!) and BeaverTails (Byward market: 69 George St, Ottawa, ON K1N 1K1)
- Chez Lucien (137 Murray St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5M7) has a cool old Canadian vibe. Food is fine.

### Asian restaurants:

- Indian (my favorite restaurant in town; great food, not pricy), Kochin Kitchen: 271 Dalhousie St, Ottawa, ON K1N 7E6. I recommend lamb kurma, rice, porotta/naan and mango lassi

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- Sula Wok, 184 Main St, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C2

### **Italian**

- For a sandwich (take away), La Bottega Nicastro, Fine Food Shop - ByWard Market
- Ciao Italia, 641 Somerset St W, Ottawa, ON K1R 5J6

### **French**

- Go to Quebec
- But if you insist: Ratatouille Bistro (278 Dalhousie St, Ottawa, ON K1N 7E6)

### **Fast food**

- Everywhere ☹️

### **Pubs**

- About 100 in the ByWard market. People (Ontarians, definitely not in Quebec) even have breakfast in pubs.

### **Alcohol:**

- Wine is crazy expensive and mostly not great.
- Beer is expensive, but good. I mean, not Belgium/Germany level, but good. Lots of microbreweries around Ottawa.

To sum up, lower your expectations for food. If you like desert, then you'll be happy. We produce around most of the world's maple syrup. If you want a nice/pricy dinner, then go for Italian/French. If you want a nice/not so pricy dinner, then go Asian.