

LED 685 / 686 Theory and Practice of Local Economic Development

Mini-Conference - Day 1: Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Generally, there will be three or four presenters in each session. Each presenter will make a **15 minute** presentation. This will be followed by a **five minute** question period that will be led off by a commentary by the discussant followed by an open, short question and answer period. **It is critical that presenters strictly adhere to the schedule.** Students are expected to familiarize themselves ahead of time with all of the presentations, paying close attention to the session in which they are to act as a discussant. *Titles of presentations may vary slightly from those listed in the tentative program. Students are expected to arrive on time, participate and attend during both full days unless they have made prior arrangements with the instructors.*

9:20 Session 1: Approaches and strategies for local economic development

- 9:20 Michal Matyjewicz *Industrial land, planning and economic development* (Discussant: Emily Robson)
- 9:40 Kyle Church *Strategies to create a sustainable economy: Understanding the challenges of single resource towns* (Discussant: David Alberto Herrera Martinez)
- 10:00 Zachary Gable *Play ball! The viability of using sport tourism to foster development* (Discussant: Mümtaz Derya Tarhan)
- 10:20 Shahzad Muhammad *Business retention and expansion in local economic development* (Discussant: Victor Hugo Saraiva de Almeida)
- 10:40 Rebecca Tralaggan *Economic development: What role for municipal government?* (Discussant: Elena Bird)

11:00 Session 2: Sustainability, environment and development

- 11:00 Adriane Macdonald *Is there a place for sustainable development in local economic development?* (Discussant: Aderonke Kehinde)
- 11:20 Cecilia Ip *Industrial ecology and eco-industrial parks: A strategy for local and regional development* (Discussant: Riaz Nathu)
- 11:40 Evonne Donaher *Green building and sustainable construction as tools for local economic development* (Discussant: Elena Bird)

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 Session 2: Globalization, institutions and local economic development

- 1:00 Maneesh Poddar *Offshoring and its implications for local economic development* (Discussant: Rebecca Tralaggan)
- 1:20 Mümtaz Derya Tarhan *Cooperative business models and local economic development: An alternative "business development" plan* (Discussant: Karim Aboul-Ela)
- 1:40 Victor Hugo Saraiva de Almeida *Microfinance institutions: A critical assessment of their role in local economic development* (Discussant: Adnan Ahmad)
- 2:00 Karim Aboul-Ela *The role of transnational corporations (TNCs) in 'leapfrogging' development* (Discussant: Zachary Gable)

2:20 Session 2: Sustainability, environment and development in the Global South

- 2:20 Aderonke Kehinde *Human capital and economic development: The role of education in labour market outcomes* (Discussant: Shahzad Muhammad)
- 2:40 Adnan Ahmad *Entrepreneurship and economic development in developing countries* (Discussant: Kyle Church)
- 3:00 David Alberto Herrera Martinez *The relationship between income inequalities and the provision of public goods* (Discussant: Scott Ross)
- 3:20 Anastasia Gousseva *Renewable energy technology as a development tool* (Discussant: Adriane Macdonald)

3:40 Break

4:00 Session 5: Creativity, clusters and inclusion

- 4:00 Elena Bird *What is a cluster? Understanding the methods used to identify clusters in local economic development theory* (Discussant: Evonne Donaher)
- 4:20 Scott Ross *Local food and market inclusion in the developed world: A review of relevant policies* (Discussant: Cecilia Ip)
- 4:40 Emily Robson *Beyond painting, public art and cultural programming: The role of culture in economic development* (Discussant: Maneesh Poddar)
- 5:00 Riaz Nathu *Inequalities in the creative economy: Towards inclusive creative growth?* (Discussant: Anastasia Gousseva)
- 5:20 Elena Bird *Do birds of a feather prosper together? An analysis of neighbourhood impact on artist income* (Discussant: Michal Matyjewicz)

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Mini-Conference - Day 2: Wednesday, December 8, 2010

10:00 Session 1: Brownfields and local economic development

- 10:00 Kyle Church *Brownfield redevelopment in Cambridge, Ontario: Assessing the effectiveness and implications of the development process* (Discussant: Emily Robson)
- 10:20 Maneesh Poddar *How do brownfield and adaptive re-use incentives affect development? The Ontario case* (Discussant: David Alberto Herrera Martinez)
- 10:40 Zachary Gable *Prospects for brownfield revitalization in rural southwestern Ontario* (Discussant: Jaswinder Bains)

11:00 Session 2: Participatory and inclusive approaches to development

- 11:00 Victor Hugo Saraiva de Almeida *Alliances on the base of the pyramid: Revision of the agenda adopted by international organizations to foster the inclusion of local economic initiatives in value chains* (Discussant: Maneesh Poddar)
- 10:40 Adnan Ahmad *Women empowerment through access to microfinance: A case study of Kashf Foundation* (Discussant: Jaswinder Bains)
- 11:40 Mümtaz Derya Tarhan *Participatory budgeting and local empowerment: Potentials and threats* (Discussant: Adriane Macdonald)

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 Session 3: Agriculture, food and local development

- 1:00 Jaswinder Bains *The role of sustainable agriculture in economic development* (Discussant: Aderonke Kehinde)
- 1:20 Rebecca Tralaggan *Sustainable agriculture: Government support for Ontario's farmers* (Discussant: Michal Matyjewicz)
- 1:40 Scott Ross *Examining the role of local government officials in China's transition to organic agriculture* (Discussant: Mümtaz Derya Tarhan)
- 2:00 Evonne Donaher *Is local produce more expensive? Pricing and distribution models in local food systems* (Discussant: Riaz Nathu)

- 2:20 Shahzad Muhammad *Market access for sustainable economic development: Dairy production in Pakistan* (Discussant: Adnan Ahmad)
- 2:40 Break**
- 3:00 Session 4: Infrastructure and economic development**
- 3:00 Jaswinder Bains *The impact of infrastructure on economic development* (Discussant: Shahzad Muhammad)
- 3:20 Riaz Nathu *Electrifying development: Energy services and local economic development in the Global South* (Discussant: Karim Aboul-Ela)
- 3:40 Session 5: Employment, networks and models of local economic development**
- 3:40 David Alberto Herrera Martinez *Coahuila de Zaragoza: the misunderstood giant* (Discussant: Zachary Gable)
- 4:00 Karim Aboul-Ela *The relationship between demographic characteristics and economic development of cities in Canada* (Discussant: Victor Hugo Saraiva de Almeida)
- 4:20 Aderonke Kehinde *The role of institutions in diversified economies for economic development* (Discussant: Kyle Church)
- 4:40 Adriane Macdonald *A model of social innovation? The case of Transition Guelph* (Discussant: Scott Ross)
- 5:00 Michal Matyjewicz *Is a job just a job? Assessing the economic impact of jobs within and outside of the Town of Richmond Hill's employment areas* (Discussant: Rebecca Tralaggan)
- 5:20 Emily Robson *Making the connection: How social networks influence the development of creative industries* (Discussant: Evonne Donaher)
- 5:40 Relax!!**