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Shocks and Development Strategies: Towards a Resilient South Asia

Friday, 5 May 2023 | 8:30 AM – 7:30 PM (Eastern Time Zone, GMT-4)

Venue: MC C2-350, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA.

08.30 AM – 09.00 AM: REGISTRATION AND TEA/COFFEE

09.00 AM – 09.10 AM: WELCOME

Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dr. Zoe Leiyu Xie, Senior Economist at the Chief Economist Office for South Asia

09.10 AM – 09.25 AM: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mr. Hans Timmer, Chief Economist for the South Asia region, World Bank

09.30 AM – 10.30 AM: SESSION 1: MACROECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Chair: **Dr. Selim Raihan**, Executive Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs. Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “How Far Can Macro-Economic Policies Help Revive Indian Economy during the Pandemic? A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis”, by **Dr. Barun Deb Pal**, IFPRI, India; **Dr. Sanjib Pohit**, Professor, NCAER, India; and **Dr. Meenakshi Rajeev**, RBI Chair Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, India
- “Demanding the Last Mile: Foreign Aid and Political Participation in Pakistan”, by **Ms. Syeda ShahBano Ijaz**, PhD Student, University of California at San Diego, USA
- “Filling in the Blanks from Outer Space—Estimating District-level GDP Using Nightlights”, by **Mr. Zaeem-AI Ehsan**, Research Associate, The World Bank, South Asia Region, Poverty & Equity Global Practice; **Dr. Syed Basher**, Professor of Economics, East West University; **Prof. Salim Rashid**, East West University; **Mr. Mohammad Riad Uddin**, IFPRI, Dhaka

10.30 AM – 11.30 AM: SESSION 2: HEALTH SECTOR CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair: **Dr. Maurizio Bussolo**, Lead Economist, South Asia Region Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank

(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs. Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “Impact of Community Clinics on Health Outcomes: A Natural Experiment in Bangladesh” by **Dr. Moogdho Mahzab**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, USA; **Dr. Kate Vyborny**, Associate Director, DevLab, Duke University, USA; **Dr. Erica Field**, Professor, Economics and Global Health, Duke University, USA; **Ms. Nina Buchmann**, PhD Student in Economics, Stanford University, USA
- “Unintended Consequences of Sanitation: Negative Externalities on Water Quality and Health in India”, by **Mr. Kazuki Motohashi**, PhD Student in Economics and Public Policy, Tufts University, USA
- “The Hidden Costs of Illness: Effect of Parental Illness on Child Health in Bangladesh”, by **Mr. Md Shahadath Hossain**, PhD Student in Economics, Binghamton University, USA

11.30 AM – 11.45 AM: TEA/COFFEE

11.45 AM – 12.45 PM: SESSION 3: INEQUALITY DYNAMICS

Chair: **Dr. Ana Maria Munoz Boudet**, Senior Social Scientist, Poverty Global Practice, World Bank
(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs. Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “Hidden in Plain Sight: Asymmetric Information and Hidden Income within the Household”, by **Ms. Sally Zhang**, PhD Student, Stanford University, USA
- “Foreign Military Withdrawal, Male Migration, and Female Education”, by **Dr. Ahmad Shah Mobariz**, Postdoctoral Associate, University of Pittsburgh, USA
- “Dynamics of International Migration, Remittances, and Inequality in Rural Bangladesh”, by **Mr. Mahtab Uddin**, PhD Student, Global Development Institute, The University of Manchester, UK

12.45 PM – 02.00 PM: SESSION 4: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair: **Dr. Syed Akhtar Mahmood**, Former Lead Private Sector Specialist in the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice of the World Bank Group

(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs. Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “Does Energy Trade Impact Energy Intensity?”, by **Ms. Israt Hossain**, Senior Research Associate, SANEM; Ms. Eshrat Sharmin, Senior Research Associate, SANEM
- “Financing Costs, Per-Shipment Costs and Shipping Frequency: Firm-Level Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Dr. Md Deluair Hossen**, Post Doctorate Research Associate, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA
- “Fertilizer Import Ban, Agro-exports, and Welfare: Evidence from Sri-Lanka”, by **Dr. Devaki Ghose**, Economist, Trade and International Integration Unit, World Bank; Eduardo Fraga, Ana Fernandes, Gonzalo Varela (World Bank)
- “Linkages between Industrial Enclaves and Firm Performance: Evidence from South Asia”, by **Dr. Mitali Pradhan**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Farmingdale State College, USA

