

CSAE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA WORKSHOP 2024

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 03 December to Friday 06 December 2024

Future Africa Campus, University of Pretoria, 40 South Street, Koedoespoort 456-Jr, Pretoria, 0186

MONDAY 02 DECEMBER

Optional lecture for those arriving early for the Workshop

12:00

Firm Effects of the South African Employment Equity Legislation

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Post apartheid South Africa implemented the world's largest affirmative action policy of the labour market, operating through the private sector. This paper analyses the effects of such policy on firms and workers using matched employer-employee data, exploiting a natural experiment where certain firms unexpectedly no longer were subject to the legislation. Within a regression discontinuity framework, we find that the removal of the employment equity legislation improves firm productivity, with heterogeneous results by broad industry. Firms in those industries that respond to the legislation change, alter the composition of their workforce. Over a four-year horizon this results in a productivity increase in some industries, and a decrease in others.

TUESDAY 03 DECEMBER

08:00 Breakfast at Future Africa Campus

08:30 Registration opens

08:45	Welcome and Introductions Conference Room 2
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09:00	Session 1 – Households I Conference Room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eleni Yitbarek (University of Pretoria) South Africa: ‘Early-Life Shock and Intergenerational Mobility’• Abraham Seyoum Gonfa (Addis Ababa University) Ethiopia: ‘Intergenerational Transmission of Prosocial Attitudes in Developing Countries’• Halefom Nigus (Policy Studies Institute (PSI)) Ethiopia: ‘Armed Conflict, Cash Transfers and Psychological Capital: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia’• Bienvenu Matungulu, Université Catholique de Bukavu, DRC: ‘Education and Intergenerational Transmission of Income in Kinshasa/DRC’
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11:00 Coffee

11:30	Session 2 – Households II Conference Room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosy Botha (One Acre Fund) Rwanda: ‘Access to Digital Financial Services and Women Empowerment: Evidence from Rural Rwanda’• Samuel Musoke (Bank of Uganda) Uganda: ‘Back to Bank: Digital Currency, Deposits’ Substitution and Credit’• Khadijat Amolegbe (University of Ilorin) Nigeria: ‘Digital Literacy, Output Market Access, and Demand for Rural E-Commerce’
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13:00 Lunch

14:00	Session 3 – Fiscal and Monetary Policy Conference Room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tewodros Gebrewolde (International Growth Centre, Addis Ababa) Ethiopia: ‘Treasury Bills as a Benchmark for Interest Rate Based Monetary Policy in Ethiopia’• Roque Magaia (Bank of Mozambique) Mozambique: ‘The Role of Mozambican Banking Sector in the Transmission of Commodity-Booms Shocks: Implications for Monetary and Macroprudential Policies’
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15:00 Tea

15:30	Session 4 – Health and Education Conference Room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amadou Jallow (University of the Gambia) The Gambia: ‘Effect of the Double Shift Schooling System on Learning Outcomes: A Nonparametric Bounds Analysis’• Jaah Mkupete (University of Dar es Salaam) Tanzania: ‘The Impact of Health Intervention Programs on Education: Evidence from the Malaria Eradication Program in Tanzania’• Benjamin Njianga Mbeyap (University of Yaounde II) Cameroon: ‘Rethinking Blood Donation in Cameroon: Overcoming the Taboo of a Market Repugnant to a Pricing System’
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17:30 Close

18:00 Bus transfer to dinner

19:00 Dinner, Priva Restaurant

WEDNESDAY 04 DECEMBER

08:00 Breakfast at Future Africa Campus

09:00	Session 5 – Labour Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sadou Diallo (University of Général Lansana Conté de Conté Conakry) Guinea: ‘Climate Shocks and Labour Market in sub-Saharan Africa: Effects on Youth Employment and Labor Supply Reallocation’• Fekadu Nigussie Deresse (Ethiopian Investment Commission) Ethiopia: ‘Labour market Entry Conditions and Earnings Dynamics: Evidence from Ethiopian Special Economic Zones’• Takudzwa Mutize (University of the Free State) South Africa: ‘Does Moving between Cities Pay Off? Economic Outcomes for South Africa’s Skilled Intercity Migrants’• Dereje Zegeye (Addis Ababa University) Ethiopia: ‘The Origins of Human Capital Formation: The Long-term Impact of Early Life Weather Shocks on Human Capital Outcomes in Ethiopia’
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11:00 Coffee

