

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

Workshop in Micro-Finance and Entrepreneurship

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Sunday 31 May 2009

Afternoon *Arrival*

Monday 1 June 2009

Day 1: Microfinance and Entrepreneurship: Dialogue between Approaches

- 08.45-08.50 **Welcome by Convenor**
Rocco Macchiavello (Nuffield College, Oxford, UK)
- 08.50-09.10 **Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)**
Patrick Paul Walsh, Standing Committee for Social Sciences (SCSS)

Note: presentations are 1h long, followed by 15 minutes discussion.

- 09.10-12.30 **Morning Session**
- 09.10-10.25 **Group Microinsurance Design with Costly State Verification**
Daniel Clarke (Oxford University, Oxford, UK)
- 10.25-10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45-11.15 **Presentation 2 - TBC**
Orazio Attanasio (UCL, London, UK)
- 11.30-12.45 **Introducing Biometric Information to Identify Borrowers**
Xavier Gine' (World Bank, Washington, USA)
- 13.00-14.30 *Lunch*
- 14.30-18.45 **Afternoon Session**
- 14.30-15.45 **Was Yunus Right? Present Bias, Loan Default and Repayment Frequency**
Greg Fischer (LSE, London, UK)
- 15.45-16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00-17.15 **Matching for Credit: Risk and Diversification in Thai Micro-Credit Borrowing Groups**
Chris Ahlin (Michigan State University, Michigan, USA)
- 17.30-18.45 **Financial Literacy and Micro-Credit**
Shawn Cole (Harvard Business School, Boston, USA)
- 19.30 *Dinner*

Tuesday 2 June 2009

Day 2: Looking Forward: Frontier Topics in Microfinance and Entrepreneurship

09.00-12.30	Morning Session
09.00-09.30	Empowering Adolescent Girls in Uganda Imran Rasul (UCL, London UK)
09.30-10.00	Too Much Pressure? Explaining the Increased Use of Individual Liability Lending Contracts in Microfinance Andreas Madestam (Bocconi University, Milan, Italy)
10.00-10.30	Identifying and Relaxing Constraints to Employment Generation in Small Scale African Enterprises Chris Woodruff (University of California San Diego, California, USA)
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee / Tea Break</i>
11.00-11.30	Presentation 4 - TBC Jean Marie Baland (Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix, Namur, Belgium)
11.30-12.00	The Importance of Holdup in Contracting: Evidence from a Field Experiment Rajkmal Iyer (University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands)
12.00-12.30	The Creditworthiness of the Poor. A Model of the Grameen Bank David Martinez-Miera (University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain)
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-17.00	Afternoon Session
14.00-15.00	NGO's Presentations Munshi Sulaiman (BRAC, Bangladesh) Xavier Gine' (The World Bank, Washington, US)
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-16.30	Discussion: "Follow-up activities and opportunity for future collaborations"
17.00	<i>End of Workshop and departure</i>

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