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## PROGRAMME (\*subject to change\*)

### The Role of Elites in Economic Development

12-13 June 2009

Helsinki, Finland

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2009**

**16:00-18:00**

**Grand Marina Hotel, Lobby**

**FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009**

**08:00-09:00**

**Marina Congress Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby**

#### FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009

**09:00 – 09:30**

#### CONFERENCE OPENING

**Fennia I**

Welcome Address

Augustin Fosu

*Deputy Director and Officer-in-Charge, UNU-WIDER*

Opening Address

Ritva Koukku-Ronde

*Director General, Department for Development Policy  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland*

**09:30 – 11:00**

#### OPENING PLENARY

**Fennia I**

#### ELITES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Discussant: Tony Shorrocks**

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ELITES

James Robinson  
*Harvard University*

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELITES

Alice Amsden  
*MIT*

**11:00 – 11:30**

#### COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

PARALLEL 1

► **Session 1.1 IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION**

**Fennia I**

THE EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION ON  
SOCIAL MOBILITY: THE EMERGENCE OF  
A TRANSNATIONAL OLIGARCHY

Elise Brezis  
*Bar-Ilan University*

PERVERSE INCENTIVES: GLOBALIZATION  
AND THE ELITES OF WEAK STATES

Mick Moore  
*University of Sussex*

GLOBAL CAPITALISM THEORY AND THE  
EMERGENCE OF TRANSNATIONAL ELITES

William Robinson  
*University of California-Santa  
Barbara*

► **Session 1.2 ELITES AND POLITICAL TRANSITION**

**Nordia**

POLITICAL POWER PERSISTENCE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: EVIDENCE  
FROM BRAZIL'S REGIME TRANSITION

Claudio Ferraz  
(with Frederico Finan)  
*Pontificia Universidade Catolica  
do Rio de Janeiro*

ELITES AND TECHNOPOLS IN THE  
CHILEAN TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY  
1990-2009

Alfredo Joignant  
*Universidad Diego Portales*

TRADE UNIONS AND GOVERNMENT  
ELITES

Neeta Misra  
*MIT*

► **Session 1.3 RURAL ELITES AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Nautica**

THE EVOLUTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL  
EXTENSION SYSTEM AND FARMER  
PERCEPTIONS IN THE CREATION OF ELITES  
IN THE FARMER ORGANIZATION  
MOVEMENT IN MALAWI

Mariam Mapila  
(with Beatrice Makwenda and  
Daisy Khonje-Chitete)  
*University of Pretoria*

ELITES IN COMMUNITY-BASED FORESTRY  
IN MEGHALAYA, INDIA

Chetan Kumar  
*University of Cambridge*

NEW LIGHT ON CHINA'S RURAL ELITES

Björn Gustafsson  
(with Ding Sai)  
*Göteborg University*

13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 - 15:30

PARALLEL 2

► **Session 2.1 PERCEPTION AND PRACTICE OF REDISTRIBUTION**

**Fennia I**

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN THE EYES  
OF THE ELITES

Elisa Reis  
*Universidade Federal do  
Rio de Janeiro*

WHEN DO ELITES PAY TAXES? TAX  
MORALE AND STATE-BUILDING IN  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

John Piper  
(for Max Everest-Phillips)  
*DFID*

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF  
REDISTRIBUTION AND INSTITUTION  
BUILDING IN ELITE DOMINATED  
ECONOMIES

Thierry Verdier  
*Paris-Jourdan Sciences  
Économiques*

► **Session 2.2 ELITES AND POLITICS**

**Nordia**

VIOLENCE AND DEMOCRACY, WHICH  
PRODUCE ELITE CHANGE IN MEXICO?

Roderic Camp  
*Claremont McKenna College*

ETHNIC CLEAVAGE STRUCTURES,  
PERMANENT EXCLUSION AND  
DEMOCRATIC STABILITY

Kanchan Chandra  
(with Cilanne Boulet)  
*New York University*

LEGISLATIVE MALAPPORTIONMENT AND  
ECONOMIC OUTCOMES: A FIRST  
ASSESSMENT

Massimiliano Onorato  
(with Miriam Bruhn and  
Francisco Gallego)  
*Bocconi University*

► **Session 2.3 BUREAUCRATIC ELITES**

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IS IT POSSIBLE TO REFORM A CUSTOMS  
ADMINISTRATION? THE ROLE OF  
CUSTOMS ELITE ON THE REFORM  
PROCESS IN CAMEROON

