

Reflections on Presenting Paper at the NEUDC Conference

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With support from the CIERP Travel Fund for Experiential Learning, I traveled to Boston in November 2024 to present my job market paper at the North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference hosted at Northeastern University. NEUDC is a conference on development economics and has been held annually since 1967.

During the first session on Conflict and Reconciliation, I presented my job market paper titled “Internal Displacement and Conflict in Ethiopia.” This paper is the most comprehensive, solo-authored chapter of my doctoral dissertation and is a crucial piece of the evaluation process when interviewing for jobs. By presenting at this conference, I gained valuable experience not only in public speaking but also fielding questions about this paper, which mimic the conditions of a hiring panel. In addition to other research presentation sessions, I also had the opportunity to attend panel discussions about recent research in economic development, latest updates in academic publishing, and career opportunities outside academia. These panelists, often very senior economists, are intentionally selected for their specialty experience, perspectives, and accomplishments, and these panels are one of my favorite parts of attending NEUDC as they are always inspiring.

Since NEUDC took place in Boston this year, a large group of my peers in Tufts’ Economics and Public Policy Ph.D. program and our Economics faculty also attended the conference. This provided a fun, collegial environment where we compared exciting takeaways from presentation sessions we attended, socialized with each other, and made new connections in the Boston area academic community and beyond. In addition to being a fun experience, networking with new people may open possibilities for potential future research collaborations, mentorship, and employment.

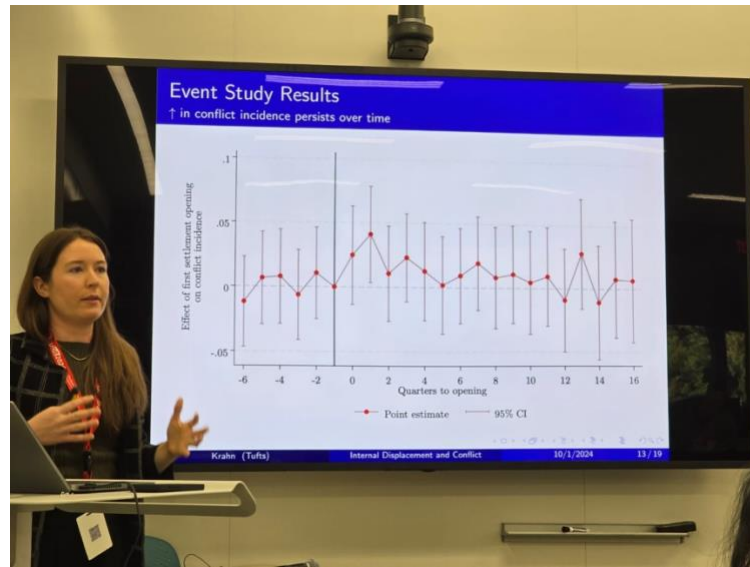
Overall, presenting my research at and attending the NEUDC conference was both an opportunity to continue strengthening my academic research and engage in professional growth. I am very grateful to CIERP for supporting my attendance at this conference.

Photos

Presenters in my session



Mid-presentation!



Large group of Tufts Economics and Public Policy Ph.D. students and Economics faculty who attended or presented at NEUDC!

