

Development Meets Organizational Economics

NBER 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1050 Massachusetts Ave,
Cambridge, MA

22-23 May 2013

Workshop Agenda

Note: There are many short talks, and quite a lot of time for discussion. The intention of the talks is less conveyance of new research and more getting ideas on the table for discussion. “Success” in this workshop will be indicated by on-going conversations and (we hope!) new collaborations.

Wednesday 22 May

12:30	Lunch
1:30 - 1:45	Chris Woodruff (University of Warwick, CEPR and NBER)- Introduction
1:45 - 2:30	Bob Gibbons (MIT Sloan School of Management and NBER)- Background theory: Relational Contracting within and across firms
2:30 - 3:00	Michael Kremer (Harvard University, CEPR and NBER)- Applications: Agricultural contracting in Africa
3:00 - 3:15	<i>Discussion</i>
3:15 - 3:30	Break
3:30 - 4:15	Presentations of empirical projects in LICs, focus on data and issues: Rocco Machiavello (University of Warwick and CEPR)- Cross-firm networks in Africa and Bangladesh: <i>“The Organization of Coffee”</i> Raj Iyer (MIT Sloan School of Management)- Measuring Holdup: Generating data from an audit experiment Tristan Reed / Lorenzo Casaburi (both Harvard University)- Contracting in Sierra Leone
4:15 - 4:45	<i>Discussion</i>
5:00 - 5:45	Paper presentation: Pol Antràs (Harvard University, CEPR and NBER) <i>“Poultry in Motion”</i>
6:00	Transfers booked from NBER to the Royal Sonesta
6:45	Dinner: Bambara (across from the Sonesta)

Thursday 23 May

7:30	Transfers booked from the Royal Sonesta to NBER
8:30 - 9:15	Luis Garicano (London School of Economics and CEPR)- Background theory: Information and Communication within and between firms
9:15 - 9:45	Casey Ichniowsky (Columbia University and NBER)- Applications: Insider econometrics
9:45 - 10:00	<i>Discussion</i>
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Presentations of empirical projects in LICs, focus on data and issues: Andrea Prat (Columbia University and CEPR)- India CEO time use Jonas Hjort (Columbia Business School)- Flowers in Kenya Chris Woodruff (University of Warwick, CEPR and NBER)- RMG in Bangladesh
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Discussion</i>
11:30 - 11:45	Break
11:45 - 12:30	Paper presentation: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT, CEPR and NBER) " <i>Can Institutions be Reformed from Within? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment with the Rajasthan Police</i> "
12:30 - 12:45	<i>Wrap-up discussion</i>
12:45	Lunch and end of workshop

Organisers:

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