



DSA Scotland Mini Conference – Friday 20th May 2011
Economic Studies, School of Business
University of Dundee
Dundee DD1 4HN
10.30 am to 5.00 pm

The Conference was held in the University of Dundee on Friday 20th May, hosted by Economic Studies of the School of Business. Dr Sushil Mohan, supported by a team of willing research students, organised the meeting. This was the first DSA Scotland Conference to be held in Dundee since 1985 when we were first established. The Conference was supported by SIRE and the DSA, for which we are very grateful. The programme went ahead as set out in the final version of the programme which had been circulated in advance, and there were at least 25 participants in the event. The programme is reproduced at the end of this report, together with a list of participants.

There were lively discussions following the presentations, plenty of time for ‘networking’ during the lunch and refreshment breaks, and in the modest reception held afterwards.

10.30 – 11.00 am **Refreshments and Preliminary Networking**

Welcome to Participants – Dr Sushil Mohan (Economics Studies, University of Dundee)

11.00 am to 1.00 pm Chair – Professor John Struthers (University of the West of Scotland)

11.00 to 11.40 am Dr Michael Tribe (University of Strathclyde) – The Case for Aid in Times of Fiscal Constraints (based on M. Tribe and A. Sumner: The Case for Aid in Times of Fiscal Constraints – paper available from the DSA website – Journal of International Development, forthcoming)

11.40 am to 12.20 pm Dr Laurence Lasselle (University of St Andrews) – Improving Students’ Learning Aspirations Beyond Primary Education: A First Account of Two Non-Formal Education Programmes in Middle-Income Countries (based on a paper by F. Aricò, L. Lasselle and K. Thampanishvong – paper available from the DSA website)

12.20 to 1.00 pm Kristinn Hermannsson (University of Strathclyde) – The overall economic impact of higher education in Malawi: a CGE analysis of human capital accumulation (paper available from the DSA website)

1.00 – 2.00 pm **Buffet Lunch and Networking**

2.00 to 4.30 pm Chair – Dr Arnab Bhattacharjee (University of Dundee)

2.00 to 2.40 pm Dr Sushil Mohan (University of Dundee) – Tariff Escalation in Tropical Beverage Products: Implications for Adding Value in Producing Countries (paper available from the DSA website)

2.40 pm to 4.30 pm **Presentations by doctoral research students**

Chaiyasith Boonyanate (University of Dundee) - Preferential Trade Agreements and Internationally Mobile Firms

Rosen Azad Chowdhury (University of Dundee) – Mean shifts and their effects on instrumental variable estimation methodology (paper available from the DSA website)

Homagni Choudhury (University of Dundee) - Are real wages per worker converging among Indian industries? Time series evidence with two structural breaks (paper available from the DSA website)

Sayantana Ghosh Dastidar (University of Dundee) – Relationship between public education expenditures and economic growth: The case of India (paper available from the DSA website)

Vote of thanks by Dr Mozammel Huq (University of Strathclyde), Convenor of the DSA Scotland Study Group

4.30 pm onwards Reception in Economic Studies Foyer

The DSA Scotland organising group for the meeting was the following:

Dr Sushil Mohan, Department of Economics, University of Dundee – s.mohan@dundee.ac.uk

Dr Mozammel Huq, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde – m.m.huq@strath.ac.uk

Dr Michael Tribe, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, and Development Studies Association – michael.tribe@strath.ac.uk

The local organisers for the conference was the following:

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Sayantana Ghosh Dastidar, Economic Studies, University of Dundee – s.ghoshdastidar@dundee.ac.uk

See latest information about this mini conference on the DSA Study Groups (DSA Scotland) webpages – http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/dsa_scotland_study_group-12.html

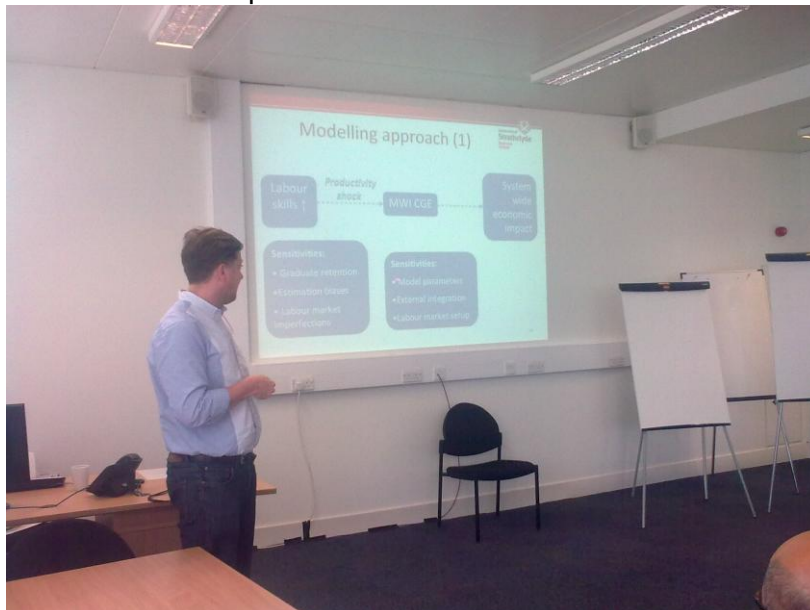
The participants discuss one of the presentations:



Laurence Lasselle makes her presentation:



Kristinn Hermannsson makes his presentation:



List of Participants

Mrs	Hadikatul	Jannai	al-Mahmuda	Rajshahi University	Research Student
Dr	Arnab		Bhattacharjee	University of Dundee	Reader
Mr	Chiyasith		Boonyanaate	University of Dundee	Research Student
Mr	Paul		Chitnis	SCAIF	Chief Executive
Mr	Homagni		Choudhury	University of Dundee	Research Student
Mr	Rosen	Azad	Chowdhury	University of Dundee	Research Student
Ms	Eileen		Cook	Scottish Agricultural College	Economics Lecturer
Mr	Sayantan	Ghosh	Dastidar	University of Dundee	Research Student
Mr	Kristinn		Hermannsson	University of Strathclyde	Research Assistant
Professor	Hilary		Homans	University of Aberdeen	Professor / Director Honorary Senior Lecturer
Dr	Mozammel		Huq	University of Strathclyde	Lecturer
Mrs	Farhana		Huq	University of Strathclyde	Research Student
Ms	Alayna		Imlah	Scottish Government International Development Team	Development Manager
Mr	M	Saiful	Islam	University of Dundee	Research Student
Mr	Qamartullah	Bin Tariq	Islam	University of Glasgow	Research Student
Dr	Andrzej		Kwiatkowski	University of Dundee	SIRE Lecturer
Dr	Laurence		Lasselle	University of St Andrews	Senior Lecturer
Dr	Sushil		Mohan	University of Dundee	Lecturer
Professor	Catia		Montagna	University of Dundee	Professor / Deputy Dean
Dr	Dennis		Petrie	University of Dundee	SIRE Lecturer
Professor	John		Struthers	University of the West of Scotland	Professor
Dr	Michael		Tribe	University of Strathclyde	Honorary Lecturer
Mr	David		Yawson	University of Dundee	Research Student
Dr	Yin		Zhang	University of Dundee	Lecturer
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