Policy Workshop
The Role of the Private Sector in Economic Development: Evidence, Policy and Practice
Monday, Oct 17, 2016
New Law Seminar room 102 | University of Sydney

8:30-9  Coffee and tea

9-9:10  Welcoming remarks
Professor Colm Harmon, Head of School, School of Economics, University of Sydney

9:10-9:15  Workshop overview
Associate Professor Shyamal Chowdhury, School of Economics, University of Sydney

Morning Session
Impact Evaluations and Building Policy-Relevant Evidence for Private Sector Development Programming and Policymaking
MC: Dr Sam Wills, School of Economics, University of Sydney

9:15-9:40  Presentation: Creating Evidence for Private Sector Development Policymaking using Quantitative Impact Evaluations
  - Dr Russell Toth, School of Economics, University of Sydney

9:40-9:45  Q&A

9:45-10:05  Research-to-policy snapshot: Middleman Margins and Barriers to Price Transmission in Potato Markets in India
  - Dr Sujata Visaria, Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Business School

10:05-10:25  Research-to-policy snapshot: Opening the Factory Doors to Government Regulation: An Experiment on Participation by Firms in the Design of Labor Protections in Vietnam
  - Dr Markus Taussig, Department of Strategy and Policy, National University of Singapore Business School

10:25-10:30  Q&A on Research Snapshots
10:30-11 Morning tea

- **Professor Dean Yang**, Department of Economics and Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

11:30-12:30 Panel discussion and Q&A with Audience: *The Application of Quantitative Impact Evaluations to Support Decision Making in Private Sector Development Programming and Policy*
Moderator: **Dr Russell Toth**, School of Economics, University of Sydney
- **Professor Dean Yang**, Department of Economics and Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- **Dr Emma Fan**, Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- **Ms Annie Major**, Senior Manager, Asia Pacific, Adam Smith International
- TBD
*Panelists 2-4 will make 5-8 minutes of remarks prior to open discussion and Q&A.*

12:30-1:30 Lunch

**Afternoon Session**
*Private Sector Development Policymaking in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific*
MC: **Dr Russell Toth**, School of Economics, University of Sydney

1:30-1:35 Introduction to Afternoon Session
**Mr Thomas Soem**, Head, International Agencies and Governments Programs, Office of Global Engagement, University of Sydney

1:35-1:55 Keynote: *TBD*
- **Ms Rebecca Bryant**, Assistant Secretary, Economic Engagement Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

1:55-2:10 Q&A

2:10-2:30 Research-to-policy snapshot: *Seasonal Migration to Address Seasonal Deprivation in Bangladesh*
- **Associate Professor Shyamal Chowdhury**, School of Economics, University of Sydney

2:30-3 Afternoon tea
3-3:30  **Keynote:** *Private Sector Development Models: Benefits and Tradeoffs Based on Experience from the Field*

- **Mr Timothy Stewart**, Practice Area Specialist, Economic Growth, Palladium: Make It Possible

3:30-4:15  **Panel discussion and Q&A with Audience:** *Opportunities and Challenges in Private Sector Development Programming and Policymaking in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific*

Moderator: **Dr Markus Taussig**, Department of Strategy and Policy, National University of Singapore Business School

- **Ms Rebecca Bryant**, Assistant Secretary, Economic Engagement Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- **Ms Carolin Leeshaa**, Social Impact Strategist, The Fred Hollows Foundation
- **Mr Timothy Stewart**, Practice Area Specialist, Economic Growth, Palladium: Make It Possible
- TBD

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4:15-4:30  **Final remarks and reflections**

**Associate Professor Shyamal Chowdhury**, School of Economics, University of Sydney