New Directions in Welfare

The Oxford 2009 Conference for Economists
Monday 29 June to 1 July 2009

Final Programme

In each track session, the last speaker is the session chair unless otherwise indicated.
Monday morning
  Registration and Coffee at St Catherine’s College till 9.50

10.00  Welcome: Sudhir Anand (Introduction: Terry OShaughnessy) BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
       Invited Speakers
10.10  Conchita D’Ambrosio (chair Sudhir Anand)
10.45  Julian Le Grand (chair Frances Cairncross)
11.20  Short Break

Theory – allocation and redistribution BERNARD SUNLEY ROOM A
11.30  Roland Iwan Luttens, Ghent and CORE, Voting for Redistribution under Desert-Sensitive Altruism (chair)
12.00  Tobias Lindner, Karlsruhe, Allocating Public Goods via The Midpoint Rule
12.30  Invited Speaker
       Ken Binmore (chair Clemens Puppe)

Empirical/Applied – Organised session on “Economics of Personal Finance” (chair and organiser: Sarah Brown) ARUMUGAM LOWER
11.30  Gaia Garino, Leicester, Debt and Risk Preference: A Household Level Analysis
12.00  Jolian P McHardy, Sheffield, Gambling Activity at the Household Level
12.30  Karl Taylor, Sheffield, Modelling Charitable Donations at the Household Level

Empirical/Applied – capabilities and health ARUMUGAM TOP
11.30  Sophie Mitra, Fordham, Well-being Among Persons with Mental Disorders
12.00  Paola Salardi, Sussex, Production Functionings for Health
12.30  Bizzotto Giulia, Estimating Capabilities: A Structural Equation Model for Atypical Workers

Theory and Empirical – behavioural issues and foundations BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
11.30  Christoph Weiss, European Union Institute, The Effect of Cognitive and Noncognitive Abilities on Earnings
12.00  Martin Binder, Max Plank, Reconciling Normative and Behavioural Economics: A Fresh Look at Adaptive Preference Formation
12.30  Patricio Dalton, Warwick, Behavioural Decisions and Welfare

Lunch 1-2 at St Catherine’s College
Monday afternoon before tea

Theory – Organised Session on “Fair Social Choice” (chair and organiser: Marc Fleurbaey) ARUMUGAM TOP

2.00 François Maniquet, CORE Belgium, Fair Family Allowances
2.30 Yves Sprumont, Montreal, Relative Egalitarianism
Five Minute Break
3.05 Giacomo Valletta, Louvain, Health Fairness and Taxation
3.35 Kochi Tadenuma, Hitotsubashi, Universal Social Orderings

Empirical/Applied – health economics ARUMUGAM LOWER

2.00 Jeanne Lievaut, Economix, Does a Policy Exert Influence on the Private Practice Decisions of General Practitioners?
2.30 Philip Clarke, Sydney, An Abbreviated Social Evaluation Function, Health Care and Rule of Rescue (Clarke)
Five Minute Break
3.05 Vasco Molini, SOW VU Netherlands, Adult BMA as a Health and Nutritional Inequality Measure
3.35 Emily Lancsar, Newcastle, A New Method of Welfare Assessment in Discrete Choice Experiments

Empirical/Applied – vulnerability BERNARD SUNLEY ROOM A

2.00 Zahara Siddique, IZA Bonn, Caste Based Discrimination: Evidence and Policy
2.30 Luuk Van Kempen, CIDIN Radboud, The Downside of Women Empowerment in India: An Experimental Inquiry into Expectations (chair)
Five Minute Break
3.05 Felix Povel, Goettingen, Perceived Vulnerability to Downside Risk
3.35 Tobias Lechtenfeld, Women and Successful Poverty Reduction in South-East Asia (chair)

Empirical/Applied – income, welfare and tax NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE

2.00 Denise Sologon, Maastricht, Earnings Dynamics at the EU Level
2.30 Richard Brown, Self-Assessed Welfare as a Driver of Migrants’ Remittances (chair)
Five Minute Break – policy and behavioural response
3.05 Andreas Peichl, IZA Bonn, The Impact of Flat Tax Reforms on the Development of Richness in Europe
3.35 Soren Arnberg, Danish Economic Councils, Effect of Mandatory Labour Market Pensions on Total Household Saving (chair)

Tea 4.05-4.30
Monday afternoon after tea

Theory – opportunity measurement ARUMUGAM TOP
4.30 Ernesto Savaglio, Siena and Pescara, Poverty Rankings of Opportunity Profiles
5.00 Invited Speaker
   Clemens Puppe, Karlsruhe, Diversity as the Metric of Opportunity (chair)

Empirical/Applied – poverty ARUMUGAM LOWER
4.30 Catherine Porter, Oxford, Life’s ups and downs: Empirical Consideration in Chronic Poverty Measurement
5.00 Antoine Pool, Free State, Intergenerational Transfer of Poverty: Evidence from KIDS

Empirical/Applied – happiness NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE
4.30 Mariano Rojas, Mexico, Quality of Life, Capabilities and Livability in Latin America
5.00 Erik Angner, The Measurement of Happiness: Arguments for and Against Subjective Measures of Well-being

