

IGC SOUTH ASIA GROWTH CONFERENCE

Jointly organised by Economic Research Group, Dhaka
July 15-16, 2012. Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka

Day 1: Sunday, July 15, 2012

08.30–09.00	Registration
09.00– 10.30	<p>Session 1: Inauguration: Major Issues in South Asian Economic Growth</p> <p>Chair: Wahiduddin Mahmud (Economic Research Group, Dhaka, and IGC)</p> <p>Chief Guest: Mr. A M A Muhith, Hon’ble Minister of Finance, GoB (TBC)</p> <p>Special Guest: Dr. Mashur Rahman, Economic Adviser to Hon’ble Prime Minister, GoB</p> <p>Speakers: Robin Burgess (London School of Economics and IGC), Tony Venables (Oxford University and IGC), Mark Rosenzweig (Yale University), Ijaz Nabi (Lahore University of Management Sciences and IGC), Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University and IGC)</p>
10.30– 10.45	Tea Break
10.45 – 12.30	<p>Session 2: Economic Costs of Arsenic Contamination</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Chief Guest: Dr. A F M Ruhul Haque, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, GoB (TBC)</p> <p>Presenters: Mark Rosenzweig (Yale) on <i>Identifying the hidden costs of arsenic contamination on productivity</i> (co-authored with Mark Pitt, Brown University, and Nazmul Hassan, Dhaka University); Lex van Green (Columbia University) on <i>Further findings on arsenic contamination</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
12.30 –13.30	Lunch
13.30 –15.15	<p>Agriculture, Manufacturing and Land Issues</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Presenter: Andrew Foster (Brown University) on <i>Inefficient farm size</i> (co-authored with M. Rosenzweig); Dilip Mookherjee (Boston U) on <i>Agricultural land acquisition</i>; Rocco MacChiavello (University of Warwick) on <i>Firm capabilities and value-chain upgrading in garment industry in Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
15.15 – 15.30	Tea Break

- 15.30– 17.30 **Session 4: Human Development**
- Chair: Rohini Pande (Harvard University)
- Presenters: Costas Meghir (Yale University) on *Early childhood development in India*; Rachel Heath (U of Washington and World Bank) on *Effects of access to jobs in garment factories on girls' school enrolment in Bangladesh* (co-authored with Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University); Pascaline Dupas (Stanford University), *Experimental results on responses to health interventions*
- Discussion
- 19.30 – 21.30 Conference Dinner
- Dinner speaker: Professor Tony Venables (Oxford University)

Day 2: Monday, July 16, 2012

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Session 5: Poverty and Grassroots Entrepreneurship**
- Chief Guest: Dr. Muhammad A Razzak, Minister of Food and Disaster Management, GoB (TBC)
- Special Guest: Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor, Bangladesh Bank (TBC)
- Chair: Dr. Mahabub Hossain (Executive Director, BRAC)
- Presenters: Robin Burgess (LSE) on *Estimating the impact of TUP program in Bangladesh*, Adnan Khan (IGC)/Asim Khwaja (Harvard University) on *Skills and livestock projects in Punjab Economic Opportunities Program*
- 10.30– 10.45 Tea Break
- 10.45 – 12.30 Presenters; Mushfiq Mobarak (Yale University and IGC) on *Longer run effects of seasonal migration*; Shahe Emran (George Washington University) on *Microfinance, moneylending and interest rate*; Wahiduddin Mahmud (Economic Research Group) on the book *Seasonal Hunger and Public Policies: Evidence from Northwest Bangladesh* (World Bank Publications, co-authored with Shahid Khandker, World Bank)
- Discussion
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30– 15.15 **Session 6: Regional Economic Integration**
- Chief Guest: Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Affairs Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister, GoB
- Special Guest: Ambassador Muhammad Zamir, Chief Information Commissioner, Bangladesh
- Tony Venables (Oxford) on *Geography and economic integration*; Ijaz Nabi (LUMS, Pakistan) on *India-Pakistan trade*; Shaibal Gupta (India Bihar) on *Economic History of Bengal Presidency*
- Discussion

15.15–15.30 Tea Break

15.30–17.30 **Session 5: Environmental Issues**

Chair: TBC

Presenters: Rema Hanna (Harvard University) on *Stoves in Orissa*;
Rohini Pande (Harvard University) on *Third party auditing of industrial
pollution in Gujarat*; Raymond Guiteras (University of Maryland) on *Access
to water* (on-going research)

Discussion

Closing of the conference