

**The Centre for the Study of African Economies,
University of Oxford**

Conference 2000
**Opportunities in Africa:
Micro-evidence from firms and households**

St Catherine's College, Oxford
April 9th / 10th 2000

Sunday, April 9th

12:00 - 14:00 Registration

14:00 - 16:00 Session 1 (parallel sessions)

African manufacturing in a global economy

Chair: TBA

Discussant: James Tybout, Pennsylvania State University (TBC)

Speakers:

Jean-Paul Azam, University of Toulouse with Marie-Françoise Calmette, Catherine Loustalan and Christine Maurel

Export performance of manufacturing firms in Cote d'Ivoire

Bernard Gauthier, École des Hautes Études Commerciales

Exports and firm-level efficiency in the African manufacturing sector

Willem Naudé, Potchefstroom University, with Remco Oostendorp and Philip Serumaga-Zake

Manufacturing investment and exports in South Africa: First results from a firm-level survey

Emmanuel Nnadozie, Truman State University

US direct investment in Africa

Agricultural markets

Chair: TBA

Discussant: Bart Minten, KU Leuven

Speakers:

Pascale Motel-Combes, Université d'Auvergne with Jean-Louis Combes, Claudio Araujo, and Catherine Araujo-Bonjean

Devaluation and spatial arbitrage: application to the cattle market of Burkina Faso

Jean-Louis Arcand, Université d'Auvergne with Mbolatiana Rambonilaza

Blood, sweat and tears: how much does moral hazard cost?

Flore Gubert, Université d'Auvergne

Migration, remittances and moral hazard: evidence from the Kayes area (Western Mali)

Jean-Philippe Platteau, FUNDP, Namur with Frederic Gaspart, Jean-Marie Baland and Frank Place

Poverty, tenure, security and access to land in central Uganda: the role of market and non-market processes

Credit and savings

Chair: TBA

Discussant: TBA

Speakers:

Ade S. Olomola, NISER

Determinants of smallholder loan repayment performance: evidence from the Nigerian microfinance system

Ashok Rai, Harvard with Tomas Sjöström

Efficient lending in village economies

16:00 - 16:30 Tea

16:30 - 18:30 Session 2 (parallel sessions)

Agriculture and technology

Chair: TBA

Discussant: TBA

Speakers:

Emmanuelle Auriol, Université des Sciences Sociales with Steven G.M. Schilizzi

Quality signaling through certification with an application to seed certification

Abdul Kamara, University of Goettingen with N. McCarthy and M. Kirk

The effect of environmental variability on livestock and land-use management: the Borana plateau, southern Ethiopia

Nicholas Minot, IFPRI with Mylene Kherallah

Fertilizer market liberalization in Benine and Malawi: A household-level view

Sharada Weir, University of Oxford with John Knight

Education externalities in rural Ethiopia: evidence on the adoption and diffusion of agricultural innovations

Manufacturing and institutions

Chair: TBA

Discussant: Mans Soderbom, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Olatundun Adelegan, University of Ibadan

Impact of growth prospect, leverage and firm size on dividend behaviour of corporate firms in Nigeria

Marcel Fafchamps, University of Oxford

Contract flexibility and dispute resolution in African manufacturing

Catherine Ris, Université Lumière Lyon 2

Wage policy and labor organization in the Ivorian manufacturing firms

Jim Tybout, Penn State University

A firm's-eye-view of commercial policy and fiscal reforms in Cameroon

The social dimensions of African labour markets

Chair: Geeta Kingdon, University of Oxford

Discussant: TBA

Speakers:

John Cockburn, University of Oxford

Child labour in rural Ethiopia: income constraints or income opportunities

Gaurav Datt, World Bank

Induced wage effects of changes in food prices in Egypt

Alice Mesnard, Université des Sciences Sociales

Temporary migration and capital market imperfections

Renata Serra, Università di Milano-Bicocca with Bill Kinsey

Child fostering in rural Zimbabwe: investment in human capital and social relations or a response to negative shocks?

19:00 Dinner

Monday April 10th

08:30 - 10:30 Session 3 (parallel sessions)

Health and education

Chair: Abena Oduro, Centre for Policy Analysis Ghana

Discussant: Deograsias Mushi, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Mark Gersovitz, Johns Hopkins University

The African HIV epidemic as seen through the demographic and health surveys

Kenneth Leonard, Colombia University with Gilbert H. Mliga

Health centre bypassing in Tanzania: revealed preferences for organizational form

Edward Miguel, Harvard with Michael Kremer

Health and primary school participation: the primary school deworming project in Kenya

David Stifel, Cornell with D. Sahn and S. Younger

Inter-temporal changes in welfare: preliminary results from 10 African countries

Risk and demand

Chair: Trudy Owens, University of Oxford

Discussant: Will Cavendish, Imperial College

Speakers:

Tilman Bruck, University of Oxford

Post-war coping strategies of subsistence households in Mozambique

Luc Christiaensen, World Bank with Richard N. Boisvert

On measuring household vulnerability: case evidence from Northern Mali

Abbi Mamo Kedir, University of Nottingham

Correcting for quality effects and measurement error in unit values: application on Ethiopian data

Samuel B Mulenga Bwaly, University of Zambia

The demand for woodfuel and substitution possibilities in urban Zambia

Wage determination

Chair: John Knight, University of Oxford

Discussant: Margaret Stevens, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Dorte Verner, World Bank

