



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
- 11-11:30 Keynote: *Making Research Relevant: Integrating Development Economics with Policy-Making*
- **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
- 1:35-1:55 Presentation: *The Asian Development Bank's Private Sector Development Initiative: Strategy and Priorities for Private Sector Development in the Pacific Region*
- **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