WIDER Thinking Ahead: The Future of Development Economics
Marina Congress Center, Helsinki
17-18 June 2005

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 16 June
16:00-19:00 Start of registration, lobby of Scandic Grand Marina Hotel

Friday 17 June
08:00-09:00 Continuation of registration, 2nd floor of Marina Congress Center
09:00-10:30 Keynote 1.1 Fennia
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7.2 GROWTH Nordia
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7.4 CULTURE AND SOCIAL CAPITAL Press Room
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Friday 17 June

09:00-10:30  1.1 Keynote (Fennia)  Deepak Nayyar
Chair: Ahtisaari

11:00-12:30  2.1 INEQUALITY (Fennia)
Global inequalities in long term perspective
Long term trends in health inequalities
Inequality values and unequal shares
Cross-country trends in income inequality
Chair: Majanen
Jolly
Cornia
Shorrocks
Jäntti & Sandström

2.2 INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE (Nordia)
Understanding the relationship between institutions and economic development …
Institutions, policies and development
Governance in decentralized development aid programs
Corruptibility, transparency, and bureaucratic institutional structure
Chair: Gurgulino de Souza
Chang
Kolodko
Platteau
Bennett & Estrin

2.3 CONFLICT AND HUMAN RIGHTS (Nautica)
Inequality, Indivisibility and Insecurity
Bilateral war in a multilateral world: carrots and sticks for conflict resolution
Globalization and human rights
Violence in peace, understanding increased violence in early post-conflict transitions ...
Chair: Addison
Murshed
Lahiri
Osmani
Hartwell

2.4 DEVELOPMENT FINANCE (Press Room)
Capital flows to the African continent: the development finance challenge
Monetary co-operation in East Asia
IMF concern for reputation and conditional lending failure: theory and impirics
The determinants of foreign direct investment restrictive policies
Chair: Odedokun
Loots
Nasution
Marchesi & Sabani
Asiedu

12:30-13:30 Lunch at Marina Congress Center (2nd floor restaurant)

13:30-15:00  3.1 DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS IN RETROSPECT (Fennia)
The evolution of development doctrine: retrospect and prospect
From Seers to Sen: the meaning of economic development and its analytical priorities
Kuznets and modern economic growth fifty years later
Turning points in development thinking and practice
Chair: Jomo
Thorbecke
Nafziger
Syrquin
Emmerij

3.2 POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY (Nordia)
Unemployment measurement and vulnerability
An axiomatic measure of vulnerability
Poverty persistence and transitions in Uganda…
Income fluctuations, poverty and wellbeing over time…
Chair: (tbc)
Basu
Dercon
Lawson
Cruces

3.3 FOREIGN AID (Nautica)
Can foreign aid dampen external political shocks?
Whether conditionality? Selectivity versus monitoring
Aid volatility
Chair: Faaland
Chauvet
Morrissey
Fielding and Mavrotas

3.4 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (Press Room)
Why have all development strategies failed in Latin America?
Patterns of rent-extraction and deployment in developing countries …
Localization of finance for development: SME, policy, the informal sector…
What makes firms grow in developing countries: analysis from a dynamic …
Chair: Hjerpe
Rozenwurcel
Auty
McIntyre
Lee

3.5 CHINA (Baltica)
Development strategy, viability, and economic institution: theory and evidence from China
State ownership and firm performance: a quantile analysis on China's listed companies
Economic opening and industry agglomeration in China: the effects of geography and policy
Applying key lessons from the Asian Crisis to present China
Chair: Montes
Lin, Liu & Pan
Sun
Chen
Yoshitomi
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15:30-17:00  4.1 GLOBALIZATION (Fennia)
What’s going wrong with globalization?
The darker side of globalization
The long arms of globalization: impact on inequality and poverty
Globalisation, employment and inequality in Ghana

4.2 A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER (Nordia)
Appropriate economic policies at different stages of development
Exchange rate policies and development
The new policy agenda: ownership, pro-poor growth and aid conditionality
The human dimensions of the development process and the new global realities

