REVISED PROGRAMME

UNU-WIDER Conference on Poverty and Behavioural Economics
1-2 September 2011, Helsinki, Finland

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2011

08:00-09:00 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

09:00-11:15 OPENING REMARKS AND PLENARY I

Chair: Finn Tarp
Fennia I

Welcome
Finn Tarp, Director, UNU-WIDER

Focusing on poverty
Sendhil Mullainathan, Harvard University

Measuring economic insecurity
Conchita D’Ambrosio, Università di Milano-Bicocca

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break, UNU-WIDER premises

11:45-13:15 PARALLEL 1

Session 1.1 Perspectives on behavioural development economics
Chair: Xi Chen
Fennia I

On the fungibility of income - Spends and earnings in rural China and Tanzania
Luc Christiaensen and Lei Pan

Mating competition and housing prices
Shang-Jin Wei and Xiaobo Zhang

Costly posturing: Relative status, ceremonies and early child development
Xi Chen
Session 1.2 Inequality and property rights
Chair: Carmelina Ruiz Alarcón
Nautica

Income inequality, poverty and redistribution: Contrasting perspectives of rational choice and behavioural economics
Malte Luebker

Inequality and well-being in transition economies: A non-experimental test of inequality aversion.
Alexandru Cojocaru

Changes in property rights: From cooperation to exclusion. The case of rural communities in Santa Marta, Veracruz, Mexico
Carmelina Ruiz Alarcón

Session 1.3 Uncertainties and valuations
Chair: Isabel Günther
Baltica

Eliciting and utilizing willingness to pay: Evidence from field trials in northern Ghana
James Berry, Greg Fischer and Raymond Guiteras

Eliciting preferences under risk in the wild: Reconciling tractability and bias minimization
Mohammed Abdellaoui, Ahmed Driouchi and Olivier l'Haridon

Risk experiments in gains and losses: Do rural villagers want micro-insurance? An empirical assessment of risk aversion variations in gains and losses among rural villagers in Benin
Isabel Günther and Jonathan Gheyssens

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15-15:45 PARALLEL 2

Session 2.1 Education and self-control
Chair: Supreet Kaur
Fennia I

Mother aspirations and child education
Pieter Serneels and Stefan Dercon

Does an educated mind take the broader view? A field experiment on in-group favouritism among microcredit clients
Ivar Kolstad and Arne Wiig

Self-control at work: Evidence from a field experiment
Supreet Kaur, Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan

Session 2.2 Decision-making within the household
Chair: Mariano Rojas
Nautica

Intra-household efficiency: An experimental study from Ethiopia
Bereket Kebede, Marcela Tarazona, Alistair Munro and Arjan Verschoor

Ties that bind: The kin system as a mechanism of income-hiding between spouses in rural Ghana
Carolina Castilla

Do people in income poverty use their income efficiently? A subjective well-being approach
Mariano Rojas
15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break, UNU-WIDER premises

16:15-18:15  PLENARY II

Chair: Jukka Pirttilä
Fennia I

No margin, no mission? A field experiment on incentives for pro-social tasks
Nava Ashraf, Harvard University

Tastes, castes and culture: The influence of society on preferences
Ernst Fehr and Karla Hoff, World Bank

19:30 Conference reception, UNU-WIDER premises

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09:00-10:30  PARALLEL 3

Session 3.1 Communities
Chair: Ben D’Exelle
Fennia I

Social capital and savings behaviour
Carol Newman, Finn Tarp, Katleen Van Den Broeck

Pro-poor service delivery and social identity in rural India: An experimental investigation
Ulrike Müller

Community mobilisation and elite capture of aid
Ben D’Exelle and Marrit Van Den Berg

Session 3.2 Poverty: subjective assessments and objective impacts
Chair: Tukur Garba
Nautica

Poverty and welfare measurement on the basis of prospect theory
Markus Jäntti, Ravi Kanbur, Milla Nyyssölä and Jukka Pirttilä

Poverty and aspirations failure
Patricio S. Dalton, Sayantan Ghosal and Anandi Mani

Shocks, coping strategies and subjective poverty: Evidence from Nigeria’s National Core Welfare Indicators Questionnaire Survey 2006
Tukur Garba

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break, UNU-WIDER premises

11:00-13:00  PLENARY III

Chair: Markus Jäntti
Fennia I

Money or Ideas? A Field experiment on constraints to entrepreneurship in rural Pakistan
Xavier Giné, World Bank and Ghazala Mansuri
Human and financial capital for microenterprise development: Evidence from a field and lab experiment
Lars Ivar Oppedal Berge, Kjetil Bjorvatn and Bertil Tungodden, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 PARALLEL 4

Session 4.1 Happiness and attitudes
Chair: Daniel J. Benjamin
Fennia I

Beyond fatalism - An empirical exploration of self-efficacy and aspirations failure in Ethiopia
Tanguy Bernard, Stefan Dercon and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse

Will GDP growth increase happiness in developing countries?
Andrew E. Clark and Claudia Senik

What do you think would make you happier? What do you think you would choose?
Daniel J. Benjamin, Ori Heffetz, Miles S. Kimball and Alex Rees-Jones

Session 4.2 Corruption and violence
Chair: Mohammad Badiuzzaman
Nautica

The effects of short-term punishment institutions on bribery: US versus Pakistan
Sheheryar Banuri and Catherine Eckel

The Role of Loan Officers in Microcredit Repayment: Evidence from Bangladesh
Khondker Aktaruzzaman, Pertti Haaparanta and Otto Toivanen

Household decision-making under threat of violence: A micro level study in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh
Mohammad Badiuzzaman, John Cameron and Syed Mansoob Murshed

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break, UNU-WIDER premises

16:00-18:15 PLENARY IV AND CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Chair: Ravi Kanbur
Fennia I

Revising commitments: Time-preference and time-inconsistency in the field
Xavier Giné, Jessica Goldberg, Dan Silverman and Dean Yang, University of Michigan

Getting to the top of mind: How reminders increase saving
Dean Karlan, Yale University, Margaret McConnell, Sendhil Mullainathan and Jonathan Zinman

Closing remarks
Finn Tarp, Director, UNU-WIDER