02.00 PM – 02.30 PM: LUNCH

02.30 PM – 02.45 PM: SPECIAL ADDRESS

Ms. Cecile Fruman, Director of South Asia regional integration and engagement, World Bank

02.45 PM – 03.45 PM: SESSION 5: DEVELOPMENT ISSUES I

Chair: **Dr. Jean Nahrae Lee**, Senior Economist, South Asia Region Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank

(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs. Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “The Macrodynamics of Indian Rupee Swap Yields”, by Dr. Tanweer Akram, Senior Economist, Citibank, USA; **Dr. Khawaja Mamun**, Associate Professor, Sacred Heart University, USA
- “Who Benefits from the Agricultural Microcredit Program?” by **Ms. Ayesha Ahmed**, PhD Student, University of California-Davis, USA
- “Principal-Agent Problems in the Purchase of Household Durables: Evidence from Nepal”, by Professor Massimo Filippini, Center of Economic Research, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; **Dr. Nirmal Kumar Raut**, Associate Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; and Dr. Suchita Srinivasan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center of Economic Research, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

03.45 PM – 05.00 PM: SESSION 6: GENDER AND EQUITY

Chair: **Dr. Nele Warrinnier**, Economist, South Asia Region Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank
(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs.
Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “Alcohol Prohibition and Violence against Women”, by **Dr. Aaditya Dar**, Economist, Amazon and Assistant Professor of Economics, Indian School of Business (on leave), USA; Dr. Abhilasha Sahay, Economist, World Bank
- “Power Gendered Resource Theory: Linking Neighborhood Wealth Comparisons and Wife Abuse”, by **Mr. Akarshik Banerjee**, PhD Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- “Trade Liberalization and Gender Inequality in India: A Task-Content of Occupations Approach”, **Dr. Shruti Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Economics, City University of New York, USA
- “Transportation, Employment and Gender Norms: Evidence from Indian Cities”, by **Dr. Arun Balachandran**, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Maryland, USA; Professor Sonalde Desai, University of Maryland, USA and National Council for Applied Economic Research, India

05.00 PM – 05.15 PM: TEA/COFFEE

05.15 PM – 06.15 PM: SESSION 7: DEVELOPMENT ISSUES II

Chair: **Dr. Margaret Triyana**, Senior Economist, South Asia Region Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank

(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs.
Chair kindly speaks for 5 minutes.)

- “Intergenerational Effect of an Education Stipend Program on Child Development: Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Dr. Sadia Priyanka**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Connecticut College, USA; Dr. Raisa Sara, Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, USA
- “Long-Run Effects of Colonial Land Redistribution: Evidence from India”, by **Mr. Kartikeya Batra**, PhD Student in Economics, University of Maryland, USA
- “Inclusiveness in Higher Studies in Bangladesh”, by Ms. Ayesha Ahmed, PhD Student in Economics, University of California, Davis, USA; **Mr. Chowdhury Amir Abdullah**, Master’s Student, North Carolina State University, USA

06.15 PM – 07.15 PM: SESSION 8: LABOR MARKET

Chair: **Dr. Zoe Xie**, Senior Economist, South Asia Region Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank
(Time allocation: Each presentation is of 10-12 minutes followed by a maximum of 5 minutes of QAs.
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- “The Economics of Remittance Receipts in a Refugee Camp: The Case of Rohingyas in Bangladesh”, by **Mr. Mir Tanzim Nur Angkur**, PhD Student, Applied Economics, Western Michigan University, USA
- “Labor Market Discrimination in Bangladesh: An Experimental Evidence”, by **Mr. Sibbir Ahmad**, PhD Student, Michigan State University, USA and Short-Term Consultant, World Bank; Dr. Songqing Jin, Michigan State University, USA; Dr. Veronique Theriault, Michigan State University, USA; Dr. Klaus Deininger, World Bank
- “Anti-Sweatshop Activism and the Safety- Employment Tradeoff: Evidence from Bangladesh’s Rana Plaza Disaster”, by **Mr. Towhid Iqram Mahmood**, PhD Student, Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University, USA; Dr. Kevin Grier, Department

of Political Science, Texas Tech University, USA; Dr. Benjamin Powell, Rawls College of Business Administration, Texas Tech University, USA

07.15 PM:

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