4.3 BEHAVIOURAL APPROACHES (Nautica)
Reforms and confidence
The implications of behavioral economics for international development policy
Responding to economic reform: the role of psychological factors
Evolutionary psychology and development economics

4.4 POVERTY (Press Room)
Identifying the chronic poor: beyond monetary measures
Do institutions matter in poverty reduction? …
Identifying asset poverty thresholds: new methods and an application to Pakistan
Structural change and poverty reduction in Brazil: the impact of the Doha Round

18:00-20:00 Official reception hosted by the City of Helsinki, at.....
Saturday 18 June

09:00-10:30 5.1 WELLBEING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Fennia)

- Concepts of wellbeing
- Human development: beyond the HDI
- International convergence or divergence of human development
- What does the HDI tell us that income does not?

5.2 TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (Nordia)

- What does evidence tell us about fragmentation and outsourcing?
- Labour market reform, trade liberalization, and political instability the world around
- Trade liberalisation, specialisation, and economic development: a portfolio theory approach
- International trade and income distribution: reconsidering the evidence

5.3 MIGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT (Nautica)

- The international mobility of talent and global development: an overview
- Migration in the development studies literature: has it come out of marginality?
- Labour market mobility of low-income households: employment, income and consumption
- Employment targeting and pro-poor central bank policy: …

5.4 AFRICA (Press Room)

- Pro-poor macro-micro policies for South Africa: economic modeling approach
- Gender inequality and economic development in sub-Saharan Africa and Arab countries
- Managing oil rent in sub-Saharan Africa
- EU-ACP economic partnership agreements: implication for trade and development…

11:00-12:30 6.1 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE (Fennia)

- International risk tolerance, capital market failure and the determinants of fundamentals
- Capital flows to developing countries: issues and challenges (tbc)
- Capital flows and macroeconomic policy in emerging economies
- Remaking a genuinely multilateral financial system

6.2 PRO-POOR POLICIES (Nordia)

- On assessing pro-poorness of government programs
- Rising labor force participation as a source of pro-poor growth
- Exchange rate regimes and pro-poor growth
- What redistribution/growth for poverty eradication? Method with application

6.3 TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (Nautica)

- The technology clubs in the world economy
- Trade liberalization and digital divide: South-South co-operation perspective
- Telecommunications infrastructure and economic growth: evidence from developing countries
- Innovations, high-tech trade and industrial development: …

6.4 INFORMAL SECTOR (Press Room)

- Strategies of the state towards the informal economy
- Labor dynamics and the informal economy
- Information sharing among competing microfinance providers
- Microfinance: an issue for public policy?

6.5 RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Baltica)

- Three decades of rural development projects in Asia, Latin America, and Africa …
- Rainfall and Africa’s growth tragedy
- Agrarian relations among village households
- Non-agricultural land use and land reforms: theory and evidence from Brazil
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13:30-15:00  7.1 ACHIEVING THE MDGs (Fennia)  
Building absorptive capacity to meet the MDGs  
Improving health outcomes in Mexico  
Achieving the MDGs: what’s wrong with existing analytical models?  
Health, wealth and wisdom synergies and the MDGs  

7.2 GROWTH (Nordia)  
Manufacturing, services, jobless growth and India’s informal economy …  
Methods of privatization and economic growth in transition economies  
Decomposing growth: do low-income countries and HIPC countries differ …  
Gender inequality and growth in Africa  

7.3 COUNTRY ROLE MODELS (Nautica)  
Can the US market economy model apply to emerging market economies? …  
The Chilean economic model  
Combining growth with equity: lessons from Finland  
Caribbean economic development: performances and prospects  

7.4 CULTURE AND SOCIAL CAPITAL (Press Room)  
Culture and technology  
A theory of economic growth in culturally diverse nations  
The future of social capital in development economics research  
The inequality trap  

15:30-17:30  8.1 PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT (Fennia)  

*** close of conference ***

18:00-20:00  Official reception hosted by Tony Shorrocks, Director of UNU-WIDER, at UNU-WIDER premises (tbc)