Thomas Cantens  
*École des Hautes Études en  
Sciences Sociales*

REKINDLING GOVERNMENTS FROM  
WITHIN: THE ROLE OF PUBLIC SECTOR  
ELITES IN GOVERNMENT REFORM IN  
BRAZIL

Monica Pinhanez  
*Getulio Vargas Foundation*

DEVELOPMENT'S NEW BROKERS: THE  
SANTA MAFIA IN ANGLOPHONE  
CAMEROON

Firmin Mbala  
*Sciences Po Bordeaux*

15:30 - 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:30

PARALLEL 3

► **Session 3.1 TRANSFORMATION AND MOBILITY**

**Fennia I**

DIASPORA AS PART OF THE COUNTRY:  
INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OF SKILLS AND  
TRANSFORMATION OF DOMESTIC ELITES

Yevgeny Kuznetsov  
*World Bank*

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE? THE  
CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE NEW FEMALE ELITES

Alison Wolf  
*King's College London*

THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF  
ELITES: TALENT, ENTREPRENEURIAL AND  
POLITICAL

Diego Avanzini  
(with Andrés Solimano)  
*Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*

► **Session 3.2 POLITICAL CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Nordia**

POLITICAL DYNASTIES AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Pablo Querubin  
*MIT*

BEYOND INSTITUTIONS: LEADERS, ELITES,  
AND COALITIONS IN THE PROMOTION OF  
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Adrian Leftwich  
*University of York*

POST-REVOLUTIONARY ELITES AND  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: THE  
RISE AND FALL OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL  
STATE IN ERITREA

Tanja Müller  
*University of Manchester*

► **Session 3.3 ELITES AND THE NEW POVERTY AGENDA**

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ELITES AND THE HORTICULTURE  
INDUSTRY IN GHANA

Lindsay Whitfield  
*Danish Institute for International  
Studies*

WORKING WITH ELITES IN BANGLADESH

Neil Webster  
*Danish Institute for International  
Studies*

ELITES AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE  
MOZAMBICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY

Lars Buur  
(with Obede Baloi)  
*Danish Institute for International  
Studies*

18:30 - 20:30

RECEPTION AND DINNER

09:00 - 10:30

PARALLEL 4

► **Session 4.1 ELITES, AID AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Fennia I

ELITES, GOVERNANCE AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN AFRICA: WORKING WITH THE GRAIN?

David Booth  
*Overseas Development Institute*

ELITE CAPTURE OR CAPTURE ELITES? LESSONS FROM THE 'COUNTER-ELITE' AND 'CO-OPT' ELITE APPROACHES IN BANGLADESH AND GHANA

Sam Wong  
*University of Leeds*

MISUSED FINANCIAL AID, POLITICAL AID AND REGIME SURVIVAL: THEORY AND EVIDENCE FROM 70 AID RECIPIENTS

Irene Vlachaki  
(with Sarantis Kalyvitis)  
*Athens University of Economics and Business*

► **Session 4.2 MARKET REFORM AND TRANSITION**

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THE ELITE'S INCENTIVES AND CAPACITY IN GOVERNING GROWTH IN CHINA

Xiaowei Zang  
*University of Sheffield*

THE ROLE OF THE BUSINESS ELITE AND POLICY IDEAS IN THE PERUVIAN PROCESS OF MARKET ORIENTED REFORM

Alba Hesselroth  
*Lewis University*

POLITICAL ELITE OF UZBEKISTAN IN THE POST-SOVIET PERIOD: THEIR ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY

Khusnia Muradova  
*Centre for Economic Research*

► **Session 4.3 CORRUPTION**

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IS MOZAMBIQUE'S ELITE MOVING FROM CORRUPTION TO DEVELOPMENT?

Marcelo Mosse  
(with Joseph Hanlon)  
*Center for Public Integrity*

BLOOD FROM STONES: ELITES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ZIMBABWE

Bill Kinsey  
*University of Zimbabwe*

CORRUPTION IN TRANSPORT: AN ELITE UNDERTAKING?

