

Development Research Day 2017

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The Development Research Day is an annual event at Lund University bringing together all fields working on development to share and discuss their research with each other, students and the general public. This year's theme is "Long-term trends in global inequality and development", and the day is organized by the Development Group at the Department of Economic History in Lund.

Theme: Long-term trends in global inequality and development

Date: Thursday October 19, 2017. Time: 9.15-16.00

Organizers: The Department of Economic History

Venue: Lund University School of Economics and Management (Tycho Brahes väg 1). Morning session: Crafoordsalen, EC1. Afternoon sessions: lecture rooms 131, 134, 136 and 137, in EC1.

No registration needed: All students and researchers from all departments interested in development are welcome.

For questions regarding the event, please contact Emelie Till, emelie.till@ekh.lu.se.

Given today's heated discussions on globalization and its effects on both the developing South and the industrialized North, this year's Development Research Day will focus on global inequality and development. While the effects of globalization are very much present in our daily lives, it is far from a new phenomenon. In many ways the current globalization trend is similar to what we saw in the first decades of the 20th century. In both periods there has been convergence between countries, economic growth and improvements in individuals' standards of living and capabilities. However, in both periods there has also been increasing divergence in the form of rising inequality, with those benefitting from the process forging ahead and others losing out and falling behind. From a global perspective, the world today is complex, experiencing improvements in incomes, health, education, etc. in absolute numbers, while at the same time being challenged by the unequal distribution of the world's resources. The aim of the day is to discuss: lessons learned from previous waves of globalization; trends in global development and inequality; the effect of globalization on the standards of living and capabilities of people all over the globe; and perhaps shed some light on where we may be heading in the near future.

Schedule

09:15-09:30: Welcome and Introduction: Ellen Hillbom (Crafoordsalen)

09:30-10:15: Keynote speaker: Elise Huillery (Crafoordsalen)

10:15-10:45: Coffee break (Ljusgården)

10:45-11:30: Keynote speaker: Leandro Prados de la Escosura (Crafoordsalen)

11:30-12:15: Keynote speaker: Morten Jerven (Crafoordsalen)

12:15-12:30: Hydén prize for best thesis within the field

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-16:00: 4 parallel sessions. Detailed schedule to follow.

Keynote speakers

Elise Huillery: Professor, University Paris-Dauphine

Elise Huillery is Professor at the University Paris-Dauphine and research affiliate at J-PAL (Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab), LIEPP (Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire d'Evaluation des Politiques Publiques), and EUDN (European Development Network).

Huillery's research focuses on the role of human capital in economic development and inequalities, at the intersection of development economics, economics of education, and economic history. She has worked in collaboration with governments and NGOs in several countries to help design and evaluate the impact of social policies related to health, labor and education. She has also investigated colonial policies in French African colonies to examine the historical origins of underdevelopment in Africa.

Leandro Prados de la Escosura: Professor, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Leandro Prados-de-la-Escosura is Professor of Economic History at Universidad Carlos III, Madrid. He holds a D. Phil. in Modern History (Oxford University) and a Ph.D. in Economics (Universidad Complutense, Madrid). He is currently a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), a Research Associate at the Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), and a Corresponding Fellow of Spain's Royal Academy of History, and also holds the Honorary Maddison Chair at the University of Groningen.

Prados-de-la-Escosura has contributed to the main journals in economic history and published and edited books on long-run growth and retardation in Spain, the economic consequences of Latin American independence, the costs and benefits of European imperialism, and British exceptionalism at the time of the Industrial Revolution. He was also Team Leader at Universidad Carlos III of the CEPR/ European Commission FP7 Collaborative Project "Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment: Origins and Persistence of the Great Divergence". His current research interests are economic freedom and wellbeing in historical perspective; growth, distribution, and welfare in Latin America since independence; and very long-run economic change and inequality in Spain.

Morten Jerven: Professor, Norwegian University of Life Sciences; Adjunct Professor, Lund University

Morten Jerven, is Professor in Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and adjunct professor in Economic History at Lund University. He has a Ph.D. in Economic History from the London School of Economics.

Jerven is the author of the book "Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What to Do about It", published by Cornell University Press in 2013. He has since published a more detailed study of what happened to the economic growth evidence in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia from 1965 to 1995 with Oxford University Press and edited two volumes published by Routledge on historical and contemporary measurement and statistics in African countries. His most recent book, "Africa: Why Economists Get It Wrong" was published in June 2015. He is currently working on the project "Growing More Unequal? Long Term Trends in Inequality in Africa."

Submission for parallel sessions

If you wish to present during the parallel sessions, please submit an abstract by Monday 2nd October, 2017. The submission should be made to emelie.till@ekh.lu.se.

For the parallel sessions, presentations on all aspects within the field of development are welcomed, from a range of academic disciplines. Students, junior and senior researchers are all welcome to apply.