

Strengthening Institutions for Development and Poverty Reduction

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In advance of elections,
a Congolese woman
displays her newly
issued national
identity card.



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You are invited to the fourth IIS conference on global development Issues.

This year's conference will debate the role of market, political, social and legal institutions in underpinning economic growth and poverty reduction.

- What types of institution really do matter?
- Does the current vogue for institutional reform pay enough attention to national and local conditions and conventions?
- What lessons should be drawn by policy makers and development practitioners hoping to support institutional change in developing countries?
- What are the implications for aid policy and the coherence of other national policies with the development agenda?

To register please visit the website:

http://www.tcd.ie/iis/pages/events/institutions_development.php.

Please register before Wednesday June 25.

VENUE: TCD School of Nursing and Midwifery, 24 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2.

Presented by the Institute for International Integration Studies
in association with Trinity International Development Initiative and
supported by The Advisory Board for Irish Aid.





ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The global development agenda has been re-invigorated by renewed policy commitments in Ireland and around the world in the last number of years. Under the 2006 White Paper on Irish Aid, the Irish Government will increase its overseas aid contribution to 0.7 percent of GNP by 2012. While these resources represent a significant opportunity to make a lasting impact in the lives of the poor, the quality of institutions in the developing world countries and the effectiveness of aid modalities will ultimately determine the success of these financial resources.

With this in mind, there is a growing need for improved understanding of the role of institutions in economic growth and poverty reduction. The conference will take an interdisciplinary approach to institutional challenges faced by developing countries and Overseas Development Aid (ODA) in the areas of market, political, social and legal institutions.

The IIIS conference will seek answers to a number of interrelated questions. Which institutions are better for growth and poverty reduction? How do deep-rooted cultural and political institutions affect development outcomes? Does the current vogue for institutional reform pay enough attention to national and local conditions and conventions? What role should Ireland play in institutional reform in developing countries? Can development aid be used effectively to build political and ethnic stability? What institutional reforms are necessary to make Ireland and the EU more supportive of the growth strategies of developing countries? These are some of the challenging questions the conference will consider.

The conference will be opened by Stephen Haber of Stanford University who will provide a provocative and highly relevant lecture on the role of political institutions in economic development. The lecture will focus on how different forms of political organisation in developing countries impact on incentives, and affect the reform of taxation and property rights.

In Session II, Patrick Honohan (Trinity College Dublin) and Elena Panaritis (Author of *Prosperity Unbound*) will provide insights into best practice in institutional design in the area of market institutions and what improvements can be made in the pursuit of growth and poverty reduction. In Session III, Akere Muna (Transparency International) will discuss the role of integrity systems in tackling corruption in Africa and William Binchy (Trinity College Dublin) will speak on the challenges faced by the judiciaries of developing countries. Session IV is concerned with democracy and civil society. Lise Rakner (University of Bergen) will discuss the importance of democracy for growth and poverty reduction, while Michael Woolcock (University of Manchester) will speak on the role of 'interim institutions' in building the rule of law in poor communities.

Session V will address the new policy agenda known as Policy Coherence for Development (PCD). PCD seeks to ensure that the goals of development assistance are not undermined by other areas of EU and Irish policy. Gwénaëlle Corre (ECDPM) will discuss the progress and challenges for PCD mechanisms across the EU. Alan Matthews (Trinity College Dublin) will provide an Irish perspective on institutions and PCD, drawing on research commissioned by the Advisory Board for Irish Aid

The panel session provides an opportunity to open up the themes of the conference for discussion. Chaired by Ronan Murphy (Director General of Irish Aid), the panel discussion will have a particular focus on what role Ireland and the EU can play in supporting institutional change in developing countries. Prior to opening the floor, short contributions will be made by members of the panel including Mike Williams (Trócaire) and Su-ming Khoo (NUI Galway).



