



**International
Growth Centre**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Growth Week 2016

New Academic Building (NAB)
London School of Economics and Political Science

DAY 1

0800-0900 **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE** Lower Ground Floor

0900-1000 **PLENARY SESSION : INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE** Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Speakers:

- Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)
- Robin Burgess (Director, IGC; London School of Economics)
- Paul Collier (Director, IGC; Oxford University)

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

1000-1115 **STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)** Alumni Theatre

Building a functional state in difficult places

Speakers:

- Eliana La Ferrara (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; Bocconi University)
- Mo Quayumi (Chief Adviser to the President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan)

1000-1115 **CITIES** Thai Theatre

Building effective and functioning cities - How to deal with density

Speakers:

- Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)
- Tony Venables (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Oxford)

1115-1145 **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK** Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1145-1330 **STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)** Alumni Theatre

State capacity: Taxation, Service Provision and Preferences

Chair: Gerard Padró I Miquel (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; London School of Economics)

Speakers:

- Jacob Shapiro (Princeton University)
"Rural infrastructure provision in India: mapping the Bharat Nirman programme"
- Lucie Gadenne (University College London)
"Price risk and poverty"

- Leander Heldring (University of Oxford)

"State capacity and Individual Preferences: Evidence from Rwanda"

1145-1330

CITIES

Thai Theatre

Urban Infrastructure: Water, Sewers and Transportation

Chair: Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)

Speakers:

- Billy Jack (Georgetown University)

"Loss in the time of Cholera: Long-run Impact of a Disease Epidemic on the Urban Landscape"

- Tavneet Suri (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; MIT)

"The Economics of Slums in the Developing World"

- Robert Gonzalez (UNC-Chapel Hill)

"Results of a large-scale randomized behaviour change intervention on road safety in Kenya"

1330-1430

NETWORKING LUNCH

Lower Ground Floor

POLICY SESSIONS

1430-1630

STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)

Alumni Theatre

Building a functional state in difficult places

Chair: Ian Porter (Country Director, IGC Myanmar)

Speakers:

- Luka Biong (Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Juba University, South Sudan)
- Nasiruddin Ahmed (Anti Corruption Commission, Bangladesh)
- Abdul Bar Siddiqui (Finance Minister, Bihar Government)
- Herbert M'cleod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone and Liberia)

1430-1630

CITIES

Thai Theatre

Land and Infrastructure

Chair: Ijaz Nabi (Country Director, IGC Pakistan; Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Speakers:

- Harold L. Tucker (Mayor of Bo, Sierra Leone)
- Cyvette Gibson (Mayor of Paynesville, Liberia)
- Haider Latif (Lahore Transport Company, Pakistan)
- Wilfred K. Anim-Odame (Ghana Lands Commission, Ghana)
- Kumar V. Pratap (Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India)
- Masood-ul-Haq (Excise and Taxation department, Pakistan)
- U Toe Aung (Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar)

1630-1700

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK

Lower Ground Floor

1700-1800

PANEL DEBATE

Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Chair: Tony Venables (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Oxford)

Speakers:

- Rachel Glennester (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone; Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab)
- H.E. Ato Newai Gebre-ab (Ethiopian Development Research Institute)

1830-2000

PUBLIC LECTURE: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - CHINA AND AFRICA

Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Opening Speech: Rt Hon. Desmond Swayne (Minister of State for International Development)

Moderator: John Page (Country Director, IGC Tanzania; Brookings Institution)

Speakers:

- Chang-Tai Hsieh (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Chicago Booth)
 - John Sutton (IGC Steering Group Member; London School of Economics)
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DAY 2

800-900

REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE

Lower Ground Floor

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

900-1015

FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)

Thai Theatre

What is holding firms back?

Speaker: Chris Woodruff (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Warwick University)

Presenters:

- John Van Reenen (London School of Economics)
- Ali Choudhary (State Bank of Pakistan)
- Asif Bajwa (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

900-1015

ENERGY

Alumni Theatre

The role of renewables for energy access in developing countries

Moderator: Henry Tricks (The Economist)

Panellists:

- Ted Brandt (Marathon Capital)
- Ronke Luke (Women Council on Energy and the Environment)
- Alistair Wray (DFID)

1015-1045

MORNING NETWORKING BREAK

Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1045-1230

FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)

Thai Theatre

Identifying high-growth entrepreneurs

Chair: Chris Woodruff (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Warwick University)

Speakers:

- Kevin Donovan (University of Notre Dame)
"The Dynamics of Inter-Firm Skill Transmission among Kenyan Enterprises"
- Ben Roth (MIT)
"Knowing Thy Neighbor: What Information Neighbors Have and How Best to Illicit It"
- Jing Cai (University of Michigan)
"Interfirm Relationships and Business Performance"

1115-1230

ENERGY

Alumni Theatre

Renewable electricity evaluations

Chair: Michael Greenstone (Research Programme Director, IGC Energy Programme; University of Chicago)

Speakers:

- Tessa Bold (Lead Academic, IGC Uganda; Goethe University Frankfurt)
- David Lagakos (Lead Academic, IGC Ghana; University of California)
- Anant Sudarshan (University of Chicago)

1230-1330

NETWORKING LUNCH**POLICY SESSIONS**

1330-1530

FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)

Thai Theatre

How can industrialisation be encouraged in Africa?

