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Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of Global Change
Общественные институты и развитие: на стыке глобальных перемен
St. Petersburg, Russia: January 19-21, 2006

JANUARY 14 - 19, 2006

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Workshop 1: Moving Out of Poverty: Understanding Freedom, Democracy and Growth from the Bottom Up. *(By invitation only)*

JANUARY 18 - 19, 2006

Workshop 2: Bridging Research and Policy *(By invitation only)*

Workshop 3: Asian and other Drivers of Global Change *(By invitation only)*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Reducing Poverty on a Global Scale, Learning and Innovating for Development: Findings from the Shanghai Global Learning Initiative Poverty on a Global Scale (for ABCDE - GDN audience)

In 2003, The World Bank, in partnership with the Government of the People's Republic of China, began a one - year- long global learning process that focused on worldwide efforts to reduce poverty along different dimensions. A series of case studies, multi-country interactive video conferences, online dialogues, and field visits led to the working conference in Shanghai in 2004. Capturing the findings from the Shanghai Global Learning Initiative, *Reducing Poverty on a Global Scale* attempts to contribute to the broader existing knowledge on poverty reduction and the effectiveness of aid. The objective is to enlighten development practitioners about observed achievements towards reducing poverty and the factors behind them. Each of the chapters extracts implementation lessons learnt from a subset of case studies prepared along different poverty dimensions, focusing on such factors as the role of commitment and leadership, institutional innovation learning and experimentation, and external catalysts. Instead of recommending particular solutions or best practices, the book distills key findings from the strategically selected examples and weaves them into a topical narrative.

CHAIR AND INTRODUCTION

Frannie Léautier

Vice President, World Bank Institute, The World Bank, United States

PRESENTER

Blanca Moreno-Dodson

Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Office of the Vice President,
The World Bank, United States

CONCLUSION AND OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Frannie Léautier

Vice President, World Bank Institute, The World Bank, United States

7:00 PM -10:00 PM

Welcoming Reception on behalf of the St. Petersburg Government

WELCOME:

Mikhail Oseevsky

Vice-Governor, St. Petersburg, Russia

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER:

Ernesto Zedillo

Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, former President of Mexico and Chair, GDN
Board of Directors

SPEAKER:

Martin Wolf

Associate Editor and Chief Economics Commentator, *Financial Times*, United Kingdom

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Plenary 1: Institutions and Global Development: Concepts and Practice

Alongside dramatic evidence of globalization spurring development in previously marginalized regions of the world, the phenomenon has had a mixed record in terms of its effect on inequality. The first plenary seeks to provide some conceptual guidelines for the evaluation of globalization's diverse outcomes through a focus on how institutions mediate the interaction between global processes and local responses, shaping the fortunes of different countries in various ways. In the discussion, institutions are understood in the broadest sense as the "rules of the game" to include political, economic, cultural institutions such as international financial institutions, household structures, community practices, and social networks. The two speakers at this session will include an economist and a scholar from another discipline of social science.

CHAIR:

Ernesto Zedillo

Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, former President of Mexico and Chair, GDN
Board of Directors

WELCOME:

Valentina Matvienko

St. Petersburg Governor, Russian Federation

Andrei Sharonov

Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Trade, Russia

SPEAKER:

Francis Fukuyama

Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy, John Hopkins University, United States

DISCUSSANT:

Andrei Illarionov

Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation, Russia

11:00 AM -11:30 AM

Coffee

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Parallels 1: Presentations by Medals Competition Finalists

In these sessions, the finalists of each category of the GDN Research Medals Competition will present their papers. Researchers from the developing world who have reached the final stage of the competition will share their views on topics concerned with the relationship between institutions and development, ranging from the role of institutions in poverty reduction, the types of institutional arrangements conducive to change and the ability of institutions to mediate the impact of globalization.

1. Institutions and Poverty Reduction
2. Institutions, Policies, and Long-Run Growth
3. Institutional Development and Change in the Health Sector
4. Political Institutions, Governance and Development
5. Globalization, Institutions, and Development

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

GDN Advisory Committee Meeting (by invitation only)

1:00 PM -2:30 PM

Lunch time session: Institutions, Globalization, and Employment

The panel highlights those institutions and institutional developments that can help increase a fuller and better utilization of labor in terms of higher employment and more decent work. It will consider the impact of international financial institutional developments on employment, incomes and poverty levels, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Emphasis is on how increased coherence between international and national financial and social institutions and policies can improve employment possibilities. The panel will then consider institutional coping mechanisms at the national level to deal with the labor market consequences of globalization. Finally the panel will deal with the evolution of new forms of institutions to meet the employment and development challenges of the informal economy and suggest the principles that can support a more enabling institutional framework for addressing the informal economy.

