Thursday, May 24, 2007—Participants Arrive.

Attire for conference is “Business Casual.”

Friday, May 25, 2007

Complementary continental breakfast available for guests at the Bell Tower Hotel

8.30 – 9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.00-9.15 Opening

Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University (sk145@cornell.edu) and Jan Svejnar, University of Michigan (svejnar@umich.edu)

9.15-10.30 Session I: Labor Market Structure (1)
Chair: Bob Willis, University of Michigan

Gary Fields, Cornell University, “Modeling Labor Market Policy in Developing Countries: A Selective Review of the Literature and Needs for the Future.” (gsf2@cornell.edu)


10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.45 Session II: Labor Market Dynamics and Unemployment (1)
Chair: Edgard Rodriguez, IDRC

David Lam, University of Michigan, Murray Leibbrandt, University of Cape Town, and Cecil Mlatsheni, University of Cape Town, "Dynamics of
labor market entry and youth unemployment in South Africa: Evidence from the Cape Area Panel Study.” (davidll@isr.umich.edu)

Abhijit Banerjee, MIT, Sebastian Galliani, Washington University, Jim Levinsohn, University of Michigan, Ingrid Woolard, University of Cape Town and Zoe McLaren, University of Michigan, “Why Has Unemployment Risen in the New South Africa?” (zmclaren@umich.edu)

Insan Tunali, Koc University, “Analysis of Attrition Patterns in the Turkish Household Labor Force Survey, 2000-2002.” (itunali@ku.edu.tr)

12.45-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.15 Session III: Labor Market Regulation (1)

Chair: John Bound, University of Michigan

Santiago Levy, Former Deputy Finance Minister of Mexico, “Can Social Programs Reduce Productivity and Growth? A Hypothesis for Mexico.” (santiagolevya@prodigy.net.mx)

Mary Hallward-Driemeier, The World Bank and Brooke Helppie, University of Michigan, “Why Don’t Firms Take Advantage of More Flexible Labor Options? Regulation, Enforcement and Corruption.” (mhallward@worldbank.org)

3.15-3.45 Break

3.45-5.00 Session IV: Gender and Discrimination (1)

Chair: Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University

Chrisophe Nordman, DIAL and Francois-Charles Wolff, Universite de Nantes “Is There a Glass Ceiling in Morocco? Evidence From Matched Worker-Firm Data.” (nordman@dial.prd.fr)

Yoo-Mi Chin, Michigan State University, “Women’s Working Status and Physical Spousal Violence in India.” (chinym@msu.edu)
5.00-6.15 Session V: Health, Education and Labor (1)

Chair: Jagadeesh Sivadasan, University of Michigan

Marianne Betrand, University of Chicago, Rema Hanna, NYU and Sendhil Mullainathan, Harvard University, “Affirmative Action in Education: Evidence from Engineering Colleges in India.” (remahanna@gmail.com)

Philippe de Vreyster, DIAL, Flore Gubert, DIAL, Fracocis Roubaud, DIAL, “Migration, Self-Selection and Returns to Education in the WAEMU.” (devreyer@dial.prd.fr)

6.45 Bus Service “Golden Limousine” arrives at Weill Hall to transport guests to the Gandy Dancer

7.00 Conference Reception and Dinner; Ford School Dean Rebecca Blank to give remarks

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Complementary continental breakfast available for guests at the Bell Tower Hotel

8.15 Coffee

8.45-10.30 Session VI: Labor Market Structure (2)

Chair: Francine LaFontaine, University of Michigan

Dipak Mazumdar, University of Toronto and Sandip Sarkar, Institute of Human Development, Delhi, “Employment Elasticity in Organized Manufacturing in India.” (D_mazumdar@hotmail.com)


John Bennett, Brunel University and Saul Estrin, LSE, “Entrepreneurial Entry in Developing Economies: Modeling Interactions Between the Formal and Informal Sector.” (john.bennett@brunel.ac.uk)

10.30-11.00 Break
11.00-12.45 Session VII: Labor Market Regulation (2)

Chair: Jeff Smith, University of Michigan

Tim Gindling, University of Baltimore and Katherine Terrell, University of Michigan, “Minimum Wages and the Welfare of Workers in Honduras.” (gindling@umbc.edu)

Mabel Andalon, Cornell University and Carmen Pages, Inter American Development Bank, “Minimum Wages in Kenya.” (maa53@cornell.edu)

Yuriy Gorodnichenko, University of Michigan and Klara Sabrianova Peter, Georgia Stae University, “Public Sector Pay and Corruption: Measuring Bribery From Micro Data.” (ygorodni@umich.edu)

12.45-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.15 Session VIII: Trade and Labor Markets (1)

Chair: Larry Root, University of Michigan

Ann Harrison, University of California, Berkeley and Margaret McMillan, Tufts University, “Offshoring Jobs? Multinationals and U.S. Manufacturing Employment.” (harrison@are.berkeley.edu)

Vivek Dehejia, Carleton University and Yiagadeesen Samy, Carelton University “Trade and Labor Standards: A Review of the Theory and New Empirical Evidence.” (yiagadeesen_samy@carleton.ca)

3.15-3.45 Break

3.45-5.00 Session IX: Gender and Discrimination (2)

Chair: Katherine Terrell, University of Michigan

Gabor Kertesi, Hungarian Academy and Gabor Kezdi, Central European University, “Romani Employment in Hungry after the Post-Communist Transition.” (kezdig@ceu.hu)

Anastasia Semykina, Florida State University and Susan J. Linz, Michigan State University, “Do Personality Differences Explain the Gender Pay Gap? Evidence from Three Transition Economies.” (asemykina@fsu.edu)

6.00 Bus Service “Golden Limousine” arrives at Campus Inn

6.10 Bus Service “Golden Limousine” arrives at Bell Tower

6.15 Reception and Dinner at the home of Jan Svejnar and Kathy Terrell
Sunday, May 27, 2007

Complementary continental breakfast available for guests at the Bell Tower Hotel

8.00  Coffee

8.30-9.45  Session X: Labor Market Dynamics and Unemployment (2)

Chair: John Jackson, University of Michigan

Mariano Bosch, London School of Economics, “Job Creation and Job Destruction in the Presence of Informal Labour Markets.”
(m.bosch@lse.ac.uk)

(lehmann@spbo.unibo.it)

9.45-11.00  Session XI: Informal Wage and Poverty

Chair: David Lam, University of Michigan


11.00-11.30  Break

11.30-12.45  Session XII: Trade and Labor

Chair: Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan

Hale Urtar, University of Colorado, “Import Competition and Employment Dynamics.” (utar@colorado.edu)

Pedro Martins, Queen Mary College, University London, and Luis Esteves, Universidade Federal do Parana, “Foreign Ownership and Wages in Brazil: Evidence from Firm Acquisition and Job Movers.” (p.martins@qmul.ac.uk)

12.45-1.00  Closing and Bag Lunch