

International Conference on Comparative Development
(In celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of the Indian Statistical Institute)

ISI Delhi, December 18-20, 2007

Conference Programme

Day 1: 18 December, Tuesday.

8.30 - 9.30: Registration, Coffee/Tea

9.30 - 10.00: Welcome and Opening Remarks: Sankar Pal (Director, ISI).

10:00 - 11.15: Plenary Session: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT)

Title: Climbing Out of Poverty: Long-Term Decisions under Income Stress (with Sendhil Mullainathan, Harvard University).

Chair: E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi)

11.15 - 11.30: Tea break

11.30 - 1.15: Parallel Sessions 1:

<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
1(a): Credit Markets Chair: Prabal Roy Chowdhury (ISI, Delhi)	1(b): Labour Markets Chair: Kaushik Basu (Cornell University)	1(c): Health Chair: Sanghamitra Das (ISI, Delhi)
Amit Bubna (Indian School of Business, Hyderabad): Relational Distance and Contracting - Family in Credit Markets. Suman Ghosh and Eric Van Tassel (Florida Atlantic University): Microfinance, Subsidies and Dynamic Incentives. Jean-Marie Baland (University of Namur), Rohini Somanathan (Delhi School of Economics) and Zaki Wahaj (University of Namur): Social Exclusion and Enforcement in Group Lending.	Sugata Marjit (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata): Labor Market Reform and Poverty - The Role of Informal Sector. Diganta Mukherjee (ICFAI Business School, Kolkata) and Saswati Das (ISI, Kolkata): Welfare Implications of Child Work and Child Labour in India: Patterns and Determinants. Mukesh Eswaran, Ashok Kotwal, Bharat Ramaswami (ISI, Delhi) and Wilima Wadhwa: How Does Poverty Decline? Suggestive Evidence from India, 1983-1999.	Diane Dancer (University of Sydney), Anu Rammohan (University of Sydney) and Murray D Smith (University of Aberdeen and University of Sydney): Infant Mortality and Child Nutrition in Bangladesh. Sonia Bhalotra (University of Bristol): Little Women. Mariapia Mendola (University of Milan Bicocca) The Impoverishing Effect of Adverse Health Events: Evidence from the Western Balkans.

1.15 - 2.30: Lunch

2.30 - 3.40: Parallel Sessions 2:

<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
2(a): Happiness and Mental Health Chair: John Helliwell (UBC)	2(b): Environment (Theory) Chair: E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi)	2(c): Income Dynamics and the Middle Class Chair: Bharat Ramaswami (ISI, Delhi)
Paolo Verme (University of Torino and Bocconi University, Milan): Happiness and Inequality Aversion Worldwide. Sanghamitra Das (ISI, Delhi), Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (ISI, Delhi) and Tridip Ray (ISI, Delhi): Integrating Mental Health in Welfare Evaluation: An Empirical Application.	Parkash Chander (National University of Singapore): Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. Sudhir A. Shah (Delhi School of Economics): A Non-Cooperative Theory of Quantity-Rationing International Transfrontier Pollution.	T. Lakshmanasamy (University of Madras): Unequal Chances: The Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Advantage under Marital Sorting. Sudeshna Maitra (York University): Who are the Indian Middle Class? A Mixture Model of Class Membership Based on Durables Ownership.

3.40 - 4.00: Tea break

4.00 - 6.00: Plenary Session:

Panel Discussion on Data for Development Research.

Ingrid Woolard (University of Cape Town) on the National Income Dynamics Study.

S. Galab (Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad) on the Young Lives longitudinal survey on child poverty.

Suresh Tendulkar (National Statistical Commission).

Chair: Pronab Sen (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation).

7.30: Dinner at the India Habitat Centre

Day 2: 19 December, Wednesday.

9.00 -10.00: Travel Re-imbursments and Coffee/Tea.

10:00 - 11.15: Plenary Session: John Helliwell (University of British Columbia)

Title: Life Satisfaction and Quality of Development.

Chair: Tridip Ray (ISI, Delhi)

11.15 - 11.30: Tea break

11.30 - 1.15: Parallel Sessions 3:

<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
<p>3(a): Political Economy Chair: Parikshit Ghosh (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>3(b): Trade Chair: Satya P. Das (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>3(c): Literacy and Education Chair: Wilima Wadhwa (ISI, Delhi)</p>
<p>Abhirup Sarkar (ISI, Kolkata): On the Political Economy of General Strikes.</p> <p>Maitreesh Ghatak (London School of Economics): Creating Collateral: Markets, Networks, and the Political Economy of Legal Reform.</p> <p>Toke S. Aidt (University of Cambridge) and Jayasri Dutta (University of Birmingham): Policy Compromises: Corruption and Regulation in a Democracy.</p>	<p>Kamal Saggi (Southern Methodist University) and Halis Murat Yildiz (Ryerson University): Bilateralism, Pure Multilateralism, and the Quest for Global Free Trade.</p> <p>Katsuzo Yamamoto (Kobe University): Lobbying for Trade Regime and Tariff Setting.</p> <p>Simontini Das (Jadavpur University), Ajitava Raychaudhuri (Jadavpur University) and Saikat Sinha Roy (Jadavpur University): Immigration versus Outsourcing: A Developing Country's View.</p>	<p>Kaushik Basu (Cornell University) and Travis Lee (Cornell University): A New and Easy-to-Use Measure of Literacy, Its Axiomatic Properties and an Application.</p> <p>Sarmistha Pal (Brunel University and IZA) and Sugata Ghosh (Brunel University): Elite Dominance and Under-investment in Mass Education: Disparity in the Social Development of the Indian States, 1960-92.</p> <p>Sujoy Chakravarty (IIT, Delhi) and E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi): Non-discrimination in an Elite Labour Market: Job Placements at the Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad.</p>