5.30 Ten Minute Break

Invited Speakers
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5.40 Francis Teal, Oxford, Evaluation of Policy: Then and Now (chair Ian Crawford)
ARUMUGAM TOP
5.40 Christian List, LSE, Co-operation in Bees (chair Yves Sprumont or Richard Bradley)

6.15 Break – walk to reception (5-7 mins)

6.30 Reception (ends 8.30)
Tuesday morning to coffee

Theory – representation BERNARD SUNLEY ROOM A
8.30 Essafi Mohamed Ali, Caen, Extending Effective Freedom to Strategic Preferences Game
9.00 Lars Peter Osterdal, Ordinal Comparison of Multi-Dimensional Deprivation: Theory and Application
9.30 Invited Speaker
Prasanta Pattanaik (chair Wulf Gaertner)

Empirical/Applied – environment and vulnerability ARUMUGAM TOP
8.30 Hui-Boon Tan, Putra Malaysia, Dynamics of Finance-Inequality Nexus in Developing Countries
9.00 Francisco Husillos, Navarra, Autonomy to prefer, Social Deliberation and Environmental Preservation
9.30 Christine Oughton, SOAS, Managerial, Institutional and Evolutionary Approaches to Environmental Economics

Theory and Empirical/Applied – distribution NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE
8.30 Thomas Renstrom, Durham, Critical-level Utilitarianism in a Growing Economy
9.00 Ilja Newstadt, Zurich, Willingness-to-pay for Income Redistribution: Evidence from a Discrete Choice Experiment
9.30 Francesco Farina, Siena, A Comparative Study of Preferences for Redistribution

Empirical/Applied – capabilities measurement and happiness ARUMUGAM LOWER
8.30 Elsy Verhofstadt, Ghent, Challenges for Direct Capabilities Measurement
9.00 Hamid Hasan, Capabilities Measurement: A LISREL Approach
9.30 Thomas Lange, Bournemouth, The Happiness of Being Self-Employed: A Function of Personality Traits or Procedural Utility?

10.10 Invited Speaker BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
Amartya Sen, Harvard and Cambridge (chair Frances Stewart)

10.45 Coffee
Tuesday morning after coffee

Theory – measurement BERNARD SUNLEY ROOM A
11.00 Stanislaw Maciej Kot, Gdansk, On the Parametric Distribution of Welfare
11.30 Varskhavsky, Moscow, A New Approach to the Analysis of Income Inequality (chair)
  Five Min Break
12.05 Alessandra Michelagneli, Milan-Bicocca, Wage Discrimination Measurement
12.35 Nicolas Pistolesi, Toulouse, The Link between Inequality of Opportunity for Income Acquisition and Income Inequality (chair)

Empirical/Applied – capabilities measurement BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
11.00 Graham Hunter, Open, An Overview of the Capabilities Measurement Project
11.30 Peter Moffat, UEA, Aging Capabilities and Happiness: Econometric Work in Progress (chair)
  Five Min Break
12.05 Terry Flynn, Bristol and Sydney, Sen McFadden and Kahneman: The ICEPOP measure
12.35 Seong Moon, Chicago, Multi-dimensional Human Skill Formation (chair)

Empirical/Applied – education ARUMUGAM TOP
11.00 Ewin Ooghe, Leuven, Designing a School Incentive System: Equality of Opportunity and School Accountability
11.30 Katsushi Imai, Manchester, Fertility, Parental Education and Development in India (chair)
  Five Min Break
12.05 Yuemei Ji, Leuven, Identity and Educational Choice: A Behavioural Approach
12.35 Maria Ana Lugo, Oxford, Social Interactions and School Achievement in Argentina (chair)

Empirical/Applied – micro-simulation ARUMUGAM LOWER
12.00 Panos Tsakloglou, Athens, Accounting for Non-cash Incomes in Distributional Studies
12.30 Rafael Pinilla-Palleja, UNED, Quality of Life Potential Micro Simulation for Social and Health Policy Evaluation

Break and Lunch from 1 to 2
Tuesday afternoon

2.00  Invited Speaker BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
      Mark Fleurbaey, Paris, (chair Margaret Stevens)

2.35  Break

Theory – Organised Session on “Empirical Social Choice” (chair and organiser: Wulf Gaertner) BERNARD SUNLEY ROOM A
2.45  Erik Schokkaert, Leuven, Why Empirical Social Choice?
3.15  Kristoff Bosmans, Maastricht, Questionnaire Study of Cardinal Utility and Equal Sacrifice
      Break Tea 3.45-4.00
4.00  Lars Schwettmann, Halle, The Acceptance of Truncated Efficiency
4.30  Wulf Gaertner, Individual Rights vs Economic Growth

Empirical/Applied (A) - health and social policy ARUMUGAM LOWER
2.45  Annamaria Simonazzi, La Sapienza Rome, Care Regimes and National Employment Models
3.15  Gianluca Busilacchi, Macerata, Comparative Social Policy and Capability Approach (chair)
      Break Tea 3.45-4.00
4.00  Joan Costa I Font, LSE, Evaluating Institutional Reform
4.30  Marina-Selina Katsaiti, Connecticut, Models of Choice: Food Consumption Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates (chair)

