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Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhry
Rector
Lahore School of Economics
requests the pleasure of your participation in

Microfinance and enterprise development
research prospects and challenges

16th April, 2015

Venue: Lahore School of Economics, Burki Campus

Program Overleaf

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Lahore School of Economics and University of Oxford Conference
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Microfinance and Enterprise Development – Research Prospects and Challenges

- 9:30 - 10:15 **Registration, Tea and Networking**
- 10:15- 10:45 **Welcome Remarks: Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhry**, Rector, Lahore School of Economics
- Keynote Speaker:**
Dr. Rashid Bajwa, Chief Executive Officer, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)
- 10:45- 11:45 **Microfinance Sector - Current State and future directions**
- Panel discussion:**
Chair: Dr. Rashid Bajwa, Chief Executive Officer, NRSP
- Panelists:**
Dr. Amjad Saqib, Founder and Executive Director, Akhuwat
Syed Mohsin Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Microfinance Network (PMN)
Kamran Azim, Chief Operating Officer, Kashf Foundation
Shahid Maqsood, Chief Operating Officer, FINCA Micro finance Bank Limited
- 11:45 -12:45 **Research on Microfinance 1: Lahore School-University of Oxford project**
- Chair: Kamran Azim**, Chief Operating Officer, Kashf Foundation
- Overview of microcredit and microsaving for small enterprises in Pakistan Project*
Presenter: Simon Quinn, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford
- Two sides of the same rupee? Comparing demand for microcredit and microsavings in a framed field experiment in Pakistan*
Presenter: Simon Quinn, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford
- Discussant:**
Tahir Waqar, Senior Program Manager, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)
- Using Behavioural games to understand constraints on effectiveness of microfinance products*
Presenter: Uzma Afzal, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Economics and Business (CREB), Lahore School of Economics
- Discussant:**
Ghazala Mansuri, Lead Economist, World Bank
- 12:45 -1:45 **Lunch**

1:45 - 3:00

Research on Microfinance 2: Assessment and Challenges

Chair: Theresa Thompson Chaudhry, Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Economics and Business (CREB), Lahore School of Economics

Money or Management? A field experiment on constraints to entrepreneurship in rural Pakistan

Presenter: Ghazala Mansuri, Lead Economist, World Bank

Discussant:

Ayesha Afzal, Assistant Professor, Lahore School of Economics

Impact Assessment of start-up loans to female run microenterprises

Presenter: Farah Said, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Economics and Business (CREB), Lahore School of Economics

Discussant:

Ommara Raza, Senior Manager Research, Kashf Foundation

Analysis of voluntary contributions: Exploring a unique microcredit model

Presenter: Mahreen Mahmud, PhD candidate, University of Kent

Discussant:

Sajjad Akhtar, Member, Pakistan Microfinance Network (PMN) Research Committee

3:00- 4:15

Panel discussion: Impact & future directions - Role of Research

Chair: Qazi Azmat Isa, Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)

Panelists:

Akbar Zaidi, Member of Board of Directors, Pakistan Microfinance Network (PMN)

Waqas ul Hasan, Private & Financial Sector Development Adviser, Department for International Development (DFID)

Aban ul Haq, Head Education Innovation Fund, Ilm Ideas

Matthew Titus, Former Founder Executive Director, Sa-Dhan

Sanjay Sinha, Managing Director, Micro-Credit Ratings International Limited (M-Cril)

[Working tea will be served]