CHAIR

Grzegorz W. Kolodko

Professor and Director of TIGER - Transformation, Integration and Globalization Economic Research, Kozminski School of Business, Poland

PRESENTERS

Rolph van der Hoeven

Acting director, International Policy Group, International Labour Organization, Switzerland

Ümit Efendioğlu

Research economist, International Policy Group, International Labour Organization, Switzerland

Manas Bhattacharya

Senior Technical Specialist, International Policy Group, International Labour Organization, Switzerland

2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Plenary 2: Presentations by Awards Competition Finalists

CHAIR:

Teruyuki Tanabe

Executive Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Japan

Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development

The award carries cash prizes of US \$65,000 plus travel expenses to the GDN Annual Conference. An award of US \$50,000 will be given to the institution whose proposed research in one of the five topic areas chosen for this year's competition holds the greatest promise for improving our understanding of institutions and development. Two prizes of US \$7,500 each will be given to the institutions of the other two finalists to continue work in the chosen research area. The award funds will be used to support the undertaking of the submitted research proposal. Funding for the award is generously provided by the Government of Japan. In diverse ways, this year's finalists provide the possibilities of generating policy-relevant research towards understanding better the relationship between institutions and development.

PRESENTERS:

Daniel Alejandro Maceira

Senior Researcher, Center for Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth, Argentina

"Evaluating Public Health Insurance: The Case of the Buenos Aires Province"

Suresh Kumar Devarajulu

Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India

"Role of Watershed Institutions in Mitigating Poverty: An Economic Analysis of Determinants and Impact of Self-Help Groups across Activities in Micro Watersheds"

Raphael Bergoeing

Professor of Economics, University of Chile, Chile

"Influence Activities, Policy Distortions, and Aggregate Efficiency: Evidence from the Chilean Economy"

Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project

This award is given annually to the institutions whose project embodies a fresh approach to an important development need and holds the greatest promise for benefiting the poor in developing and transition countries. The award carries cash prizes totaling USD 65,000 plus travel expenses to GDN's annual conference. Funding for the Award is generously provided by the government of Japan.

FINALISTS

Amitabha Sadangi

Chief Executive Officer, International Development Enterprises, India
“Low cost drip irrigation as a poverty reduction tool”

Martha Isabel Ruiz Corzo

Regional Director, Biodiversity conservation in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve, Mexico
“Biodiversity conservation in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve”

Miraz Khan

Regional Program Manager, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Pakistan
“Aga Khan Rural Support Programme”

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Coffee

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallels 2: Institutional Reforms in Transition and Developing Countries

These parallel sessions - will address the challenges faced by the countries in the state of transformation. In particular, they will explore the ways in which economic growth has been intimately linked to institutional reform (to include political liberalization, judicial reform, tax reform, banking reform, among others) and to the state-building process in general. To better understand the divergent economic results, a distinction between political and economic governance will be discussed.

1. Economic Development and Poverty: Experience of the African Continent: AUF
2. Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa: Institutional Crises and Solutions: ERF/ AERC/IPALMO
3. Lessons from Institutional Reforms in Transition Countries: New Economic School, Russian Federation /CERGE
4. Institutions and Poverty Alleviation in South and East Asia and Oceania: SANEI/ EADN/ ODN / GDN-Japan
5. Institutional Reform in Theory and Practice: Case Studies from Latin America and East Asia: LACEA/ EADN
6. Regional Cooperation and Integration in Central Asia: Economic, Institutional and Political Dimensions: Brookings Institution/ UNDP

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Dinner for Awards/Medals Winners and Awards Ceremony

CHAIR:

William Lyakurwa

African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya

SPEAKER:

Giuseppe Deodato

Director General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Plenary 3: Findings of GDN's Global Research Project: *Understanding Reform*

The St. Petersburg conference will provide an excellent opportunity to complete GDN's Global Research Project *Understanding Reform* by the presentation of its findings. Reforming institutions is an inseparable part of any economic transformation. Recent social and economic changes in Russia make this country a perfect setting for discussing the issues of reform and institutional transition. An overview presentation by José María Fanelli, the project coordinator, will be complemented by discussion of the project findings by two prominent scholars - an economist and a political scientist.

