

International Growth Center and ARC: Workshop on Joint Design of Tax and Social Policy in the Presence of Informality

LSE, Michio Morishima Room, 505, Lionel Robbins Building, Portugal Street

Monday, February 27

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| 2.00-2.15 | Ehtisham Ahmad: Welcome and Introduction |
| 2.15-3.00 | Ehtisham Ahmad and Michael Best: “Interactions between tax policy and administration, and social policy in the presence of informality” |
| 3.00-3.15 | Tea |
| 3.15-4.00 | Gonzalez Anaya (Ministry of Finance, Mexico) Tax Policy issues in Mexico: How subnational interests block tax reforms? |
| 4.00-4.30 | Jose Luis Viveros Añorve (ZEF, Bonn) Mexico:
¹ Oportunidades—a State Level Evaluation in Chiapas

Comment on Mexico: Ana Corbacho (IADB) |
| 4.30-5.15 | Izuru Kimura (JICA): “Social service delivery and social security in the decentralized Indonesian context” |
| 5.15-5.30 | Discussion |
| 6.30 pm | Dinner for participants at Mint Leaf Restaurant, Piccadilly |

Tuesday, February 28

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| 9.30-10.15 | Alex Mourmouras (IMF): “Informality and Collusion” |
| 10.15-10.30 | Coffee |

¹ Sr. Gonzalez Anaya’s flight was disrupted by a strike in Madrid, and Dr. Corbacho fell ill before the seminar. This session was cancelled.

10.30-11.00	Rosalia Vasquez-Alvarez (Dubai Economic Council): Labour markets and informality in GCC countries—the past and continuing policy agenda.
11.00-11.30	Giorgio Brosio (Torino) and Juan Pablo Jimenez (CEPAL): “Reaching inclusive social policies and decentralization: Argentina and Brazil.”
11.30-12.15	Ehtisham Ahmad: “Pakistan: Taxes, Transfers, Rent-seeking and interregional conflict—the policy agenda”
12.15-12.45	The next stages in the project.
12.45-	Lunch

Other participants:

Tony Atkinson (LSE)
 Anila Channa (LSE)
 Anjum Nasim (IDEAS, formerly LUMS, Pakistan)
 Ruth Kattumuri (LSE)
 Roger Montgomery (LSE)