



## **Informality and Development A Conference in Honor of Elinor Ostrom**

**Co-Organizers: Michael Alexeev, Indiana University  
Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University**

**October 22-23, 2016**

**Ostrom Workshop  
Indiana University Bloomington**

*All sessions will take place at 513 North Park Avenue, Tocqueville Room*

### **Conference Program**

#### **Saturday, October 22**

**9:15-9:30am**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Lee Alston, Ravi Kanbur, and Michael Alexeev**

**9:30-10:50am**

**Panel One**

**Moderator: Ravi Kanbur**

Martha Chen

Managing the Urban Commons: What Space for Informal Livelihoods? What Role for Organizations of Informal Workers?

Lucas Ronconi

Informality and Citizenship

**10:50-11:10am**

**Coffee Break**

**11:10am-12:30pm**

**Panel Two**

**Moderator: Michael Alexeev**

Françoise Carré

Applying the Concept of the Informal Economy to Labor Market Changes in Developed Countries: What Can Be Learned

Hartmut Lehmann

Risk Attitudes, Informal Employment and Wages: Evidence from a Transition Country

**12:30-2:00pm**

**Lunch**

**2:00-3:20pm**

**Moderator: Nazif Shahrani**

**Panel Three**

Ira Gang

Migration and the Expenditure – Income Gap (coauthor: Melanie Khamis)

Jennifer Murtazashvili

Embracing Informality in Conflict States: Coming to Terms with Afghanistan's Enduring Anarchy

**3:20-3:40pm**

**Coffee Break**

**3:40-5:00pm**

**Moderator:**

**Panel Four**

Axel Demenet

Health Shocks and Permanent Income Loss: The Household Business Channel

Vlad Tarko

Industrial Organization under Weak Formal Institutions: A Case Study of the Motorcycle Industry in Vietnam (coauthor: Christine Ngo)

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Dinner – Farm Restaurant**

## **Sunday, October 23**

**9:30-10:50am**

**Moderator:**

**Panel Five**

Santiago Levy

Persistent Misallocation: Informality and Productivity in Mexico, 1998-2013

Ilya Voskoboynikov

Productivity, Structural Change and Informality: The Case of Russia

**10:50-11:10am**

**Coffee Break**

**11:10am-12:30pm**

**Moderator: Mostafa Beshkar**

**Panel Six**

Rubina Verma

Informality in Indian Manufacturing

Camila Cisneros-Acevedo

Trade Liberalisation Effect in Two Margins of Informality: The Peruvian Case

**12:30-2:00pm**

**Lunch**

**2:00-4:00pm**

**Panel Seven**

**Moderator: Michael Alexeev**

Giacomo Zanella

Innovation and Productivity in Formal and Informal Firms in Ghana

Elvis Avenyo

Product Innovations and Informal Market Competition in Sub-Saharan Africa:  
Firm-Level Evidence

Nancy Benjamin

Informality: Engine of Structural Transformation? The Case of Francophone  
Africa (coauthor: Ahmadou Aly Mbaye)

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Dinner – Indiana Memorial Union, State Room East**

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