



BROOKINGS GLOBAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

MAY 29-30, 2008



LOCATION INFORMATION:

Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036



Thursday, May 29

1:00 p.m.	Welcome (Lael Brainard)	Saul/Zilkha Room
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1:15 p.m.	Session I	Saul/Zilkha Room
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“THE NEW DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS: WE SHALL EXPERIMENT, BUT HOW SHALL WE LEARN?”

- ❖ Presentation by Dani Rodrik (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government)
- ❖ Discussant: Sendhil Mullainathan (Harvard University)
- ❖ Discussant: Martin Ravallion (World Bank)

2:45 p.m.	Coffee Break	
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3:15 p.m.	Session II	Saul/Zilkha Room
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“BREAKING OUT OF THE POCKET: DO HEALTH INTERVENTIONS WORK? WHICH AND IN WHAT SENSE?”

- ❖ Presentation by Simon Johnson (International Monetary Fund) & Peter Boone (London School of Economics)
- ❖ Discussant: Anne Case (Princeton University)
- ❖ Discussant: Jessica Cohen (Brookings Institution)

4:45 p.m.	Wrap-up first day sessions	Saul/Zilkha Room
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5:00 p.m.	Reception	Somers Room
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6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Falk Auditorium
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KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

- ❖ Bill Drayton (Ashoka)
- ❖ Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (World Bank)



Friday, May 30

8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Saul/Zilkha Room
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9:00 a.m.	Session III	Saul/Zilkha Room
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“PRICING AND ACCESS: LESSONS FROM RANDOMIZED EVALUATIONS IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH”

- ❖ Presentation by Michael Kremer (Harvard University) & Alaka Holla (Innovations for Poverty Action)
- ❖ Discussant: David Weil (Brown University)
- ❖ Discussant: Paul Romer (Stanford University)

10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
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11:00 a.m.	Session IV	Saul/Zilkha Room
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“THE POLICY IRRELEVANCE OF THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION: IS ‘NORMATIVE AS POSITIVE’ JUST USELESS, OR IS IT WORSE?”

- ❖ Presentation by Lant Pritchett (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government)
- ❖ Discussant: Ben Olken (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- ❖ Discussant: Nancy Birdsall (Center for Global Development)

12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Falk Auditorium
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “INSTRUMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT?”

- ❖ Angus Deaton (Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School)



2:00 p.m.

Session V

Saul/Zilkha Room

“HIGH BANDWIDTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY”

- ❖ Presentation by Ricardo Hausmann (Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government)
- ❖ Discussant: Nava Ashraf (Harvard University Business School)
- ❖ Discussant: Ross Levine (Brown University)

3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:00 p.m.

Session VI

Saul/Zilkha Room

“BIG ANSWERS FOR BIG QUESTIONS: THE PRESUMPTION OF MACROECONOMICS”

- ❖ Presentation by Abhijit Banerjee (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- ❖ Discussant: Peter Klenow (Stanford University)
- ❖ Discussant: William Easterly (NYU and Brookings Institution)

5:30 p.m.

Close of Conference