Sandra Sequeira  
*Harvard University*

10:30 - 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

► **Session 5.1 ELITE SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL WELFARE**

**Fennia I**

DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS IN MODERN  
AFRICAN STATES AND ELITES: POLICY  
EXPERIMENTATION IN GHANA'S  
HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

Janet Dzator  
*University of Newcastle*

THE ELITE AND THE  
MARGINALIZED: AN ANALYSIS OF  
PUBLIC SPENDING ON MASS  
EDUCATION IN THE INDIAN STATES

Sarmistha Pal  
(with Sugata Ghosh)  
*Brunel University*

ELITE PERCEPTIONS OF POVERTY  
IN MALAWI

Chipiliro Kalebe-  
Nyamongo  
*University of Birmingham*

ELITES, EDUCATION AND  
REFORMS

Mina Balamoune-Lutz  
*University of North  
Florida*

► **Session 5.2 COLONIAL ELITES**

**Nordia**

COLONIAL PROPRIETARY ELITES AND  
INSTITUTIONS: PERSISTENCE OF DE  
FACTO POLITICAL CONTROL

Ali Cheema  
*Lahore University of  
Management Sciences*

AN AUGMENTED ENDOWMENTS-  
INEQUALITY HYPOTHESIS: VITI-  
CULTURE IN THE CAPE COLONY  
AND THE RISE OF AN ELITE

Johan Fourie  
(with Dieter von Fintel)  
*Stellenbosch University*

HISTORICAL IMPACTS ON  
PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL  
ECONOMY

Adeel Malik  
(with Imran Ali)  
*University of Oxford*

A THEORY OF COLONIAL  
GOVERNANCE

Julius Agbor  
*University of Cape Town*

► **Session 5.3 EMERGENT ELITES**

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POST-SOVIET POLITICAL ELITE: AFFILIATION WITH  
BUSINESS THROUGH NETWORK CONNECTIONS  
(THE UKRAINIAN CASE)

Tetiana Kostiuhenko  
*National University of Kyiv-  
Mohyla Academy*

EMERGENT RELIGIOUS ELITES AND SOCIO-  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

Azeez Olaniyan  
*University of Ado Ekiti*

VILLAGE ELITES AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA

George Onyango  
*Maseno University*

13:30 - 15:00

PARALLEL 6

► **Session 6.1 RENTS AND ELITE BEHAVIOR**

**Fennia I**

ELITES, RENT CYCLING AND  
DEVELOPMENT: ADJUSTMENT TO LAND  
SCARCITY IN MAURITIUS, KENYA AND  
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Richard Auty  
*Lancaster University*

ELITES, INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE,  
INSTITUTIONAL PERSEVERANCE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Musiliu Adewole  
*Covenant University*

AFRICA'S ELITE WAYS OF COMMODIFYING  
POLITICS TO VALORIZE ECONOMIC RENT

Mammo Muchie  
*Aalborg Universitet*

► **Session 6.2 ELITE ALLIANCES**

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THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC ELITES  
IN DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

Masooda Bano  
*University of Oxford*

GOVERNANCE REFORMS, LOCAL ELITES  
AND PRO-POOR SERVICE DELIVERY:  
EVIDENCE FROM RURAL INDIA

Ulrike Müller  
*Humboldt University Berlin*

DEVELOPMENT FRICTION: THE INABILITY  
OF A FORMIDABLE GOVERNMENT-  
BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO ESTABLISH  
BAUXITE INDUSTRY IN TRIBAL ANDHRA  
PRADESH, INDIA

Patrik Oskarsson  
*University of East Anglia*

► **Session 6.3 ENTREPRENEURIAL ELITES**

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CAN INSTITUTIONS BE BETTER  
ENTREPRENEURS THAN PEOPLE? THE  
CASE OF R&D ELITES IN KOREA

Lynn Pyun  
*MIT*

ENTREPRENEURIAL TATAS: THE ELITES  
WHO PREFERRED THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Vinay Sharma  
(with Piyush Seth)  
*Indian Institute of Technology*

THE RULES ARE RIGGED: THE INDIAN  
ELITE PROJECT OF INDIGENOUS  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Jason Jackson  
*MIT*

15:00 - 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 - 17:00

CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

Fennia I

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF ELITES

Chair: Alisa DiCaprio

ALICE AMSDEN  
*MIT*

JAMES ROBINSON  
*Harvard University*

ELISE BREZIS  
*Bar-Ilan University*

RODERIC CAMP  
*Claremont  
McKenna College*

ELISA REIS  
*Universidade Federal  
do Rio de Janeiro*

19:00 - 22:00

RECEPTION AND DINNER

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