

IFS Development Economics Conference

04/05 June 2026

Location: The Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2 Marylebone Road, London NW1 4DF

Thursday June 4th

10:00	15'	Welcome and introduction	Imran Rasul
Session: <i>Firms and productivity</i>			
10:15	25	Ameet Morjaria (Imperial)	<i>Product Conflation and Deconflation: Anatomy of a Marketplace Reform</i>
10:40	25	Imran Rasul (IFS/UCL)	<i>The Causes and Consequences of the Underutilization of Labor in Firms: Evidence from Uganda</i>
11:05	40	Jonas Hjort (UCL)	<i>The Xenophobia Dilemma, Rainbow Nation Edition: On the Violent Reception of Entrepreneurial Immigrants in Stagnant Economies</i>
11:45	30'	Coffee	
Session: <i>Skills and labour</i>			
12:15	25'	Antonella Bancalari (IFS)	<i>Learning from colleagues</i>
12:40	40	Nava Ashraf (LSE)	<i>Learning to Teach by Learning to Learn</i>
13:05	60'	Lunch	
Session: <i>Skills and labour (cont.)</i>			
14:05	25	Simon Quinn (Imperial)	<i>Self-employment and capital over the lifecycle</i>
14:30	25'	Stefano Caria (Oxford)	<i>Training to end poverty</i>
14:55	25	Coffee break	
Session 3: <i>Social protection</i>			
15:20	40	Maitreesh Ghatak (LSE/IFS)	<i>Inequality traps</i>
16:00	25	Francois Gerard (UCL/IFS)	<i>Formal Labor Market Dynamics and Development</i>
16:25	10	Comfort break	
16:35	40	Dennis Egger (Oxford)	<i>Refugee-Host Integration through Social Safety Nets: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia</i>
17:15	25'	Anandi Mani (Oxford)	<i>Structuring cash transfers: cash flow preferences, seasonality, and financial decisions in rural Kenya</i>
18:30		Dinner for speakers	

Friday June 5th

Session: **Development policy/at-scale delivery**

10:00	25	Noam Angrist (Oxford)	<i>Randomized evaluation of markets for impact in the Ghana and Sierra Leone basic education sectors (OBA)</i>
10:25	25'	Sonya Krutikova (IFS/Manchester)	<i>Parents in the Classroom: Strengthening Government Capacity to Deliver Early Childhood Education</i>
10:50	25	Britta Augsburg (IFS)	<i>At Scale Implementation and the Perils of Fragmentation</i>
11:15	30'	Coffee	

Session: **Culture/household decisions**

11:45	25'	Alison Andrew (Oxford)	<i>Dowry, Old-Age Support and Labor Supply over the Lifecycle</i>
12:10	25'	Sam Asher (Imperial)	<i>Cultural capital and Access to Opportunity in India</i>
12:35	60'	Lunch	

Session: **Urban transformation**

13:35	40'	Gabriel Ulyssea (UCL)	<i>Territorial Informality, Slums, and Urban Development</i>
14:15	25'	Ignacio Banarez-Sanchez (LSE)	<i>Trading Trash on Tricycles</i>
14:40		Closing remarks	End of Conference