Chair: John Page (Country Director, IGC Tanzania; Brookings Institution)

Speakers:

- Francis Chipimo (Bank of Zambia, Zambia)
- Adolf Mkenda (Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Tanzania)
- Mateus Matusse (Ministry of Industry and Trade, Mozambique) TBC

1330-1530

ENERGY

Alumni Theatre

Renewable energy

Chair: Anand Rajaram (Country Director, IGC Zambia)

Speakers:

- Alfred Mwila (Energy Regulation Board of Zambia, Zambia)
- James Banaabe (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda)
- Anil K. Jain (Government of India)
- Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor (Deputy Minister of Power, Ghana)

1530-1600

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK

Lower Ground Floor

1600-1700

EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS

Alumni Theatre

State/Cities

Chair: Gharad Bryan (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; London School of Economics)

- Gabriel Kreindler (MIT)

“Driving Delhi: The impact of driving restrictions on driver behaviour”

- Florian Blum (London School of Economics)

“(De)centralised Pricing for Public Service”

- Guo Xu (London School of Economics)

“Social Connections and the Performance of Bureaucracies: Evidence from the British Empire”

1600-1700

EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS

Wolfson Theatre

Firms/Energy

Chair: Chris Udry (Lead Academic, IGC Ghana; Yale University)

- Bryce Millett Steinberg (Brown University)

“Workfare, Wages and Human Capital Investment”

- Torsten Walter (London School of Economics)

TBC

- Namrata Kala (Harvard University)

“Soft Skills to Pay the Bills: Evidence from Female Garment Workers”

1600-1700

EVIDENCE-BASED GROWTH POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thai Theatre

Chair: Hugh Cole (IGC Country Programme Director)

1700-1800

DRINKS RECEPTION - NETWORKING

Lower Ground Floor

1830-2000

PUBLIC LECTURE: GROWTH CHALLENGES IN FRAGILE STATES

Sheikh Zayed
Theatre

Chair: Timothy Besley (IGC Steering Group Member; London School of Economics)

Speakers:

- Paul Collier (IGC Director, Oxford University)
- Torsten Persson (Stockholm University)

DAY 3

830-930 **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE**

Lower Ground Floor

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

930-1045 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**

Thai Theatre

Motivating public sector workers

Speakers:

- Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; London School of Economics)
- Nana Kwasi Agyekum-Dwamena (Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ghana)

930-1045 **FIRMS (TRADE)**

Alumni Theatre

FDI, Exports and the reform of government agencies

Speakers:

- John Sutton (IGC Steering Group Member; London School of Economics)
- Rocco Macchiavello (Lead Academic, IGC Myanmar; University of Warwick)

1045-1115 **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK**

Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1115-1300 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**

Thai Theatre

Improving accountability and performance for better public service delivery

Chairs:

Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; London School of Economics)

Adnan Khan (IGC Research and Policy Director; London School of Economics)

Speakers:

- Adnan Khan (IGC Research and Policy Director; London School of Economics)
- Martín Antonio Rossi (Universidad de San Andrés)
- Michael Callen (Harvard University)

1115-1300 **FIRMS (TRADE)**

Alumni Theatre

Firms, trade and development: Learning from IGC countries

Chair: Eric Verhoogen (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Columbia University)

Speakers:

- Jonas Hjort (Columbia University)

“The Arrival of Fast Internet and Skilled Job Creation in Africa”

- Mari Tanaka (Stanford University)

“Exporting Sweatshops? Evidence from Myanmar”

- Girum Abebe Tefera (Ethiopian Development Research Institute)

“Agglomeration Advantages in the Developing World: Identification and Micro-mechanisms (Evidence from Ethiopia)”

1300-1400 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Lower Ground Floor

POLICY SESSIONS

1400-1600 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**

Thai Theatre

Motivating public sector workers

Chair: Herbert M’cleod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone and Liberia)

Speakers:

- Nana Kwasi Agyekum-Dwamena (Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ghana)
- Katherine Casey (Stanford University)
- Farasat Iqbal (Punjab Health Sector Reforms programme, Pakistan)
- Shabana Haider (Planning and Development department, Government of Punjab, Pakistan)

1400-1600 **FIRMS (TRADE)**

Alumni Theatre

FDI and Trade

Chair: Richard Newfarmer (Country Director, IGC Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda)

Speakers:

- Samuel Jibao (Centre for Economic Research and Capacity Building, Sierra Leone)
- H.E. Newai Gebre-ab (Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Ethiopia)
- Albert Musisi (Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda)
- Vasco Nhabinde (Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique) TBC
- Rachel Turner (UK Department for International Development)

1600-1700 **AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK / CLOSING REMARKS**

Lower Ground Floor