Empirical/Applied (B) – multi-dimensionality and policy evaluation ARUMUGAM TOP
2.45  Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, New School, Social Evaluation from the Human Rights Perspective
3.15  Geranda Notten, Ottawa, Multi-dimensional poverty in the Republic of Congo (chair)
      Break Tea 3.45-4.00
4.00  Mathew Hammill, Comparing Pro-poor Growth in Income and Multi-dimensional Poverty
4.30  Jorge Aguero, Riverside, Social Welfare Approach to Evaluating the Millennium Development Goals (chair)

5.10  Roundtable – Emerging Issues in Welfare BERNARD SUNLEY LECTURE
      Chair: Andrew Dilnot, Head of St Hughs College, Enrico Giovannini, Chief Statistician OECD, Ken Mayhew, Director of ESRC SKOPE Research Centre, Jane Humphries, Fellow of All Souls and Professor of Economic History, George Leeson, Deputy Director of Aging Institute Oxford, Amartya Sen, Harvard and Cambridge
6.35 Break – 15 min walk to Conference Dinner

7.0 Conference Dinner (paid option) at Pembroke College - Drinks at 7, Dinner at 7.30
Wednesday morning before Coffee

Theory – experimental aspects of moral behaviour ARUMUGAM TOP
9.00 Invited Speaker
Simon Gaechter, Nottingham, Moral Judgements in Social Dilemmas
9.30 Astri Oranje Hole, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, The Importance of Moral Reflection and Self Reported Data in a Dictator Game with Production
10.00 Luis Miller, CESS Oxford, Promoting Justice by Treating People Unequally: An Experimental Study

Empirical/Applied – health ARUMUGAM LOWER
9.00 Margherita Fort, Bologna and Child, Causal Effects of Education on Obesity of Europeans
9.30 Marcella Veronesi, ETH Zurich, Children’s Chronic Conditions and Mothers’ and Fathers’ Labour Market Decisions in the US
10.00 Heba Elgazzar, LSE, Economics vs. Income Equality: Empirical Study of Health Care Determinants in Egypt and Lebanon

Empirical/Applied A – policy NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE
9.00 Apostolos Tsiachristas, The Hague, Welfare Effects of Innovative Pharmaceuticals
9.30 Sam Cameron, Bradford, Medium to High Culture Non-Mega Events as Regeneration Strategies
10.00 Frank Flinterman, Groningen, The Divergence of Monetary and Self-Reported Poverty Measures in New EU Member States
Wednesday morning after Coffee

Theory and Empirical/Applied - Organised session on “Health Welfare and Inequality Measurement” (chairs/orgs Han Bleichrodt and Tom Ourti)

ARUMUGAM TOP
11.00 Ourti, Erasmus, Equality of What? Experimental Tests of Multi-dimensional Inequality Measures
11.30 Errygers, Antwerp, A Dual Atkinson Measure of Socioeconomic Inequality of Health
12.00 Luchini, Equivalent Income and Economic Evaluation of Health Care
12.30 Decanq, Erasmus, Copula-Based Measurement of Dependence Between Dimensions of Well-Being

Theory and Empirical/Applied ARUMUGAM LOWER
11.00 Sigbjorn Birkeland, Norwegian School of Economics, Negotiations under Possible Third Party Adjudication
11.30 Hayat Khan, Economics of Agents with Social Preferences: The Third Fundamental Theorem of Welfare Economics
12.00 Vito Perragine, Bari, Measuring Long Term Inequality of Inequality

Theory and Empirical/Applied – happiness NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE
11.00 Satya Paul, Western Sydney, Happiness and Income Inequality
11.30 Maarten Vendrik, Maastricht, Social Reference and Adaptation Effects on Happiness: A Dynamic Approach
12.00 Felix Schlaepfer, Preference formation in Surveys and in Competitive Information Environments

Theory and Empirical/Applied – Organised session on “Economic Evaluation” (chair and organiser Paul Dolan) continued after lunch
12.30 Tessa Peasgood and Paul Dolan, Sheffield, Using Subjective Well-Being to Value Non-Market Goods
Wednesday afternoon

Theory ARUMUGAM LOWER
2.00 Maria Cubel, Barcelona, Segregation and Social Conflict
2.30 Roberto Veneziani, Queen Mary London, The Impossibility of Non-Interference

Theory and Empirical/Applied - Organised session on “Economic Evaluation” (chair and organiser Paul Dolan) continuation

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2.00 Robert Metcalfe and Paul Dolan, Imperial, Do Wind Farms Matter?
2.30 Werner Brouwer, Erasmus, Welfare Economics in the Difficult Area of Health: Finding a Monetary Value for Health Gains

3.00 Invited Speaker NORMAN FOSTER LECTURE
Lord Richard Layard, LSE, (Chair Avner Offer)

3.40 Tea and Depart

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