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
  - **Dr Emma Fan**, Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
  - **Ms Jihae Hong**, Country Representative, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Myanmar
  - **Ms Annie Major**, Senior Manager, Asia Pacific, Adam Smith International (ASI)
  - **Professor Dean Yang**, Department of Economics and Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

*Panelists 1-3 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

  - **Ms Liliana Warid**, Senior Private Sector Development Officer, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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

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
- Dr Rodd Dyer, Research Program Manager, Agribusiness, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
- Ms Carolin Leeshaa, Social Impact Strategist, The Fred Hollows Foundation
- Mr Matt Shakhovskoy, Director, Initiative for Smallholder Farmer Finance (ISF), Global Development Incubator
- Mr Timothy Stewart, Practice Area Specialist, Economic Growth, Palladium: Make It Possible

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4:15-4:30  Final remarks and reflections
Associate Professor Shyamal Chowdhury, School of Economics, University of Sydney