FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM  Welcome and Opening Remarks
  Rizwanul Islam, ILO
  Selim Jahan, UNDP
  Bob Pollin, PERI

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM  Macro and Micro Dimensions of Development
  Keith Griffin, Relative Prices & Investment
  Prasanta Pattanaik, On Dominance and Context-dependence in Decisions Involving Multiple Attributes
  Discussant: Jim Boyce

10:45 AM–11:00 AM  Coffee Break

11:00 AM–12:30 PM  Issues in Inequality
  Carl Riskin, Whither Inequality in China?
  Achin Chakraborty, Issues in Inequality in Non-Income Dimensions
  Arthur MacEwan, The Problem With Inequality
  Discussant: Arslan Razmi

12:30 PM–2:00 PM  Lunch

2:00 PM–3:30 PM  Growth, Employment and Sustainable Development
  Victor Lippit, Sustainable Development in China
  Rizwanul Islam, Pattern of Economic Growth and its implication for Employment
  James Heintz, Employment, Poverty, and Inclusive Development in Africa: Policy Choices in the Context of Widespread Informality
  Discussant: Mark Brenner

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM  Coffee Break

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM:  Gender and Distributional Challenges in Poverty Reduction
  Selim Jahan, Reorienting development: towards an engendered employment strategy
  Amy Ickowitz, Geography and Mortality: Comparing Infant and Child Mortality Across Borders in West Africa
  Eduardo Zepeda and Diana Alarcon, The Distributional Impact of Labor Earnings in Brazil & Mexico
  Discussant: Arthur MacEwan

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Breakfast

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Employment, Finance and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh
Mahbub Hossain, Dynamics of poverty in rural Bangladesh, 1988-2007: An analysis of household level panel data
Rushidan Islam Rehman, Real Wage & Underemployment in Bangladesh
Gary Dymski, Using Finance to Promote Equitable Development in the Post-Subprime World: Learning from the Grameen and South-Shore Banking Models
Discussant: Lopamudra Banerjee

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM
Coffee Break

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
Labor Market Issues in Poverty Reduction
Mwangi wa Githinji, Liberalization & Urban Wages in Kenya
Binayak Sen, Human Capital and Rural-Urban Inequality: A Quantile Regression Approach with Application to Pakistan and Sri Lanka
Discussant: Keith Griffin

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM
Lunch

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Agriculture and Development
Lopamudra Banerjee, Agricultural Wages & Floods in Bangladesh
Anirban Dasgupta, Land Acquisition and Development
Discussant: Mohan Rao

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Coffee Break

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Presentation by Prof. Azizur Khan:
“Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Our Times: A Personal Reflection”
General Discussion follows led by Rizwanul Islam

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