INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE

Institutions, Behavior and the Escape from Persistent Poverty
November 16-17, 2009
423 ILR Conference Center, Cornell University

PROGRAM

Keynote presentations are 35 minutes; selected paper presentations are 20 minutes; discussant remarks are 5 minutes.

DAY 1: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome and Introduction
Ken Roberts, Robert S. Harrison Director, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University
Chris Barrett, ISS Persistent Poverty Team Leader & Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

8:45-9:45 AM Keynote Paper 1
“The Missing Middle: Development, Democracy, and Connecting Institutions”
Anirudh Krishna, Public Policy & Political Science, Duke University
Chair: Nic van de Walle, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & Government, Cornell University
Discussant: Kaushik Basu, Economics, Cornell University
Rapporteur: Samreen Malick, Economics, Cornell University

9:45-10:45 AM Institutions for Human Capital Formation
Chair: Jordan Matsudaira, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University
Discussant: David Sahn, ISS Persistent Poverty Team, Economics, & Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University
Rapporteur: Joanna Upton, Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

“The Intergenerational Effects of Increasing Women’s Schooling, Evidence from Zimbabwe,” Jorge Aguero and Maithili Ramachandran, Economics, University of California at Riverside

“Do Child Sponsorship Programs Work? Evidence from Uganda Using a Regression Discontinuity Design”
Bruce Wydick, Laine Rutledge, and Joanna Chu, Economics, University of San Francisco

10:45-11:15 AM Coffee and Tea Break

11:15 AM -12:45 PM Political Economy
Chair: Ron Herring, Government, Cornell University
Discussant: Kevin Morrison, Government, Cornell University
Rapporteur: Don Leonard, Government, Cornell University

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India”
Nishith Prakash, Economics, Dartmouth University, and Aimee Chin, Economics, University of Houston

“Your Big Dream…Starts With a Small Loan”: The Social Fund, Politics and the Poor in Egypt
Asya El-Meehy, Government, Wesleyan University

“Corruption and the Inequality Trap”
Eric Uslaner, Government & Politics, University of Maryland

12:45-2:15 PM Lunch
2:15-3:15 PM  | Social Protection and the State  
Chair: Susan Christopherson, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & City and Regional Planning, Cornell University  
Discussant: Chris Anderson, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & Government, Cornell University  
Rapporteur: Yang Song, Economics, Cornell University  

“Social Assistance in Central and East European Countries: A Trap or a Springboard? Evidence From the 2005 and 2006 Waves of the Eu-Silc”  
Silvia Avram, Political Science, European University Institute  

“Long Term Poverty and the Infrastructure of Social Protection Transfer Systems – A Cross National Comparison”  
Geranda Notten, Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, and Chris de Neubourg, Governance, University of Maastricht  

3:15-3:45 PM  | Coffee and Tea Break  

3:45-4:45 PM  | Social Networks and Informal Insurance  
Chair: Chris Barrett, ISS Persistent Poverty Team Leader & Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University  
Discussant: Stephen L. Morgan, Persistent Poverty Team & Sociology, Cornell University  
Rapporteur: Yang Song, Economics, Cornell University  

“Poverty Status and the Impact of Social Networks on Smallholder Technology Adoption in Rural Ethiopia”  
Saweda Liverpool and Alex Winter-Nelson, Agricultural & Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  

Irwin Garfinkel, Social Work, Columbia University, and Qin Gao, Social Service, Fordham University  

6:45 PM  | Visiting speakers meet at circle drive in front of Statler Hotel for rides to dinner.  
Chauffeurs: Chris Anderson, Chris Barrett, Matt Freedman, Joanna Upton, & Nic van de Walle  

7:00 PM  | Conference dinner at Madeline’s Restaurant for speakers, discussants, and chairs  

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  

8:00-8:30 AM  | Continental Breakfast  

8:30-9:30 AM  | Keynote Paper 2  
“Necessary but not Sufficient? Institutional Change, Resources Management, and Poverty Reduction”  
Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute  

Chair: Chris Barrett, ISS Persistent Poverty Team Leader & Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University  
Discussant: David Lee, Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University  
Rapporteur: Sheryl-Ann Simpson, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University  

9:30-11:00 AM  | Natural Resources Management  
Chair: Christine Olson, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University  
Discussant: Max Pfeffer, Development Sociology, Cornell University  
Rapporteur: Don Leonard, Government, Cornell University  

“Success and Failure of Induced Institutional Innovation and Its Economic Impact: The Case of Water Users’ Associations in an Irrigation System in Hubei, China”  
Kei Kajisa and Dong Bin, FASID, GRIPS & IRRI
“Forest Income After Uganda’s Forest Sector Reform: Are the Rural Poor Gaining?”
Pamela Jagger, Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Smallholder Irrigation as a Tool for Escape from Persistent Poverty in the Sudano-Sahel”
Jennifer Burney and Roz Naylor, Program on Food Security & the Environment, Stanford University;
Lennart Woltering, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Niamey, Niger;
and Marshall Burke, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics, Univ. of California, Berkeley

11:00-11:30 AM  Coffee and Tea Break

11:30 AM -1:00 PM  Property Rights
Chair: Matt Freedman, ISS Persistent Poverty Team & Labor Economics, Cornell University
Discussant: Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Development Sociology, Cornell University
Rapporteur: Joanna Upton, Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

“Endogenous Institutional Change and Economic Development: A Micro-Level Analysis of Transmission Channels”
Stephan Klasen and Michael Grimm, Economics, University of Göttingen

“Female Empowerment through Inheritance Rights: Evidence from India”
Sanchari Roy, Economics, London School of Economics

“The Importance of Context for Pro-Poor Institutional Change: The Case Study of Land-Tenure Rights in Vietnam”
Floriane Clement and Jamie Amezaga, Policy and Institutional Analysis, International Water Management Institute

1:00-2:30 PM  Lunch

2:30-3:30 PM  Keynote paper 3
“Collective Action, Political Parties and Economic Development”
Philip Keefer, Development Research Group, World Bank

Chair: Susan Christopherson, Persistent Poverty Team & City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
Discussant: Nic van de Walle, Persistent Poverty Team & Government, Cornell University
Rapporteur: Sheryl-Ann Simpson, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

3:30-4:00 PM  Closing Remarks by Conference Organizers

5:00 PM and later  Departures