

## Welfare, Demography and Development

**A DFID-Funded Workshop:  
11-12 September, Downing College, Cambridge**

### **Provisional Programme**

Organisers: Sonia Bhalotra (Department of Applied Economics), Richard Smith  
(Cambridge Group, History of Population and Social Structure)

**11 September: 11 am – 6.30 pm**

**11am-1.00 pm**

Tony Wrigley (Cambridge)

Speculations on the relationship between poor law provision and the development of the English economy in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Joachim Voth (Pompeu Fabra / Kings College, Cambridge)

Intergenerational poverty traps in eighteenth century England.

Steven King (Oxford Brooks)

Tried and found wanting: Poor law investment in the lives of the poor 1670-1820.

**1.00 pm -2.00 pm** : Buffet lunch at Downing College.

**2.00 pm-4.00 pm**

Jeff Hammer (Research Department, The World Bank)

Wealth effects on fertility, child mortality and child malnutrition in developing countries.

Mark M. Pitt (Brown)

Subsidy to promote girls' secondary education: the female stipend program in Bangladesh

David Lam (Michigan)

Women's schooling, fertility, and investments in children in South Africa

**4.00 pm - 4.30 pm**: Tea

**4.30pm-6.30pm**

Wiji Arulampalam and Sonia Bhalotra (Warwick/Cambridge)

Inferring trends in child mortality in India from retrospective data

Abusaleh Sharif (NCAER Delhi)

Household food and nutrition security in India.

Sonia Bhalotra & Alessandro Cigno & Furio Rosati (Cambridge /Florence / Rome):  
How effective is public health spending in reducing childhood mortality?

**7.30 pm-** Formal dinner at Downing College

**12 September**

**9.00 am –10.30 am**

Francis Wilson (Cape Town)  
Pensions, public works, & poverty: lessons from South Africa

Susannah Ottaway (Carleton, Canada)  
What constituted a "pensionable" age under the English Old Poor Law? A discussion of distinctions between "decrepit" and "green" old age in the granting of poor law pensions.

Barbara Harriss (QEH, Oxford)  
Disability, incapacity and development : Results from ethnographic research in India

**10.30am- 11am:** Coffee

**11.00am -1.00 pm**

Julian May & Nina Hunter (Natal, South Africa)  
Improving the educational attainment of adolescents in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, through school-based support: An assets-vulnerability framework

Jane Humphries (Oxford)  
Child labour in the first industrial revolution

Sonia Bhalotra (Cambridge)  
Are the parents of working children selfish?

**1pm- 2pm:** Buffet lunch at Downing College

**2 pm- 4pm**

Tim Besley and Robin Burgess (LSE)  
The political economy of government responsiveness: Theory and evidence from India

Andrew Foster (Brown)  
Education and the targeting of social expenditures in India

Stephan Klasen (Munich)  
Unemployment and household formation dynamics in South Africa.

**4pm-4.30pm:** Tea

**4.30pm –5.00 pm**

Sonia Bhalotra and Richard Smith (Campop and DAE, Cambridge)  
Growth and welfare provisioning: Lessons from the English Poor Laws?

**5pm-6pm**

Open Discussion

**7.30 pm-** Informal dinner at the home of Richard Smith

On the morning of **Thursday 13 September**, if there is sufficient interest, we can organise breakfast / coffee/ a walk/ discussion. We will have some ideas of numbers of people around that morning when you respond with your dates.

**Participants/ Discussants who are not listed as speakers**

Ian Preston (UCL)

Tim Dyson (LSE)

John Ermisch (Essex)

Nick Crafts (LSE)

F Stewart (Oxford)- uncertain

R Serra (Cambridge)

P Krishnan (Cambridge)- uncertain