

Program and Papers 2023

Program of the 1st Annual Conference on **The Political Economy of Aid**

October 12-13, 2023

School of Politics & International Relations, Belfield, Dublin 4, University College Dublin

Wednesday, October 11

6:45 pm Dinner (optional, at own expense)

Brass Bar & Grill, Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

Thursday, October 12

Health Sciences (Building 30) HLTH A008

8:45 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome

Prof. Supriya Garikipati, Director UCD Centre for Sustainable Development Solutions

9:20 - 10:45 am Session 1: Aid in an Era of Great Power Competition

Chair: Michael Tierney

- Paper 1: **Martin Steinwand** (University Essex). Foreign Aid in a De-Globalizing World: A Boost to Western Influence? Discussion openers: Andreas Fuchs, Jaeyoung Lee
- Paper 2: **Ryan Powers** (University of Georgia) and Austin Strange (University of Hong Kong). Can Rising Powers Reassure? Shifting Power, Foreign Economic Policy, and Perceptions of Revisionist Intent. Discussion openers: Samuel Brazys, Feicheng Wang
- Paper 3: Qingyuan Chai (University of Boston) and **Zhongyi Tang** (University of Boston). The World Bank and China: Comparing the Impacts of Their Development Projects in Africa. Discussion Openers: Christopher Kilby, Bernhard Reinsberg

10:45-11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00-12:25 pm Session 2: The Political Economy of Subnational Aid

Chair: Jennifer Tobin

- Paper 1: **Pietro Bompreszi** (Kiel Institute for the World Economy), **Axel Dreher** (University of Heidelberg), **Andreas Fuchs** (University of Göttingen), Teresa Hailer (University of Heidelberg), Kammerlander, Andreas (University of Freiburg), Lennart Kaplan (University of Göttingen), **Silvia Marchesi** (University of Milano Bicocca), Tania Masi (University "G. d'Annunzio" Chieti Pescara), Charlotte Robert (University of Heidelberg), Kerstin Unfried (Bernard-Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine). "Light of Their Lives: Country Leaders' Spouses and Regional Favoritism." Discussion openers: Zhongyi Tang, Michael Tierney
- Paper 2: Marcus Power (Durham University) and **Jack Taggart** (Queen's University Belfast). From 'Rendering Technical' to 'Rendering Investible': The Anti-Politics Machine and the Financialization of Development. Discussion openers: Supriya Garikipati, Cleo O'Brien-Udry
- Paper 3: **Julia Fischer** (University of Lucerne). Growth in the Aftermath of War: Aid Effectiveness in Post-Conflict Locations Discussion openers: Samuel Brazys, Bernhard Reinsberg

12:25-1:15 pm Lunch

Ground Floor Concourse Block A

1:15-2:40 pm Session 3: The Recipient Political Economy of Aid

Chair: Haley Swedlund

- Paper 1: Richard Clark (Cornell University), **Lindsay Dolan** (Wesleyan University), Alexandra Zeitz (Concordia University). Accountable to Whom? Public Opinion of Aid: Conditionality in Recipient Countries. Discussion openers: Matthew Winters, Jeffrey Ziegler
- Paper 2: **Dongil Lee** (KDI School of Public Policy and Management). Global Aid and Local Politician Effort: Evidence from Kenya. Discussion openers: Jack Taggart, Lukas Wellner
- Paper 3: Ali Compaoré and **Abrams M. E. Tagem** (UNU-Wider). Aid Fragmentation and Tax Revenue Mobilization in Developing Countries. Discussion openers: Silvia Marchesi, Martin Paldam

2:40-2:55 pm Break

2:55-4:20 pm Session 4: Donor-Recipient Relations

Chair: Benhard Reinsberg

- Paper 1: Mirko Heinzel (London School of Economics) and **Catherine Weaver** (University of Texas, Austin). The U.S. Mexico City Policy's Global Impact on Gender-Based Violence. Discussion openers: Julia Fischer, Rozenn Hotte
- Paper 2: **Nathalie Ferriere** (Sciences Po Aix and Aix Marseille University) and **Rozenn Hotte** (University of Tours - IRJI). Maternal and child health in developing countries: the consequences of USA aid policy. Discussion openers: Axel Dreher, Alice Iannantuoni
- Paper 3: **Jaeyoung Lee** (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana) and **Matthew Winters** (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana). What To Do If Donors Do Not Deliver: Recipient Responses to Poor Implementation of Foreign Aid Discussion openers: Martin Steinwand, Haley Swedlund

