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 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