

ERD - EUROPEAN REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT

The challenges of fragility to development policy

Conference

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PROGRAMME

Barcelona, Spain, 7-8 May 2009

DAY 1: 7 MAY

08:30-09:15	Registration of participants
09:15-10:15	Opening remarks Overview of the ERD 2009 Giorgia Giovannetti (European University Institute and University of Florence) Welcome address by the European Commission Françoise Moreau (European Commission DG Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Welcome address by Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Andreu Mas Colell (Barcelona Graduate School of Economics and Pompeu Fabra University) Welcome address by the Pompeu Fabra University Teresa Garcia Milá (Pompeu Fabra University) Welcome address by the Institute of Mediterranean Studies Senén Florensa (Institute of Mediterranean Studies)
10:15-11:00	Chair: Marta Reynal-Querol (Pompeu Fabra University) Patrick Guillaumont (CERDI, University of Auvergne - Clermont-Ferrand 1) <i>How to Measure Fragility: What the Data and Indices Capture</i> Discussant: Erwin Bulte (Wageningen University)
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-13:15	Chair: Giorgia Giovannetti Kenneth Harttgen (University of Göttingen) and Stephan Klasen (University of Göttingen) <i>Fragility and MDG Progress: How useful is the Fragility Concept?</i> Tony Venables (University of Oxford) <i>Natural Resources and Fragility</i> Discussants: Janvier Nkurunziza (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) and Jean-Marie Baland (Centre for Research on Economic Development, University of Namur)
13:15-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>



- 14:30-16:30 Chair: **Seth Kaplan** (Alpha International Consulting)
Jean-Philippe Platteau (Centre for Research on Economic Development, University of Namur)
Political Instrumentalization of Islam and Threat of an Obscurantist Deadlock
Jean-Paul Azam (University of Toulouse I)
Betting on Displacement: Oil, Violence, and the Switch to Civilian Rule in Nigeria
Discussants: **Franklin Allen** (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania) and
Hannes Mueller (Institute for Economic Analysis)
- 16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:45- 18:45 Chair: **Thierry Verdier** (Paris School of Economics)
Antonio Ciccone (Pompeu Fabra University)
Transitory Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict
Phil Keefer (The World Bank)
*The Ethnicity Distraction:
Political Credibility, Clientelism and Partisan Preferences in Africa*
Discussants: **Diego Puga** (Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies) and
David Laitin (Stanford University)
- 20: 00 *Dinner sponsored by CREMed*



DAY 2: 8 MAY

- 09:00-09:15 Chair: **Giorgia Giovannetti**
Françoise Moreau
The EU Policy Approach to Fragility
- 09:15-11:00 Chair: **Paul Williams** (Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University)
Tim Besley (London School of Economics) and
Torsten Persson (Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University and London School of Economics)
Repression or Civil War?
Tim Besley and
Torsten Persson
The Incidence of Civil War: Theory and Evidence
Discussants: **Pranab Bardhan** (University of California, Berkeley) and
Ramon Marimon (European University Institute)
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-12:00 Chair: **José Garcia Montalvo** (CREMed and Pompeu Fabra University)
Paul Collier and **Tony Venables** (University of Oxford)
Fragile States and European Development Policies in Africa
Discussant: **Mare Sarr** (University of Cape Town)
- 12:00-13:45 Roundtable - *Aid Policies in Fragile Countries*
Coordinator: **Giorgia Giovannetti**
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Caribbean and Pacific States),
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- 14:00 *Lunch*

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The conference analyses and discusses some major root causes of fragility since appropriate development policies can be designed only with a deep understanding of them. Armed conflict represents the ultimate manifestation of fragility. A special session will focus on the underlying causes and the triggering factors of violent conflicts, contributing to a strand of literature where some major puzzles – such as the relationship between economic factors, institutions and conflicts - have not yet been solved, and will be approached through an innovative framework and new methodological tools.

Against this background, the conference will discuss how development policies should be designed in fragile countries with a focus on the role of European engagement.

The conference is planned around a few presentations by prominent scholars, leading to an open debate with key representatives from academic institutions, regional and international organizations working in different disciplines. A round table with policy makers and development agencies will enrich the discussion by adding an operative perspective.

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