11:30	Session 6 – Agriculture I Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Mwale (University of Malawi) Malawi: ‘What's Hers Isn't Mine: Gender-differentiated Tenure Security, Agricultural Investments and Productivity in sub-Saharan Africa’• Sombéwendé Rachel Nana (Felix Houphouët-Boigny University) Côte d'Ivoire: ‘Effect of Insecurity on Crops Adoption in Burkina Faso’• Arinze Nwokolo (Lagos Business School) Nigeria: ‘Gas Flaring, Agricultural Productivity and Labor Reallocation: Evidence from Nigeria’
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13:00 Lunch

14:00	Session 7 – Agriculture II Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Margaret Atosina Akuriba (University for Development Studies) Ghana: ‘Learning Effects of an Experiential Groundwater Resource Game in North-Eastern Ghana’• Francisco Mugizi (University of Dar es Salaam) Tanzania: ‘Weather Shocks and Land Conflict: Evidence from Rural Uganda and Kenya’• Kelvin Mulungu (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center) Zambia: ‘Once Bitten, Twice Shy? Direct and Indirect Effects of Weather Shocks on Fertilizer and Improved Seed Use’
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15:30 Tea

16:00	Session 8 – Inequality and Poverty Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carolyn Chisadza (University of Pretoria) South Africa: ‘Attitudes to Gender Inequality in South Africa: Evidence from Implicit and Explicit Attitudes’• Letshego Mancoe (University of Pretoria) South Africa: ‘Intergenerational Educational Mobility and Black Tax in South Africa’• Jabir Ibrahim Mohammed (University of Ghana) Ghana: ‘The Welfare Implication of Reversing Ghana's Electricity Tariff Structure: Evidence from Residential and Non-residential Customers’
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17:30 Close

18:00	South Africa’s Gamble on Economic Development and Inclusion, Then and Now Auditorium 45 minutes lecture followed by 45 minutes of Q&A Speaker: Stefan Dercon (University of Oxford), Introduction by Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu (University of Pretoria), Q&A lead by Nicola Viegi (University of Pretoria) <i>Organised by Economic Research Southern Africa in collaboration with the University of Oxford and the University of Pretoria.</i> In South Africa’s complex economic, social and political environment, Stefan Dercon’s work provides practical strategies for resilience and inclusive growth, aligning with the country’s policy goals. This lecture will discuss the subtle interplay between elites and development in South Africa, and what it means for growth and development. Building on examples from other countries, it will provide insights and realistic strategies for policymakers and practitioners to challenge as well as work with entrenched power structures for growth and more equitable development outcomes.
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19:30 Close

20:00 Dinner, Future Africa

THURSDAY 05 DECEMBER

08:00 Breakfast at Future Africa Campus

09:00	<p>Session 9 – Political Economy Conference Room 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Nana Yaa Ayifah (University of Ghana) Ghana: ‘What Do Voters Want? Development in Social Sectors and Electoral Outcome in Ghana’ • Marco Kitundu (Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF)) Tanzania: ‘The Supply of Watchdog Journalism in Tanzania’ • Jotham Talemwa (African School of Economics) Benin: ‘Land Ownership, Ethnic Characteristics, and Herder-Farmer Conflicts in Africa’ • Tebkieta Alexandra Tapsoba (University Joseph Ki Zerbo) Burkina Faso: ‘Explaining the Main Drivers of Violent Conflicts in Burkina Faso: A Spatial and Survival Analysis’ 	<p>Office Hours for Pretoria Staff and Students ONLY</p> <p>Private Room 1</p> <p>View schedule online.</p>
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11:00 Coffee

