



SITE and ASWEDE Academic Conference

Public Sector Efficiency and Effectiveness

Implications for Developing and Transition Countries

December 14-15, 2017

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Welcome

This year's academic conference serves to bring together international scholars to discuss and showcase what current research tells us about the effectiveness and efficiency of public sectors in low and middle-income countries, and how they can be improved. It is widely held that the presence of a well-functioning state is key to encouraging economic growth and individual welfare. States' capacity to raise revenues and spend them in favour of their citizens, effectively and efficiently delivering crucial public services and infrastructure, is by now widely recognized as a crucial, necessary condition for sustained development and growth. Nowhere is this more evident than in the context of low and middle-income countries, often (but not always) struggling with low capacity and corruption both on the revenue and expenditure side.

The conference will feature a combination of keynote speakers, paper presentations and panel discussions. The areas in which the conference will mainly (but not exclusively) focus are public procurement and public-private partnerships, the competence, organization and management of public employees, and e-government broadly defined.

The academic conference on December 14-15 is hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE) together with the Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE).



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Keynote Speakers

Oriana Bandiera



Oriana Bandiera is the Sir Anthony Atkinson Professor of Economics and the Director of the Suntory and Toyota Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD) at the London School of Economics, and a fellow of the British Academy, the Econometric Society, CEPR, BREAD and IZA. Her primary research interests are in labour economics, development economics, and the economics of organisations. Her research focuses on the ways in which incentives affect people's behaviour, and to what extent these effects depend on social context or social relationships. In 2007, she was jointly awarded the IZA Young Labor Economist Prize and in 2011 she was the recipient of the Carlo Alberto medal for her outstanding research contributions to the field of economics.

James Robinson



James Robinson is the Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and University Professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago as well as the faculty director of the Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. Robinson is a political scientist and economist whose influential research in the field of political and economic development has deepened the understanding of political institutions around the world. In his work, he explores the underlying relationship between poverty and the institutions of a society and how institutions emerge out of political conflicts. In addition to academic publications in all leading journals in the field, he is also the author (together with Daron Acemoglu) of the bestseller *Why Nations Fail*.

Conference Program

08.45-09.20

Registration and Coffee

09.20-09.30

Opening Remarks

09.30-11.00

Session 1

- **Tessa Bold** – Stockholm University
The Lost Human Capital: Teacher Knowledge and Student Achievement in Africa by Tessa Bold, Deon Filmer, Ezequiel Molina and Jakob Svensson
- **Adnan Q. Khan** – London School of Economics
Making Moves Matter: Experimental Evidence on Incentivizing Bureaucrats through Performance-Based Postings by Adnan Q. Khan, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, and Benjamin A. Olken
- **Guo Xu** – University of California, Berkeley
The Costs of Patronage: evidence from the British Empire

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-12.30

Session 2

- **Diana Moreira** – University of California, Davis
Political Turnover, Bureaucratic Turnover, and the Quality of Public Services by Diana Moreira, Mitra Akhtari and Laura Trucco
- **Ola Olsson** – University of Gothenburg
Trade and Taxation in a “Post”-conflict State: Evidence from Traders on Congo River by Ola Olsson, Maria Eriksson Baaz and Peter Martinsson

12.30-13.30

Lunch Break

13.30-14.30

Keynote 1

Oriana Bandiera

Sir Anthony Atkinson Professor of Economics and Director of
STICERD, LSE

*Career Incentives, Selection and Performance in Public Service
Delivery*

14.30-15.00

Coffee Break

15.00-16.30

Panel on Practical Experiences from Transition/Developing Countries

- **Tymofiy Mylovanov**, Associate Professor University of Pittsburgh and Honorary President, Kyiv School of Economics.
- **Eric Livny**, President, International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University.
- **Per Nordlund**, Lead Policy Specialist on Democracy and Human Rights at Sida.
- **Mikhail Pryadilnikov**, Deputy Head of Analytical Center for the Russian Federation Government.
- **Oleksii Sobolev**, Project Lead at ProZorro.Sale, Ukraine.

DAY 2

09.30-11.00

Session 3

- **Clement Imbert** – University of Warwick
E-governance, Accountability, and Leakage in Public Programs: Experimental Evidence from a Financial Management Reform in India by Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, Clement Imbert, Santhosh Mathew and Rohini Pande
- **Guy Grossman** – University of Pennsylvania
Peer effects and externalities in technology adoption: Evidence from community reporting in Uganda by Romain Ferrali, Guy Grossman, Melina Platas and Jonathan Rodden
- **Prabhat Barnwal** – Michigan State University
Curbing Leakage in Public Programs: Evidence from India's Direct Benefit Transfer Policy

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-13.00

Session 4

- **Michael Best** – Columbia University
Individuals and Organizations as Sources of State Effectiveness, and Consequences for Policy Design by Michael Best, Jonas Hjort, and David Szakonyi
- **Vitalijs Jascisens** – Toulouse School of Economics
Bid Preferences and Set Asides for Locally Produced Goods: Evidence from Russia
- **Menno Pradhan** – University of Amsterdam
Double for Nothing? Experimental Evidence on the Impact of an Unconditional Teacher Salary Increase on Student Performance in Indonesia by Joppe de Ree, Karthik Muralidharan, Menno Pradhan and Halsey Rogers

13.00-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-15.00

Keynote 2

James Robinson

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict
and University Professor at University of Chicago

The Emergence of Weak, Despotic and Inclusive States

15.00

Closing remarks - End of conference

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