

***Crises and Disasters: Measurement and Mitigation of their Human Costs***  
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the International Food Policy Research Institute  
November 13-14, 2001

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Auditorium Andres Bello 9<sup>TH</sup> Floor  
1300 New York Ave, NW, Washington D.C. 20577

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

November 13, 2001 – Tuesday

- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome Remarks by Gustavo Yamada  
(Acting Chief, Poverty and Inequality Unit, Sustainable Development Department,  
IDB)
- 9:00 – 9:10 Introduction by Lawrence Haddad  
(Director, Food Consumption and Nutrition Division, IFPRI)

***Topic: Ex-ante actions to minimize exposure and impact of shocks***

- 9:10 – 9:50 Tim Besley and Robin Burgess  
Title: Political economy of government responsiveness: Theory and evidence  
from India  
Discussant: Tom Marchione, USAID
- 9:50 – 10:30 John Hoddinott, Trudy Owens, and Bill Kinsey  
Title: Ex-ante actions and ex-post public responses to drought shocks: Evidence  
and simulations from Zimbabwe  
Discussant: Harold Alderman, World Bank
- 10:30 – 10:40 Coffee break
- 10:40 – 11:20 Rebecca Harris and Sherman Robinson  
Title: Economy-wide effects of ENSO (El Niño Southern Oscillation) in Mexico  
and the role of improved forecasting and technological change  
Discussant: Andrew Foster, Brown University

***Topic: Impacts of shocks***

- 11:20 – 12:00 John Maluccio and Michael Carter  
Title: Response to community aggregate shocks in South Africa  
Discussant: Tom Marchione, USAID

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12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 **Parallel Session**

**Topic: Impacts of shocks**

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Lire Ersado, Harold Alderman, and Jeffrey Alwang

Title: Changes in consumption and savings behavior before and after economic shocks: Evidence from Zimbabwe

Discussant: To be determined

Susan Horton and Dipak Mazumdar

Title: Vulnerable groups and the labor market in Thailand: Impact of the Asian financial crisis

Discussant: Anjini Kochar, Stanford University

Gaurav Datt and Hans Hoogeveen

Title: El Niño or El Peso? Crisis, poverty and income distribution in the Philippines

Discussant: Andrew Foster, Brown University

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Alejandro Gaviria

Title: Household response to adverse income shocks in Latin America

Discussant: Miguel Székely, IDB

Ashu Handa and Damien King

Title: Adjustment with a human face: Evidence from Jamaica

Discussant: To be determined

Orazio Attanasio and Miguel Székely (University College, London and IDB)

Title: Wage shocks and consumption variability in Mexico during the 1990s

Discussant: Emmanuel Skoufias, IFPRI

3:30 – 3:40 Coffee break

3:40 – 4:20 Kalanidhi Subbarao, Marito Garcia, and Klaus Dieneger

Title: AIDS-induced orphanhood as a systematic shock: Magnitudes, impact, and program interventions in Uganda, Eritrea, and Burundi

Discussant: To be determined

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**Topic: Public sector responses to shocks**

- 4:20 – 5:00 Lant Pritchett, Sudarno Sumarto, and Asep Suryahadi  
Title: Safety nets and safety ropes: Comparing the dynamic benefit incidence of two Indonesia “JPS” Programs  
Discussant: Emmanuel Skoufias, IFPRI

November 14, 2001 – Wednesday

**Topic: Ex-ante actions to minimize exposure and impact of shocks**

- 9:10 – 9:50 Peter Hazell  
Title: Potential role for insurance in managing catastrophic risks in developing countries  
Discussant: To be determined

**Topic: Public sector responses to shocks**

- 9:50 – 10:30 Emmanuel Skoufias  
Title: Is the calorie income elasticity sensitive to price changes? Evidence from Indonesia  
Discussant: Markus Goldstein, London School of Economics

10:30 – 10:40 Coffee break

- 10:40 – 11:20 Paul Dorosh, Carlo del Ninno, and Lisa Smith  
Title: Public policy, markets and household coping strategies in Bangladesh: Avoiding a food security crisis following the 1998 flood  
Discussant: To be determined

11:20 – 12:00 Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) introduction by Emmanuel Skoufias

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 **Parallel Session**

**Topic: Impacts of shocks**

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Norbert Schady  
Title: The (positive) effect of macroeconomic crises on the schooling and employment decisions taken by children in a middle-income country  
Discussant: Anjini Kochar, Stanford University

David Mckenzie  
Title: Household consumption in a volatile economy: Mexico 1984-98  
Discussant: Emmanuel Skoufias, IFPRI

Quentin Wodon and Saul Morris  
Title: To discuss natural disasters, Hurricane Mitch  
Discussant: Ashu Handa, IDB

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Mark Thomas and Marcelo Neri  
Title: Household educational responses to labor-market shocks in Brazil,  
1982-99  
Discussant: Guilherme Sedlacek, IDB

Francisco Buera, Constantino Hevia, and J. Pablo Nicolini  
Title: Estimating the effect of parents income on the elasticity of drop out  
decisions with respect to aggregate shocks  
Discussant: To be determined

Suzanne Duryea and Mary Arends-Kuenning  
Title: School attendance, child labor, and local labor markets in urban Brazil  
Discussant: To be determined

3:30 – 3:40 Coffee break

***Topic: Public sector responses to shocks***

3:40 – 4:20 Agnes Quisumbing  
Title: Public works and individual food security in rural Ethiopia  
Discussant: Markus Goldstein, London School of Economics

4:20 – 5:00 Summary/Concluding Session