11:30	<p>Session 10 – Natural Resources and the Environment Conference Room 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicky Nicholls (University of Pretoria) South Africa: ‘Willingness to Pay for Partial Flood Insurance: Predictors and Elicitation’ • Sarobidy Rakotonarivo (University of Antananarivo) Madagascar: ‘Impact of Price Shocks and Payments on Crop Diversification and Forest Use Among Malagasy Vanilla Farmers’ 	<p>Office Hours for Pretoria Staff and Students ONLY</p> <p>Private Room 1</p> <p>View schedule online.</p>
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13:00 Lunch

14:00	<p>Session 11 – 1:1 Feedback Sessions Conference Room 2, Private Room 1, and Private Room 2</p> <p>Feedback sessions with Oxford Faculty. 20 minutes per conversation. Schedule displayed separately.</p>
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15:30 Tea

16:00	<p>Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development (SA-TIED) Conference Room 2</p> <p>Aimable Nsabimana and Abena Larbi-Odam (SA-TIED)</p> <p>Briefing and discussion</p> <p>Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development (SA-TIED) is a programme intended to support policymaking in the Southern Africa region by working closely with researchers to close knowledge gaps crucial to the achievement of inclusive growth and economic transformation. Through SA-TIED, researchers have access to the comprehensive anonymised tax data made available by the National Treasury of South Africa and supported by United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and many other governmental organisations in South Africa and its sub-region. SA-TIED research is intended to inform policymakers and help deliver frontier solutions to the region’s economic and development problems.</p>
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17:30 Close

18:00 Bus transfer to dinner

19:00 Dinner, The Blue Crane Restaurant

FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER

08:00 Breakfast at Future Africa Campus

09:00	Session 12	
	<p>12.1 Introduction to Randomised Control Trials Conference Room 2</p> <p>Lead by Clare Hofmeyr (J-PAL Africa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why randomize? • Designing randomised evaluations for different programme specifications. <p>Lead by Muhammad Meki (University of Oxford)</p> <p>Building a research portfolio of randomized evaluations</p>	<p>12.2 Introduction to Structural Transformation and Growth Private Room 1</p> <p>Lead by Joe Kaboski (University of Notre Dame) and Krisztina Orbán (Monash University)</p> <p>This session will present an introduction to a new academic literature on structural transformation and growth, arising from the STEG research programme.</p>

11:00 Coffee

11:30	Session 13		
	<p>13.1 Introduction to Randomised Control Trials (Continued) Conference Room 2</p> <p>Lead by Dennis Egger (University of Oxford)</p> <p>Walking through a randomized evaluation: A step-by-step guide to key randomisation concepts as applied to a real-life RCT in Kenya</p>	<p>13.2 Further discussion on Structural Transformation and Growth (Continued) Private Room 1</p> <p>Lead by Joe Kaboski (University of Notre Dame) and Krisztina Orbán (Monash University)</p>	<p>13.3 Feedback, Collaboration, and Sharing (Oxford Faculty, CSAE Conference Speakers, and Pretoria Staff ONLY) Private Room 2</p> <p>Discussion session on how to make these events better, follow ups and other matters.</p>

13:00 Lunch

14:00	Session 14	
	<p>14.1 Research Proposals I Conference Room 2</p> <p>Oxford faculty lead discussions of possible research proposals, 20 minutes per proposal. Schedule displayed separately.</p>	<p>14.2 Research Proposals II Private Room 1</p> <p>Oxford faculty lead discussions of possible research proposals, 20 minutes per proposal. Schedule displayed separately.</p>

16:00 Tea

16:30	Session 15	
	<p>15.1 Proposal Writing for Randomised Control Trials Conference Room 2</p> <p>Lead by Clare Hofmeyr (J-PAL Africa)</p> <p>How to write a competitive RCT proposal and J-PAL's funding opportunities for African Scholars</p>	<p>15.2 Proposal Writing for non-RCTs, and pathways to a PhD in an advanced economy Private Room 1</p> <p>Lead by Joe Kaboski (University of Notre Dame) and Krisztina Orbán (Monash University)</p> <p>How to write competitive research proposals, and a discussion of possible pathways to a PhD</p>

17:30 Close

19:00 Dinner, Future Africa