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9.00am **OPENING REMARKS**

Philip Lane (Chair)
Director of the IISD

John Hegarty
Provost of Trinity College Dublin

Chris Flood
Chairman of The Advisory Board for Irish Aid

Peter Power T.D.
Minister of State for Overseas Development at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

9.20am **SESSION I: THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS IN DEVELOPMENT**

Patrick Honohan (Chair)

KENOTE ADDRESS:
POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Stephen Haber

10.20am **SESSION II: MARKET INSTITUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Brendan Tuohy (Chair)

WHICH INSTITUTIONS REALLY HELP ENSURE THAT THE
MARKET SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT?

Patrick Honohan

INFORMAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT
Elena Panaritis

11.20am COFFEE BREAK

11.40am **SESSION III: CORRUPTION AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS**

Colm McCarthy (Chair)

INTEGRITY SYSTEMS: COMBATING CORRUPTION
AND PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT

Akere Muna

THE CHALLENGE FOR JUDICIARIES
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
William Binchy

12.40pm LUNCH

2.20pm **SESSION IV: GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEVELOPMENT**

Tom Arnold (Chair)

DOES DEMOCRACY MATTER?

Lise Rakner

BUILDING THE RULE OF LAW IN POOR COMMUNITIES:
THE ROLE OF 'INTERIM INSTITUTIONS'
Michael Woolcock

3.20pm **SESSION V: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT (PCD)**

Éamonn Casey (Chair)

EU MECHANISMS FOR PCD

Gwénaëlle Corre

IRELAND'S RESPONSE TO THE PCD AGENDA

Alan Matthews

4.20pm COFFEE BREAK

4.40pm **SESSION VI: PANEL DISCUSSION: IMPROVING INSTITUTIONS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT AID**

Ronan Murphy (Chair)

Mike Williams

Su-Ming Khoo

Patrick Honohan

6.00pm **CONFERENCE END**

Keynote speaker **STEPHEN HABER's** research focuses on the relationship between political organization and economic growth. He has specialized in the political and economic history of Latin America. He is A.A. and Jeanne Welch Milligan Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He is also Professor of Political Science, Professor of History, Professor (by Courtesy) of Economics at Stanford, Senior Fellow of the Stanford Center for Economic Policy Research and Research Economist at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). He is the author of numerous books and articles on economic development, economic history, and political economy.

TOM ARNOLD has been Chief Executive of Concern Worldwide, Ireland's largest humanitarian organisation, since 2001. He was previously Assistant Secretary General with the Irish Department of Agriculture and Food, and was Senior Economist with ACOT, the Farm Advisory Service. In 2003, he was appointed to the UN Hunger Task Force by Kofi Annan.

WILLIAM BINCHY is Regius Professor of Laws at Trinity College Dublin, head of the Trinity College Law School, and a member of the Irish Human Rights Commission. For the past decade he has organised Trinity's Annual Workshop on Constitutionalism for African Chief Justices and Senior Judiciary.

ÉAMONN CASEY is policy officer of Dóchas, the association of Irish development Non-Governmental Development Organisations (NGOs). As policy officer, he supports members to address concerns at Irish and EU levels. Before joining Dóchas in 2006, he worked with the United Nations and had a successful career in journalism.

GWÉNAËLLE CORRE is a senior researcher at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Brussels. Prior to ECDPM, she worked for three years as a consultant for the European Commission's Directorate General for Development. Her research interests include aid effectiveness, political dialogue, the three C's (coherence, coordination, and complementarity) and institutional development.

PATRICK HONOHAN is Professor of International Financial Economics and Development at Trinity College Dublin. He was a Senior Advisor in the World Bank working on issues of financial policy reform in developing countries. In the 1980's he was Economic Advisor to Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald and spent several years at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Central Bank of Ireland.

SU-MING KHOO is a Lecturer in the School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway, where she is Project Leader of the Development Education and Research Network. Her research interests include globalization and development theory and recent publications have focused on human rights, the MDGs and development education.

ALAN MATTHEWS is Professor of European Agricultural Policy at the Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin. His research interests include the Irish farm and food system, agricultural policy modelling and the relationships between trade, aid and food security in developing countries. Since 2007, he has been principal investigator on a wide-ranging research project on policy coherence for development (PCD).