1.15 - 2.30: Lunch

2.30 - 4.15: Parallel Sessions 4:

<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
<p>4(a): Agriculture & Industry Chair: Sanghamitra Das (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>4(b): Environment: Empirics Chair: E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>4(c): Taxation and Fiscal Policy Chair: Debajyoti Chakrabarty (University of Sydney)</p>
<p>Takashi Kurosaki (Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University): Land-use Changes and Agricultural Growth in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, 1901-2004.</p> <p>Sunil Kanwar (Delhi School of Economics): Intellectual Property Protection and Technology Transfer: Evidence from US Multinationals.</p> <p>Sumit K. Majumdar (University of Texas at Dallas): Why Privatize? The Decline of Public Ownership and its Impact on Performance in Indian Industry.</p>	<p>Rahul Banerjee (Krishnodayanagar, Indore): Addressing Equity Issues in Watershed Development Projects in Bhil Adivasi Areas of Western Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>Erin Sills, Subhrendu K. Pattanayak (RTI International and North Carolina State University), Shubhayu Saha, Jui-Chen Yang, Pravash Sahu and Ashok Singha: Mine over Matter? Health, Wealth, and Forests in a Mining Area of Orissa.</p> <p>Aditi Mukherji (International Water Management Institute): Against the Dominant Discourse: Making a Case for Groundwater Irrigation for Poverty Alleviation in West Bengal, India.</p>	<p>Rohit Prasad (Management Development Institute, Gurgaon): Redistributive Taxation and Administrative Costs.</p> <p>Santanu Chatterjee (University of Georgia) and Sugata Ghosh (Brunel University): Fiscal Policy, Congestion, and the Dual Nature of Public Goods.</p> <p>Errol D'Souza (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad): Public Investment Reversals, Inequality and Borrowing: Fiscal Policy in India.</p>

4.15 - 4.30: Tea break

4.30 - 5.45: Plenary Session: T. N. Srinivasan (Yale University)

Title: Development Strategy, the State, and Agriculture since Independence.

Chair: Bhaskar Dutta (ISI, Delhi and University of Warwick)

7.30: Dinner at the India International Centre

Day 3: 20 December, Thursday.

9.00 - 9.30: Travel Re-imburements and Coffee/Tea.

9.30 - 12.00: Parallel Sessions 5:

<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
<p>5(a): Topics in Microeconomics Chair: Arunava Sen (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>5(b): Corruption and Governance Chair: Debasis Mishra (ISI, Delhi)</p>	<p>5(c): Topics in Macroeconomics Chair: Chetan Ghate (ISI, Delhi)</p>
<p>Brendan O’Flaherty and Rajiv Sethi (Columbia University): Witness Intimidation.</p> <p>Sanjay Jain (University of Virginia) and Sharun W. Mukand (University of Warwick): Workers without Borders? Culture, Migration and the Political Limits to Globalization.</p> <p>Sumon Majumdar (Queen’s University) and Sharun W. Mukand (University of Warwick): On Institution Building.</p> <p>Rupayan Pal (Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics): Cooperative Managerial Delegation, R&D, and Collusion.</p>	<p>Niloy Bose, Antu Panini Murshid (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), and Salvatore Capasso (University of Naples): Threshold Effects of Corruption: Theory and Evidence.</p> <p>Sugata Marjit (Centre For Studies in Social Science, Kolkata) and Biswajit Mandal (Visva Bharati University): Corruption and Trade in General Equilibrium.</p> <p>Sudeep Ghosh (City University of Hong Kong) and Bin Srinidhi (Hong Kong Polytechnic University): Auditing, Governance and Reporting: An Experimental Investigation.</p>	<p>Debajyoti Chakrabarty, Hajime Katayama, and Hanna Maslen (University of Sydney): Why Do The Rich Save More? A Theory and Australian Evidence.</p> <p>M. Emranul Haque (University of Manchester) and Richard Kneller (University of Nottingham): Public Investment and Growth: The Role of Corruption.</p> <p>Poulomi Roy (Jadavpur University) and Ajitava Raychaudhuri (Jadavpur University): Intergovernmental Transfer Rules, State Fiscal Policy and Performance in India.</p> <p>Ashima Goyal (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): A General Equilibrium Open Economy Model for Emerging Markets: Monetary Policy with a Dualistic Labor Market.</p>

Lunch: 12:30