

# **Development Ideas: Linking Research to Policy**

## **Seminar Agenda**

**Date:** December 27, 2013

**Location:** Daily Star Center, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Tea and Registration

### **Policy Session**

**Chair:** Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Country Director, IGC Bangladesh Research Program

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

#### **Do the extra hour of tuition pay off? An evaluation of an NGO education support programme**

*Atonu Rabbani*, Associate Professor, University of Dhaka and Ummul Hasanath Ruthbah, Associate Professor, University of Dhaka

#### **WTO Bali conference: policy issues for Bangladesh**

*Mahbub Ahmed*, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

#### **Bangladesh's development surprise: will it endure?**

*Wahiduddin Mahmud*, Member, UN Committee for Development Policy

#### **An ex ante assessment of property/wealth tax in Bangladesh**

*Sajjad Zohir*, Research Director, Economic Research Group

## **Issues in the rice economy of Bangladesh**

*Salim Rashid*, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois

## **Religion, minority status and trust: evidence from a field level experiment in Bangladesh and West Bengal**

*Ananta Neelim*, Monash University, *Gautam Gupta*, Jadavpur U, *Minhaj Mahmud*, Research Fellow, BIDS, *Pushkar Maitra*, Monash University

12:30 pm – 2.00 pm: Packet Lunch

## **Research Session**

**Chair:** Fahad Khalil, Professor of Economics, University of Washington

2.00 pm– 3.15 pm

## **Happiness in life domains: semi-parametric evidence from rural Bangladesh**

*Minhaj Mahmud*, Research Fellow, BIDS

Discussant: Khwaja Mamun, Sacred Heart University

## **Impact of female education on their socio-economic condition: empirical evidence from rural Bangladesh**

*Kanti Ananta Nuzhat*, Monash University

## **Optimal exchange rate for developing economies: A case study with Bangladesh's monetary policy**

*Biru Paksha Paul*, State U of New York (Cortland)

3.15 pm – 3.30 pm: Tea break

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Large Stakes, Frames, and Impressed Dictators**

*Anndreas Leibbrandt*, Puskar Maitra, Ananta Neelim, Monash University

Discussant: Syed Galib Sultan, University of Washington

**The Cost structure of Generating Electricity under the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol**

*Shaikh Mahfuz Rahman*, Texas Tech