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## EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH, AND POVERTY REDUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

A Conference in Honor of Professor Azizur Khan

March 27-28, 2009

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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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

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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***

**Bob Pollin**, *Labor Costs, Labor Market Institutions & Employment Expansion in Kenya*

**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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