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This conference brings together the Institute’s inaugural set of award recipients who will present their preliminary findings based on research in 14 developing world countries. As more and more philanthropic, industry, and development actors ask whether mobile technology can help provide access to needed financial services like savings and money transfer, these projects look to the experience on the ground of existing, traditional money systems and financial practices, as well as the potential and real impact of new technology in providing access to finance for the world’s poor.

Location: Doheny Beach conference room at UC Irvine. Parking $8 at the Student Center Parking Structure.
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Day 1 - Session 1
TRADITIONAL MONEY MANAGEMENT
Chair/discussant: Paul Dourish, UC Irvine
Mani Nandhi, Centre for Microfinance
Syed Aiman Raza, Shia Degree College
Magdalena Villaereal, CIESAS
Maria Eugenia Santana
Universidad Autonoma de Chiapas

Session 2
EXISTING INDIGENOUS MONEY PRACTICES
Chair/discussant: Mohammed Mohammed,
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Kenneth Omeje, USIU Nairobi, Kenya
Thanuja Mummidil, French Institute of Pondicherry
Svetlana Tyukhteneva, Ethnoconsulting Ltd.

Session 3
IMPACT OF M-BANKING AND ICTS
Chair/discussant: Jan Chipchase, Nokia Design
Sirimevan S. Colombage, The Open University of Sri Lanka
Beatrice Magembe and Alice Shemi
University of Botswana
Francis Wambalaba, Akosa Wambalaba, and
Philip Machoka, USIU Nairobi, Kenya

Day 2 - Session 4
MULTIPLE CURRENCIES AND LOCAL MONEY SYSTEMS
Chair/discussant: Scott Mainwaring, Intel Research
Marco Crocco, Federal University of Minas Gerais
Caroline Schuster, University of Chicago
Mrinalini Tankha, Brandeis University

Session 5
MICROFINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Chair: Douglas Sabo, Visa Inc.
Discussant: Michael Ferguson, Microfinance Opportunities
Crystal Murphy Morgan, UC Irvine
Anke Schmittay and Paul Braund, RiOS Institute
Mark Pickens (guest speaker),
Consultative Group to Assist the Poor - CGAP

Session 6
ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF MANAGING FINANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST RISK
Chair/discussant: Wendy March, Intel Research
Melissa Cliver, Financial Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)
Harsha de Silva, LIRNEasia
Catur Sugiyanto and Sri Yani Kusumastuti
Universitas Gadja Mada in Yogyakarta