

**iiG Conference 2015: Improving Institutions for Growth**  
**St Catherine's College, Oxford, OX1 3UJ**

**Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March 2015**

2015 marks the culmination of several iiG research projects investigating the impact of institutional constraints on pro-poor growth.

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015**

**0830 Registration**

**1000 Coffee**

**1030 Opening and welcome – introductions**

**1100 Session 1: Entrepreneurship**

- Aspiration failure and rural development in Ethiopia (*Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse*)
- *Aspire* (*Marcel Fafchamps and Simon Quinn*)
- When no bad deed goes punished: A relational contracting experiment in Ghana (*Elwyn Davies and Marcel Fafchamps*)

**1300 Lunch**

**1400 Session 2: Property Rights**

- Falling off the map: Regression discontinuity evidence on property rights in urban Tanzania (*Matthew Collin, Justin Sandefur and Andrew Zeitlin*)
- Land appropriation in Ethiopia (*Anthony Harris*)

**1530 Tea**

**1600 Session 3: Effective service delivery**

- Pay for locally monitored teacher attendance? A welfare analysis for Ugandan primary schools (*Ibrahim Kasirye and Andrew Zeitlin*)
- The returns to a civil service job in Kenya: Regression discontinuity evidence (*Tessa Bold and Justin Sandefur*)
- Motivating knowledge agents: An update with new data on agent time use (*Erlend Berg, Rajasekhar Durgam, and Manjula Ramachandra*)

**1800 Close**

**1900 Dinner (Dining Hall, St Catherine's College)**

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2015**

**0830 Registration**

**0900 Session 4: Networks**

- Formal insurance and transfer motives in informal risk-sharing groups: Experimental evidence from iddir in rural Ethiopia (*Karlijn Morsink*)

- Can farmers create efficient information networks? (*Stefano Caria and Marcel Fafchamps*)

**1030 Coffee**

**1100 Session 5: Savings, lending and growth**

- Savings, lending and default in community-based microfinance groups: Evidence from rural Malawi (*Rachel Cassidy*)
- Two sides of the same rupee? Comparing demand for microcredit and microsaving in a framed field experiment in rural Pakistan (*Uzma Afzal, Giovanna d'Adda, Marcel Fafchamps, Simon Quinn and Farah Said*)
- Economic empowerment of adolescent girls: The effects of layering microcredit on an adolescent development programme in Tanzania (*Munshi Suleiman and Selim Gulesci*)

**1300 Lunch**

**1400 Session 6: Political economy**

- Social capital and taxation in Lagos, Nigeria (*Adrienne LeBas*)
- When do voters sanction violence? A vignette experiment in Kenya (*Adrienne LeBas and Roxana Gutiérrez Romero*)

**1530 Tea**

**1600 Panel Discussion**

- ***The future of research on institutions and development.***  
Stefan Dercon (DFID), Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford), and Mthuli Ncube (Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford)

**1730 Close**