4:20-4:30 pm Break

4:30-5:55 pm Session 5: Aid and International Organizations

Chair: Samuel Brazys

- Paper 1: Simone Dietrich (University of Geneva) and **Alice Iannantuoni** (University of Geneva). The Politics of Peer Evaluation Among Foreign Aid Donors: Evidence from the OECD Donor Assistance Committee. Discussion openers: Axel Dreher, Matthew Winters
- Paper 2: Mirko Heinzel (London School of Economics) and **Bernhard Reinsberg** (University of Glasgow). Earmarked Funding and the Stakeholder Responsiveness of International Organisations. Evidence from the World Bank. Discussion openers: Christopher Kilby, Jennifer Tobin
- Paper 3: **Andreas Fuchs** (University of Göttingen), Andre Groeger (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Barcelona School of Economics (BSE), and Markets, Organizations and Votes in Economics (MOVE), Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), Kiel University, and Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)), **Lukas Wellner** (University of Göttingen and Heidelberg University). Does Foreign Aid Reduce Migration? Discussion openers: Pietro Bompreszi, Matthew Winters

6:15 Dinner

O'Neill Lounge, 1st Floor Clubhouse Bar, UCD Student Centre, UCD Belfield

Friday, October 13

Health Sciences (Building 30) HLTH A005

9:00-9:15 am Welcome

Dr. Krishna Vadlamannati – Editor, *Journal of International Development*

9:15-10:30 am Keynote Discussion: Aid and Development in a Divided and Dangerous World

Dr. William Hynes (World Bank)

Dr. Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin)

10:30-10:45 am Break

10:45-12:15 Panel Discussion: Aid Effectiveness and the Micro-Macro Paradox

- Background Paper: **Martin Paldam** (Aarhus University). Three sets of evidence about aid effectiveness.
- Panel Discussants: Axel Dreher, William Hynes, Alice Iannantuoni, Martin Paldam, Bernhard Reinsberg, Haley Swedlund, Michael Tierney, Jennifer Tobin. Moderator: Samuel Brazys

12:15-1:15 pm Lunch

Ground Floor Concourse Block A

1:15-2:10 pm Session 6: Aid and Global Challenges

Chair: Axel Dreher

- Paper 1: Jeff Colgan (Brown University) and **Cleo O'Brien-Udry** (Yale University). Foreign aid and energy preferences in eastern Europe during the war in Ukraine. Discussion openers: Andreas Fuchs, Michael Tierney
- Paper 2: Michael Bechtel (University of Cologne) and **Jeffrey Ziegler** (Trinity College Dublin) International Redistribution and Natural Disasters. Discussion openers: Lindsay Dolan, Dongil Lee

2:10-2:25 pm Break

2:25-4:00 pm Session 7: Aid and Global Emergencies

Chair: Alice Iannantuoni

- Paper 1: **Andreas Fuchs** (University of Göttingen), Samuel Siewers (University of Göttingen). The Speed of Emergency Aid. Discussion openers: Nathalie Ferriere, Jeffrey Ziegler
- Paper 2: **Andreas Fuchs** (University of Göttingen), Lennart Kaplan (University of Göttingen), Krisztina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen), Sebastian S. Schmidt (University of Göttingen), Felix Turbanisch (University of Göttingen), **Feicheng Wang** (University of Groningen). Tracking Chinese Aid through China Customs: Darlings and Orphans after the COVID-19 Outbreak. Discussion openers: Ryan Powers, Martin Steinwand
- Paper 3: **Christopher Kilby** (Villanova University) Global Public Goods and Foreign Aid: World Bank COVID-19 Lending as a Case Study. Discussion openers: Jennifer Tobin, Catherine Weaver

4:10-4:50 pm Closing Remarks and Awards

SPIRe Boardroom, Room F301, Newman Building

6:15 pm Dinner

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