Wage and productivity gaps: evidence from Ghana

Abena Oduro, Centre for Policy Analysis with Abigail Barr

Ethnicity and wage determination in Ghana

Pene Kalalumia, University of Sherbrooke

Labour adjustment costs, macroeconomic shocks and real business cycles in a small open economy

Pramila Krishnan, University of Oxford

Testing models of wage determination in an urban labour market

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee

11:00 - 13:00 Session 4 (parallel sessions)

Poverty

Chair: Gaurav Datt, World Bank (TBC)

Discussant: Abebe Shimeles, Economic Commission for Africa (TBC)

Speakers:

Julian May, University of Natal with Benjamin Roberts

A dynamic analysis of household livelihoods and asset accumulation in post-apartheid South Africa

Olaniyani Olanrewaju, University of Ibadan

The role of household endowments in determining poverty in Nigeria

Trudy Owens, University of Oxford with John Hoddinott

Investing in development or investing in relief: quantifying the poverty tradeoffs using Zimbabwe household panel data

Kenneth Simler, IFPRI

Determinants of poverty in Mozambique: econometric estimates and policy simulations

Social capital and the community

Chair: Janine Aron, University of Oxford

Discussant: Jean-Philippe Platteau, University of Namur (TBC)

Speakers:

Abigail Barr, University of Oxford

Familiarity and trust: an experimental investigation

Eliana La Ferrara, Bocconi University

Inequality and participation: theory and evidence from rural Tanzania

Michael Woolcock, World Bank

Social capital and development: integrating theory and evidence across the disciplines

Christiaan Grootaert, World Bank

Social capital and development outcomes in Burkina Faso

Risk coping and consumption smoothing

Chair: John Muellbauer, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Stefan Ambec, Université Laval

Income-sharing within extended families as a social norm

Orazio Attanasio, UCL with Jose-Victor Rios-Rull

Consumption smoothing in island economies: can public insurance reduce welfare?

Stefan Dercon, KU Leuven/ University of Oxford with Pramila Krishnan

Informal insurance and formal safety nets

Markus Goldstein, Yale University

Chop time, no friends: intrahousehold and individual insurance mechanisms in Southern Ghana

Public services

Chair: TBA

Discussant: Emmanuelle Auriol, Université des Sciences Sociales

Speakers:

Elsa Duret, Université d'Auvergne with Gerard Chambas

Local taxation versus central taxation: micro-evidence from African decentralized government

Ben Kaluwa, University of Malawi with Ron Managani

Pro-poor budgeting in the social sectors, efficiency or uninformed patronage? Some answers from Malawi

Ritva Reinikka, World Bank with Jakob Svensson

How inadequate provision of public infrastructure and services affects private investment

Jakob Svensson, University of Stockholm

Who must pay bribes and how much?

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch and key note address by Chris Udry, Yale

14:30 - 16:30 Session 5 (parallel sessions)

Intrahousehold issues

Chair: Pramila Krishnan, University of Oxford

Discussant: TBA

Speakers:

Bereket Kebede, University of Oxford

Patterns of intrahousehold expenditures in rural Ethiopia

Ayal Kimhi, Hebrew University with Nathan Sosner

Intrahousehold allocation of food in Southern Ethiopia

Valerie Lechene, University of Oxford

Income and price effects in intrahousehold models (TBC)

Agnes Quisumbing, IFPRI with John Maluccio

Intrahousehold allocation and gender relations: new empirical evidence

Employment, skills, and wages

Chair: William Kingmill, Snr. Economic Adviser, Economic Policy and Research Dept, DfID

Discussant: Mary Gregory, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Geeta Kingdon, University of Oxford

Dimensions, incidence and nature of unemployment in South Africa

Taye Mengistae, World Bank

Skill formation and job matching effects in wage growth: the case of manufacturing workers in Ethiopia

Francis Teal, University of Oxford

Employment and unemployment in Africa

Returns to social capital

Chair: Abigail Barr, University of Oxford

Discussant: Remco Oostendorp, Free University Amsterdam

Speakers:

Ray Fisman, Columbia University

Decomposing the ethnic effect: networks versus human capital in credit access

Jon Isham, Middlebury College

The effects of social capital on technology adoption: evidence from rural Tanzania

John Maluccio, IFPRI with Lawrence Haddad

Social capital and household welfare in South Africa: pathways of influence

The performance of African manufacturers

Chair: Bernard Gauthier, Ecole des Haute Etudes

Discussant: Janvier Nkurunziza, University of Oxford

Speakers:

Arne Bigsten, Göteborg University with Peter Kimuyu and Karl Lundvall

Are formal and informal small firms really different? Evidence from Kenyan manufacturing

Margaret McMillan, Tufts University with Ann E. Harrison

Do domestic firm's credit requirements differ from foreign owned firms?

Cathy Pattillo, IMF with Mans Soderbom

Managers' risk attitudes and firm performance: micro evidence from manufacturing Ghana

Albert Zeufack, World Bank

Why are Thai firms more productive than Kenyan firms?

16:30 - 17:00 Tea

17:00 - 18:30 Session 6 (plenary)

Where do we go from here? Lessons for future research

Paul Collier, World Bank

Jan Willem Gunning, Free University Amsterdam

John Toye, University of Oxford

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