COLM MCCARTHY teaches economics at University College Dublin. He has previously worked as an economic researcher with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), the Central Bank of Ireland and DKM Consultants. His research interests include climate change, public investment and economic statistics.

AKERE MUNA is founder and president of Transparency International Cameroon. A lawyer by training, he is President of the Pan African Lawyers Union and former president of the Cameroon Bar Association. He is a member of several national commissions on legal reform. He was actively involved in the TI working group that helped to draft the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

RONAN MURPHY is Director General of Irish Aid, the division of the Department of Foreign Affairs which administers Ireland's aid programme. Irish Aid's budget this year is €914 million. A career diplomat, he has served as Ambassador in Moscow (1995-99) and Vienna (2001-2004). He spent two years in Geneva as Special Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson.

ELENA PANARITIS specializes in property rights, markets for illiquid real estate assets and public sector management. She currently heads Panel Group, a specialized advisory group that invests in undervalued property and provides counsel on transforming informal real estate. She teaches housing finance and public policy reform at Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania and the School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Her recent book *Prosperity Unbound* is published by Macmillan.

LISE RAKNER is Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen and a Senior Researcher at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) in Bergen. Her work has focussed on issues of democratisation and human rights, particularly related to electoral management and political parties in sub-Saharan Africa and political economy.

BRENDAN TUOHY is the former Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (2001-2007). He is a former member of the National Economic and Social Council and the UN Task Force on Information and Communications Technology for Development. He is a member of the Advisory Board to the IIS and serves as non-executive director of the UN Global E-Schools and Community Initiative (GESCI).

MIKE WILLIAMS has been head of Trócaire's international department since 2004. He has previously held senior management positions with Concern and Oxfam Ireland and spent over 5 years working and living in Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia and DR Congo.

MICHAEL WOOLCOCK is Professor of Social Science and Development Policy at the University of Manchester, and Research Director of the Brooks World Poverty Institute. He is on leave from the World Bank, where he is a Senior Social Scientist in the Development Research Group. His research explores the social dimensions of economic development, in particular the role that social institutions play in the survival and mobility strategies of the poor.

ABOUT IIIS

The Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS) was established at Trinity College Dublin in 2002 and is located in the Sutherland Centre. The IIIS is dedicated to the promotion of research and learning about the myriad dimensions of global and regional integration. In pursuit of this goal the IIIS brings together a network of 80 researchers from inside Trinity, Internal Research Associates, and outside, External Research Associates, who are linked to its programmes of research. The IIIS has received support from the HEA's Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions, the Irish Research Council in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and various EU research programmes as well as philanthropic donors, including Atlantic Philanthropies, Depfa Bank plc, and Mr Peter Sutherland.

The IIIS has built significant capabilities in the area of international development in recent years, and is undertaking a number of significant research projects focused on finance for development, lessons from Ireland's experience of globalisation and policy coherence for development (PCD). Each of these research projects is making a unique contribution to Ireland's support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Institute has strong links with The Advisory Board for Irish Aid which is currently funding a research project on policy coherence at the IIIS.

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ABOUT TIDI

Established in 2007, the Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI) is a new College-wide initiative, involving all three Faculties, to coordinate and promote Trinity's expanding engagement with research and education in global development. Building on Trinity's long history in this area, TIDI aims to increase substantially the quality and quantity of research, and the number of students engaged with global development issues at the university. A recent audit showed that over 100 Trinity staff members have research interests in global development, and there are more than 60 research projects and 40 courses on international development at the university. TIDI will also support Trinity's increasing number of partnerships with institutions in developing countries, while contributing to increased public understanding of international development challenges.

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ABOUT THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR IRISH AID

The Advisory Board for Irish Aid was established in 2002 to provide general oversight and advice to the Minister on the strategic direction of the Government's programme of assistance to developing countries. The Board's mission is to oversee the expanding programme; to advise on strategic direction; and to work closely with Irish Aid to maximise quality, effectiveness and accountability.

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