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Evaluating Development Policies Crossing Paths: Researchers and Field Actors

June 8 - 9, 2009

This conference brings together economists and development practitioners from around the world. This two-day event includes presentation and discussion of results from randomized evaluations and their practical applications, connecting the viewpoints of researchers and those who run anti-poverty programs around the world.

The social experiments to be discussed, the majority of which were run by researchers affiliated with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), address important questions across many sectors, including microfinance, governance, conditional cash transfer programs, employment, health and education.

All presentations will be in English

Program

8 juin

9:00 Opening Remarks
Esther Duflo, Professor of Economics, MIT, USA
Jean-Michel DEBRAT, Deputy General Director,
AFD, France

MICROFINANCE

10:00 **The Impacts of Microfinance**
Abhijit Banerjee, Professor of Economics, MIT, USA
Fouad Abdelmouni, Managing Director, Al Amana,
Morocco

11:00 **Sensitivity to Interest Rate for
Entrepreneurs: South Africa, Mexico,
Philippines, and Peru**
Dean Karlan, Professor of Economics, Yale, USA
Carlos Danel, co-Founder and co-CEO,
Compartamos, Mexico

12:00 *Questions and answers*

12:30 Lunch break

GOVERNANCE

1:00 **Power to the People: Community Monitoring
of Health Centers in Uganda**
Jakob Svensson, Professor of Economics,
Stockholm University, Sweden
Mary C.K. Bitekerezozo, Senior Social Development
Specialist, World Bank, Uganda

3:00 **Voters' Campaign**
Rohini Pande, Professor of Economics, Harvard, USA
Anjali Bhardwaj, Founding Member and Director,
Satark Nagrik Sangathan, India

4:00 Coffee break

4:30 **Improving Police Effectiveness in Rajasthan**
Esther Duflo, Professor of Economics, MIT, USA
Nina Singh, Inspector General of Police,
Rajasthan, India

5:30 *Questions and answers*

9 juin

CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS

9:00 **Familias en Accion: A Conditional Cash
Transfer Program in Colombia**
Orazio Attanasio, Professor of Economics,
University College London, UK
Bertha Briceño, Head of Directorate for Evaluation
of Public Policies, National Planning Department,
Colombia

10:00 **Community Based Targeting: Evidence from a
Randomized Experiment in Indonesia**
Ben Olken, Professor of Economics, MIT, USA
Vivi Alatas, Senior Economist, World Bank, Indonesia

LABOR MARKET

11:00 **Public and Privately-Provided Counseling and
Long-Term Unemployment: Lessons from a
Randomized Experiment**
Bruno Crepon, Director of Research Services,
CREST-INSEE, France
Annie Gauvin, Director of Research, Pôle Emploi,
France

12:00 *Questions and answers*

12:30 Lunch break

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

14:00 **Every Child in School and Learning Well**
Rachel Glennerster, Executive Director, J-PAL,
MIT, USA
Rukmini Banerji, Director, Programs and Senior
Member of National Leadership Team, Pratham, India

15:00 **Strategies for Scaling-up ITN Coverage in
Sub-Saharan Africa**
Pascaline Dupas, Professor of Economics, UCLA, USA
Liza Kimbo, Director, CFW Shops Kenya

16:00 *Questions and answers*

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **Concluding Remarks**
Arianna Legovini, Head, the Development Impact
Evaluation Initiative, World Bank, USA
Abhijit Banerjee, Professor of Economics, MIT, USA
François Bourguignon, Director PSE, France

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