

# **Conference on the Joint Design of Tax and Social Programs in the presence of informality in Developing Countries**

London School of Economics  
October 16-17, 2012

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**Session 1    10.30 am-12.30**

**Addressing informality: Examples from Mexico and Pakistan**  
**Session Chair: Professor Lord Nicholas Stern**

**STICERD Meeting Room R532, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lionel Robbins Building (Library), 10 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HD**

10.30-11.30 Mexico: *"Tax on Tax Interactions and Incentives to Evade: towards a tax reform agenda for Mexico"*

Ehtisham Ahmad, Michael Best and Caroline Pöschl

11.30-12.30 Pakistan: *Addressing informality and cheating through third party information: taxes and transfers*

Ehtisham Ahmad and Michael Best

**12.30 pm   Lunch**

**Session 2    2.00-3.45 pm   Chair: Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad**

2.00-2.45 *Taxation of Small Businesses and Sub-national Operations in Mexico*

Michael Best, LSE and Miguel Almunia, Berkeley

2.45-3.30 *Tax Me but Spend Wisely—the Political Economy of Taxes, evidence from Brazil*

Lucie Gadenne, University College, London

**3.30-3.45   Tea**

**Session 3      3.45-5.00 pm. Chair: Lord Stern**

3.45-5.00 *Financing and Delivery of Social Services in Indonesia: Status of Research*

Dr. Kimura (JICA) and Dr. Achmadi (LPEM, University of Indonesia)

**Session 4      5.00-6.00 p.m. Chair: Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad**

5.00-6.00 *Using third party information for targeting transfers—experiences from Pakistan*

Mr. Tariq Malik, Chairman, National Database Registration Agency, Government of Pakistan

**October 17, 2012      Discussion of follow-up research agenda.**

**10.30-12.30 Asia Research Center Meeting Room; 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 2, Clements Inn**

**Chair: Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad**

Indonesia, Brazil, India, Pakistan and Mexican cases.

**12.30      End**

**Conference participants and observers:****LSE:**

Professor Lord Stern; Chairman, Asia Research Centre (ARC)  
Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad; Senior Fellow ARC  
Mr. Michael Best; Research Officer ARC  
Dr. Ruth Kattumuri, Co-Director ARC  
Professor David De Meza, Department of Economics

**Others:**

Dr. R. Achmadi, LPEM, University of Indonesia  
Ms. Lucie Gadenne, University College, London University  
Dr. Kimura Izuru, JICA  
Ms. Stefanie Raucher, GIZ HQ, Eschborn  
Mr. Tariq Malik, Chairman, National Database Registration Agency (NADRA),  
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Mr. Muzaffar Ali, General Manager, NADRA, Government of Pakistan  
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**Advisory Panel Members:**

Mr. Jean-Luc Schneider; Deputy Director General, Economics Department OECD  
Professor Ben Lockwood; University of Warwick

**Apologies from:**

Dr. Santiago Levy; Chief Economist and Vice President, IADB, Washington  
Professor A.B. Atkinson, LSE  
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