



CSAE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford, is celebrating our 40th anniversary with many of the founders, former and current staff, academics and students on 05 and 06 June 2026 in Oxford, UK.

PROGRAMME

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FRIDAY 05 JUNE 2026

16:30	<p>Welcome and Opening Speech</p> <p><i>Speaker: Stefan Dercon (Student 1988-92, Research Officer 1992-1998, Current Director since 2015,)</i> Stefan will recount the history, recognising the founders, mentioning the administrative support teams through the years, and reflect on our identity and role, past and present.</p>
17:00	<p>The Ethiopian Connection</p> <p><i>Speakers: Alemayehu Seyoum Tefesse, Taye Mengistae and Bereket Kebede</i> The group will discuss their time at the CSAE, the CSAE links with Ethiopia, and the role of the CSAE in their careers, in conversation with Stefan Dercon.</p>
17:30	<p>In Conversation with Paul Collier</p> <p><i>Speakers: Paul Collier (Co-Founder and Director) and Stefan Dercon (Current Director since 2015)</i> Stefan will talk with Paul about the early days of the CSAE and its research and policy impact in this period.</p>

SATURDAY 06 JUNE 2026

09:00	Registration with Tea and Coffee
09:30	Welcome and Opening Speech <i>Speaker: Simon Quinn (Student 2007-2010, Deputy Director 2013-2023).</i> A Quarter-Century of CSAE Conferences: From GMM to GPT
10:00	Research on Africa and the Role of the Centre in the 1980s and 1990s <i>Speakers: Panel discussion with Jan Willem Gunning (Co-Founder and Director, 1998-2000) and David Bevan (Co-Founder)</i> Followed by comments from Pramila Krishnan, Chris Adam, Paul Horsnell, David Fielding, Janine Aron, John Mackinnon, and others. Moderator: Stefan Dercon
11:00 Tea and Coffee Break	
11:30	Comments by Former Researchers and Students <i>Speakers: Introduction by Abigail Barr (Student 1991-1996, Research Officer 1996-2010) followed by a panel discussion with Abigail Barr, Pedro Vicente and Andrew Zeitlin.</i> Followed by comments from other former students, post-docs and research officers on their time at the CSAE and the role of the CSAE in their careers.
13:00 Lunch	
14:00	Keynote Address <i>Speaker: Marcel Fafchamps (Deputy Director and then Co-Director, 1999-2013)</i> Chair: Ruth Hill (Student 1999-2005) Followed by a discussion.
16:00 Tea and Coffee Break	
16:30	Comments by Current Researchers and Students <i>Speaker: Stefano Caria (Student 2011-2015, Academic Director since 2025)</i> Followed by comments from recent and current post-docs, faculty and students.
17:30	Closing Remarks <i>Speaker: Stefan Dercon (Director)</i>