

Nordic Conference in Development Economics

June 18-19, 2009

Oscarsborg¹, Drøbak

Program

Thursday June 18:

08:00-09:00 Registration and coffee²

09:00-09:10 Welcome and practical details.

Unfortunately we had a last minute cancellation for Klaus Deininger and have resorted to the following back-up solution:

09:10-09:40: [Stein Holden](#): “[Institutions, Markets, and Environmental and Livelihood Restoration](#)”

09:40-10:00: Discussion

10:00-10:30: Finn Tarp: [Overview of what WIDER is and ongoing strategy ideas for its 2010-2011 work plan.](#)

Coffee³

10:30-12:30 Parallel sessions 1⁴

12:30-13:30 Lunch⁵

13:30-15:30 Parallel sessions 2

15:30-15:45 Coffee

15:45-17:30 Informal meetings/Networking

17:30-18:30 Guided tour of Oscarsborg Fortress (optional)

19:00-19.30 Aperitif⁶

19.30- Conference dinner

Friday June 19:

08:30-09:30 Keynote speaker: [Professor Michael Carter](#), UC-Davis

“[Testing for Poverty Traps: Asset Smoothing versus Consumption Smoothing in Burkina Faso](#)”

09:30-10:00 Discussion

10:00-10:30 Coffee

10:30-12:30 Parallel sessions 3

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Parallel sessions 4

15:30 End of conference

¹ See map of the island here: http://www.umb.no/statisk/ncde-2009/map_oscarsborg.pdf

² The registration takes place in the reception area of the restaurant building called “Forpleiningen”.

³ Coffee is available both in “Havnefortet” and “Skolekaserna”. Fruit and cakes will be served in the “Skolekaserna”.

⁴ All parallel sessions, both days, takes place in the white building called “Skolekaserna”.

⁵ Lunch will be served both days at ”Forpleiningen”

⁶ Aperitif and dinner will be served at ”Forpleiningen”

THURSDAY JUNE 18

Session 1, Room 1: **Land tenure**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Stein Holden

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Magnus Hatlebakk	Agrarian Change in Maoist influenced areas of Nepal	Stein Holden
11:00-11:30	Jeetendra Aryal	Caste and Land Productivity in Rural Nepal	Magnus Hatlebakk
11:30-12:00	Radison R. Celestin	Landownership as a Strategy for Sustainable Development in the Highlands of Madagascar	Jeetendra Aryal
12:00-12:30	Stein Holden	Tenure Security and Forest Tenure Reform in China	Radison Celestin

Session 1, Room 2: Topic: **Development Assistance**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Ragnar Øygaard

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Henrik Hansen / Derek Headey	The Short-Run Macroeconomic Impact of Foreign Aid to Small States: An Agnostic Time Series Analysis.	Alessia Isopi
11:00-11:30	Sam Jones	New approaches to financing development - from rhetoric to reality.	Henrik Hansen
11:30-12:00	Pernilla Johansson	Grants or loans? Determinants of aid composition.	Sam Jones
12:00-12:30	Alessia Isopi / Fabrizio Mattesini	Aid and Corruption: Do Donors Use Development Assistance to Provide the "Right" Incentives?	Pernilla Johansson

Session 1, Room 3: Topic: **Economic Growth and Foreign Direct Investment**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Arne Wiig

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Tapas Kundu	Resistance to Outside Investment: A Rational Model of Surplus Destruction	Ivar Kolstad
11:00-11:30	Ivar Kolstad/ Arne Wiig	What determines Chinese Outward FDI?	Tapas Kundu
11:30-12:00	Mazhar Mughal / Natalia Vechiu	Does FDI Promote Higher Education? Evidence from Developing Countries	Arne Wiig
12:00-12:30	Juliane Brach	Binding Constraints of Economic Development and Growth in the Middle East and North Africa	Mazhar Mughal

Session 2, Room 1: Topic: **Land Tenure and NRM Impacts**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Henrik Wiig

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Hosaena Ghebru	Land Certification in Ethiopia: An Illusion or a Solution?	Alemu Mekonnen
14:00-14:30	Ogada Maurice Juma	Farm Technology Adoption, Productivity and Management of Risk in Rain-fed Maize Production in Semi-Arid Lands of Kenya	Henrik Wiig
14:30-15:00	Alex Tatwangire	Modes of Land Access and Welfare Impacts in Uganda	Ogada Maurice Juma
15:00-15:30	Alemu Mekonnen	Impacts of the Productive Safety Net Program in Ethiopia on Livestock and Tree Holdings of Rural Households	Hosaena Ghebru

Session 2, Room 2: Topic: **Health and Education**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Mette Wik

