



Berlin Social Science Center

## Conference Program

### Barriers to Development: The Interplay between External Constraints and Individual Preferences

May 22–23, 2014

Hosted and Organized by  
WZB Berlin Social Science Center  
Risk & Development Unit  
Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin  
Room A 300 & B002/003

#### **Organizers:**

Friederike Lenel, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW)  
Ferdinand Vieider, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

Thursday, May 22, 2014

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9.00 am – 10.00 am	<b>Registration, Lobby A 300</b>
10.00 am – 12 noon Room A 300	<b>1. Session: Governance</b> <b>Rema Hanna (Harvard Kennedy School)</b> Deal with the Devil: Experimental Evidence on Bureaucratic Reform in India <i>Discussant: Rajshri Jayaraman</i> <b>Robin Burgess (London School of Economics)</b> The Value of Democracy: Evidence from Road Building in Kenya <i>Discussant: Justin Valasek</i>
12 noon – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Room A 300	<b>2. Session: Savings and Credit Associations</b> <b>Stefan Klonner (Heidelberg University)</b> Risky Loans and the Emergence of Rotating Savings and Credit Associations <i>Discussant: Karlijn Morsink</i> <b>Simon Quinn (University of Oxford)</b> Using the ROSCA as a Model for Individual Finance in Pakistan: Results from a Randomized Field Experiment <i>Discussant: Amma Serwaah-Panin</i>
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm Room A 300	<b>3. Session: Family Networks</b> <b>Garance Genicot (Georgetown University)</b> Asymmetry of Information within Family Networks <i>Discussant: Friederike Lenel</i> <b>Pramila Krishnan (University of Cambridge)</b> Migration, Well-Being and Risk-Sharing <i>Discussant: Wolfgang Stojetz</i>
7.30 pm	Conference Dinner

**Friday, May 23, 2014**

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10:00 am – 12 noon Room A 300	<b>4. Session: Information and Education</b> <b>Shawn A. Cole (Harvard Business School)</b> The Value of Advice: Evidence from Mobile Phone-Based Agricultural Extension <i>Discussant: Ferdinand Vieider</i> <b>Bertil Tungodden (Norwegian School of Economics)</b> Teaching through Television: Experimental Evidence on Entrepreneurial Education in Tanzania <i>Discussant: Britta Augsburg</i>
12 noon – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Room B002/003	<b>5. Session: Institutions and Preferences</b> <b>Christine Binzel (Heidelberg University)</b> Does the Arrival of a Formal Financial Institution Alter Informal Sharing Arrangements? Experimental Evidence from Village India <i>Discussant: Nghi Truong</i> <b>Ferdinand Vieider (Berlin Social Science Center)</b> Risk Preferences and Development Revisited: A Risk-Income Paradox <i>Discussant: Christoph Rheinberger</i>
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break
5.00 pm Room A 300	<b>WZB Distinguished Lecture in Social Sciences</b> <b>Fabrizio Zilibotti (University of Zurich)</b>
7.30 pm	Farewell Dinner

## List of Presenters

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Christine Binzel (Heidelberg University)  
Robin Burgess (London School of Economics)  
Shawn A. Cole (Harvard Business School)  
Garance Genicot (Georgetown University)  
Rema Hanna (Harvard Kennedy School)  
Stefan Klöpper (Heidelberg University)  
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## List of Discussants

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Britta Augsburg (University College London)  
Rajshri Jayaraman (European School of Management and Technology)  
Friederike Lenel (German Institute for Economic Research)  
Karlijn Morsink (University of Oxford)  
Christoph Rheinberger (Toulouse School of Economics)  
Amma Serwaah-Panin (Berlin Social Science Center)  
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