IMTFI’s First Annual Conference for Funded Researchers
November 4-5, 2009

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

_____ Day 1 - November 4th

9:30am-10:00am coffee and registration

10:00am-10:30am welcome and introductions, Director Bill Maurer

10:30am-12:00pm Session 1: Traditional money management
Chair and discussant: Paul Dourish, UC Irvine

The Urban Poor and their Money
Mani Nandhi, Centre for Microfinance - Chennai, India

Network Linkages and Money Management: An Anthropological Purview of the Beesi Network amongst the Urban Poor Muslims in Old City Area of Lucknow, India
Syed Aiman Raza, Shia Degree College - Lucknow, India

Analysis of Financial practices among Families in Two Cities Indigenous to the Highlands of Chiapas, Mexico
Magdalena Villarreal, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Anthropología Social - Tlalpan, Mexico
Maria Eugenia Santana, Universidad Autonoma de Chiapas - Chiapas, Mexico

12:00pm-1:00pm break for lunch; lunch options offered at the UCI Student Center

1:00pm-2:30pm Session 2: Existing indigenous money practices
Chair and discussant: Mohammed Mohammed, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Borrowing from the Gods: Oracular Deities as Traditional Sources of Credit among the Igbo of Nigeria
Kenneth Ormeje, United States International University - Nairobi, Kenya

Forms of Money: An Inquiry into the Processes of Use and Adaptation among the Konda Reddis of South India
Thanuja Mummidi, French Institute of Pondicherry - Pondicherry, India

Yesterday’s Nomads and Modern Money
Svetlana Tyukhteneva, Ethnoconsulting Ltd. - Moscow, Russia
2:30pm-3:00pm  break

3:00pm-4:30pm  **Session 3: Impact of m-banking and ICTs**
Chair and discussant: Jan Chipchase, Nokia Design
*The Impact of New Technology on the Use of Money as a Means of Spending, Saving and Storing by the Poor: A Case Study of Sri Lanka*
Sirimevan S. Colombage, The Open University of Sri Lanka - Nawala, Nugegoda

*A Study of Money and Financial Services and the Impact of ICTs Among Poor Communities in Developing Countries: The Case of Botswana*
Beatrice Magembe and Alice Shemi, University of Botswana - Gabarone, Botswana

*E-money for Enhancing MDGs at Bottom of the Pyramid: A Case Study for M-Banking in Kenya*
Francis Wambalaba, Akosa Wambalaba, Philip Machoka
United States International University - Nairobi, Kenya

4:30pm-5:30pm  reception, light refreshment will be served

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**Day 2 - November 5th**

9:00am-10:30am  **Session 4: Multiple currencies and local money systems**
Chair and discussant: Scott Mainwaring, Intel Corporation

*Local Money Systems: Financial Inclusion and Reduction of Poverty*
Marco Crocco, Federal University of Minas Gerais - Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil

*Making Good Money: Microcredit, Commercial Financing, and Social Regulation in Paraguay’s Tri-Border Area*
Caroline Schuster, University of Chicago - Chicago, IL

*Cubanos Convertibles: Meanings of Multiple Currencies in Cuba*
Mrinalini Tankha, Brandeis University - Waltham, MA

10:30am-11:00am  break

11:00am-12:30pm  **Session 5: Microfinance and technology**
Chair: Douglas Sabo, VISA Inc.
Discussant: Michael Ferguson, Microfinance Opportunities

*Tabula Rasa? Conceptions of Microfinance in Juba, Sudan*
Crystal Murphy Morgan, University of California, Irvine

*‘Democratizing Capital!’ Digital Lending Networks, Mobile Technologies and Women’s Solidarity Groups in Chiapas, Mexico*
Anke Schwittay and Paul Braund, RiOS Institute - Berkeley, CA
Financial Inclusion via Branchless Banking: What do we know about low-income consumers so far
Mark Pickens (guest speaker), Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)

12:30pm-1:30pm  break for lunch; lunch options offered at the UCI Student Center

1:30pm-3:00pm  Session 6: Alternative methods of managing finance and protection against risk
chair and discussant: Wendy March, Intel Corporation

Follow the Bean: Navigating Value Exchange and Vulnerability with Farmers and their Stakeholders
Melissa Cliver, Financial Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST) - Montreal, Quebec

A Study on M-finance and Consumption Smoothening among the Poor with Irregular Income Streams
Harsha de Silva, LIRNEasia - Columbo, Sri Lanka

Managing Risks: What Poor Households in Yogyakarta do to smooth their consumption?
Catur Sugiyanto, Sri Yani Kusumastuti, and Duddy Donna
Universitas Gadjah Mada - Yogyakarta, Indonesia

3:00pm-4:00pm  closing remarks, open discussion

4:00pm-4:45pm  closing reception