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Jan Priebe	Low malnutrition but high mortality: Explaining the paradox of the Lake Victoria Region	Le Dang Trung
14:00-14:30	Le Dang Trung	Better than its reputation? The incidence of social transfers and education fee exemptions in Vietnam	Jan Priebe
14:30-15:00			
15:00-15:30			

Session 2, Room 3: Topic: **Nonfarm Sector**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Quamrul Ahsan

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Anne Strøm Prestvik	Out of Furniture Business	Quarul Ahsan
14:00-14:30	Sosina Bezu	Activity Choice in Rural Nonfarm Employment	Chiung-Ting Chang
14:30-15:00	Quamrul Ahsan	Are the Vulnerable Left Out of Micro-credit?	Sosina Bezu
15:00-15:30	Chiung-Ting Chang	Combining Role-play with Problem-based Learning to Teach Development Economics	Anne Strøm Prestvik

FRIDAY JUNE 19

Session 3, Room 1: Topic: **Gender Issues**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Henrik Wiik

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Jas Ellis	Son preference and sex ratios: How many “missing women” are missing?	Falko Tabbert
11:00-11:30	Abhishek Chakravarty	Supply shocks and gender bias in child health investments: Evidence from the ICDS programme in India	Jas Ellis
11:30-12:00	Mintewab Bezabih	Contract renewal differentials of female- and male-owned farms in Ethiopia	Abhishek Chakravarty
12:00-12:30	Falko Tabbert	Child care and female labour force participation in developing countries – Quasi-experimental results from Togo	Mintewab Bezabih

Session 3, Room 2: Topic: **Environmental and Resource Economics**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Gunnar Köhlin

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Wenting Chen	Impact of Market Imperfections on Efficiency of PES Program	Gunnar Köhlin
11:00-11:30	Zenebe Gebreegziabher	Urban Energy Transition and Technology Adoption: The Case of Tigray, Northern Ethiopia	Wenting Chen
11:30-12:00	John Mutua	Distributional Effects of Transport Fuel Taxes in Kenya	Zenebe Gebreegziabher
12:00-12:30			

Session 3, Room 3: Topic: **Markets and Agricultural Development**, 10:30-12:30

Chairperson: Maren Elise Bachke

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
10:30-11:00	Getaw Tadesse/Atle Guttormsen	Commercializing Smallholders through Interlinked Contracts: Prospects and Challenges in the Rift Valley of Ethiopia	Anna Milford
11:00-11:30	Hailemariam Teklewold	Analyses of Markets and Value Chains for Chickpea in Ethiopia	Maren Elise Bachke
11:30-12:00	Maren Elise Bachke	Are Farmers’ Organizations a Good Tool to Improve Small-scale Farmers’ Welfare?	Hailemariam Teklewold
12:00-12:30			

Session 4, Room 1: Topic: **Risk, Time, Preferences, and Contracts**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Rune Jansen Hagen

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Maarten Voors	Do Shocks of Civil War Alter Social Risk and Time Preferences? Data from Field Experiments in Burundi	Rune Jansen Hagen
14:00-14:30	Fiona Wainwright/ Carol Newman	Informal Risk Sharing Arrangements and the Crowding Out of Formal Insurance Markets: A Cross-sectional Analysis from Vietnam	Maarten Voors
14:30-15:00	Rune Jansen Hagen	The Invisible Handshake in Contracting for Debt: Results from an International Experiment	Fiona Wainwright
15:00-15:30			

Session 4, Room 2: Topic: **Environmental and Development Economics**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Finn Tarp

Time	Presenter	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Simon Wagura	Environmental Goods Collection and Children's Schooling: Evidence from Kenya	Finn Tarp
14:00-14:30	Menale Kassie	Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia: Does Agro-ecology Matter?	Simon Wagura
14:30-15:00	Dambala Gelo	Afforestation Subsidy under Asymmetric Information and Transaction Cost in Developing Countries: Does Rural Capital Market Imperfections Matter?	Menale Kassie
15:00-15:30	Finn Tarp	"Biofuels, Poverty, and Growth: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis of Mozambique"	Arild Angelsen

Session 4, Room 3: Topic: **Mixed Topics**, 13:30-15:30

Chairperson: Mariagrazia Luciano

Time	Presenter/Authors	Title of paper	Commentator
13:30-14:00	Hasan Basarir	On the Multidimensional Measurement of Poverty	Mariagrazia Luciano
14:00-14:30	Pablo Selaya	Lightning, IT Diffusion and Economic Growth across US States	Hasan Basarir
14:30-15:00	Mariagrazia Luciano	Does Parental Control over Marriage Matter? An Empirical Investigation for Rural India	Pablo Selaya
15:00-15:30			