Informality and Development
A Conference in Honor of Elinor Ostrom

Co-Organizers: Michael Alexeev, Indiana University
Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University

October 22-23, 2016
Ostrom Workshop
Indiana University Bloomington

All sessions will take place at 513 North Park Avenue, Tocqueville Room

Conference Program

Saturday, October 22

9:15-9:30am  Welcome & Introductions
Lee Alston, Ravi Kanbur, and Michael Alexeev

9:30-10:50am  Panel One
Moderator: Ravi Kanbur
Martha Chen  Managing the Urban Commons: What Space for Informal Livelihoods? What Role for Organizations of Informal Workers?
Lucas Ronconi  Informality and Citizenship

10:50-11:10am  Coffee Break

11:10am-12:30pm  Panel Two
Moderator: Michael Alexeev
Françoise Carré  Applying the Concept of the Informal Economy to Labor Market Changes in Developed Countries: What Can Be Learned
Hartmut Lehmann  Risk Attitudes, Informal Employment and Wages: Evidence from a Transition Country
12:30-2:00pm  Lunch

2:00-3:20pm  Panel Three
Moderator: Nazif Shahrani

Ira Gang  Migration and the Expenditure – Income Gap (coauthor: Melanie Khamis)

Jennifer Murtazashvili  Embracing Informality in Conflict States: Coming to Terms with Afghanistan's Enduring Anarchy

3:20-3:40pm  Coffee Break

3:40-5:00pm  Panel Four
Moderator:

Axel Demenet  Health Shocks and Permanent Income Loss: The Household Business Channel

Vlad Tarko  Industrial Organization under Weak Formal Institutions: A Case Study of the Motorcycle Industry in Vietnam (coauthor: Christine Ngo)

6:00-8:00pm  Dinner – Farm Restaurant

Sunday, October 23

9:30-10:50am  Panel Five
Moderator:

Santiago Levy  Persistent Misallocation: Informality and Productivity in Mexico, 1998-2013

Ilya Voskoboynikov  Productivity, Structural Change and Informality: The Case of Russia

10:50-11:10am  Coffee Break

11:10am-12:30pm  Panel Six
Moderator: Mostafa Beshkar

Rubina Verma  Informality in Indian Manufacturing

Camila Cisneros-Acevedo  Trade Liberalisation Effect in Two Margins of Informality: The Peruvian Case

12:30-2:00pm  Lunch
2:00-4:00pm  Panel Seven
Moderator: Michael Alexeev

Giacomo Zanello  Innovation and Productivity in Formal and Informal Firms in Ghana


Nancy Benjamin  Informality: Engine of Structural Transformation? The Case of Francophone Africa (coauthor: Ahmadou Aly Mbaye)

6:00-8:00pm  Dinner – Indiana Memorial Union, State Room East

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