CHAIR:

Rehman Sobhan

Center for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

PRESENTER:

Jose Maria Fanelli

Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad, Argentina

DISCUSSANTS:

Alan Harold Gelb

Director, Development Policy, The World Bank, United States

Stephan Haggard

Lawrence and Sallye Krause Professor of Korea-Pacific Studies, University of California San Diego, United States

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Coffee

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Parallels 3: National and International Governance in a Globalizing World

These five sessions should focus on the prerequisites and benefits of effective governance as well as the ways in which different levels of governance intersect in the development process. Namely, "governance" used to refer specifically to national institutions; however, the rise of international institutions has led to speculations about the looming irrelevance of the nation state and the imposition of a world government. The situation is, of course, far more nuanced, with international and national institutions playing different roles in the process of global development. These sessions focus on the intersections of these different roles, the ways in which national and international institutions may complement each other while at the same time exploring tensions inherent in the existence of these two levels of governance.

1. National Governance Institutions: Between the EU and Russia: Lucio Vinhas de Souza, European Commission
2. Signposts to More Effective States: Responding to Governance Challenges in Developing Countries: Mick Moore, University of Sussex, United Kingdom
3. Responses of Public Finance to Globalization; Case Studies in Institutional Innovation: Inge Kaul, United Nations Development Programme
4. Institutional Reform in the Health Sector: Increasing Productivity and Meeting the MDGs; MERCK
5. UNU-WIDER Perspectives on National and International Governance, Tony Addison, United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research
6. What is human security? Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

1:00 PM -2:30 PM

Lunch

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Parallels 4: Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development: the Role of Institutions

A recent World Bank report concludes that “the institutional underpinnings of sustainable development...rest on greater access to information and knowledge and the ability to form broad partnerships. Without these additional institutional elements, society risks fragmentation, and the environment is susceptible to degradation, ultimately imperiling both income growth and well-being.” Recognizing the importance of the institutional underpinnings of development, these sessions will focus on the role of institutions in addressing the problems of poverty, low economic growth, and social and environmental decay.

1. Moving out of Poverty: A Cross Disciplinary Dialogue: World Bank/GDN
2. World Development Report 2007: Development and the Next Generation—Institutional Aspects: The World Bank
3. Institutions and Development: lessons learned from the experience of small states: ODN/AusAID
4. Understanding Reform: Case Studies: GDN
5. Institutions, Democracy, and the Distributional Impacts of Reforms: GDN
6. Harnessing Social Capital for Poverty Reduction: JBIC

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Coffee

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Plenary 4: Evolution of Institutions and Russia’s Economy: To the Centennial of Wassily Leontief

This plenary session is organized by the Leontief Centre, GDN’s partner in holding the St. Petersburg conference, in honor of the Nobel Laureate Wassily Leontief. It will provide an opportunity to connect the work of Leontief with the history of economic thought in Russia and explore a relationship between economic theory and practice in Russia. Focused on the link between institutional and economic development, this session will feature two prominent Russian economists as speakers and two distinguished Western scholars as discussants.

CHAIR:

Sergey Vasilev

Chair of the Committee on Financial Markets and Monetary Exchange of the Federation Council, Research Advisor to the Leontief Centre, Russian Federation

SPEAKERS:

Egor Gaidar

Director, Institute for the Economy in Transition, Russian Federation

Vladimir Mau

Director, Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russian Federation

DISCUSSANTS:

Anders Aslund

Director and Senior Associate, Russian and Eurasian Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, United States

Johannes F. Linn

Executive Director, The Wolfensohn Initiative, The Brookings Institution, United States

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Closing Reception

JANUARY 22 - 23, 2006

9:00AM - 6:00PM

Workshop 4: Impact of Rich Countries Policies on Poverty: Perspectives from the Developing World *(By invitation only)*

Workshop 5: Multidisciplinary and Intermediation Research Initiative *(By invitation only)*