

# Development Economics PhD Seminar

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be completed before 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2006**

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## PROGRAM

09.30 - 10.00 Registration

10.15 - 12.45 **Session I:** Chair Person: Franziska Gassmann, MGSOG

10.15 - 10.30 Opening Speech: Luc Soete, Director of UNU-MERIT

10.30 - 11.45 Keynote Speech: Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford  
*Risk and Poverty*

12.00 - 12.45 Britta Augsburg, MGSOG  
*An Econometric Evaluation of the SEWA Bank in India*  
Discussant: Robert Sparrow, Institute of Social Studies

12.45 - 13.45 **Lunch Break**

13.45 - 15.15 **Session II:** Ionara Costa, UNU-MERIT

13.45 - 14.30 Lei Pan, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
*Insurance and Rural Welfare: What Can Panel Data Tell Us?*  
Discussant: Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford

14.30 - 15.15 Philippe LeMay, University of Namur  
*Insurance for the Poor: the Case of Informal Insurance  
Groups in Benin*  
Discussant: Wim Groot, Maastricht University

15.15 - 15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30 - 17.00 **Session III:** Ionara Costa, UNU-MERIT

15.30 - 16.15 Yoseph Getachew, UNU-MERIT  
*Income Inequality and Economic Growth: A Unified Theory*  
Discussant: Adriaan van Zon, UNU-MERIT

16.15 - 17.00 Bejoy K Thomas, IVO, Tilburg University  
*Multidimensional Poverty and Identification of the Poor:  
A case from Kerala, India*  
Discussant: Kaushalesh Lal, UNU-MERIT

17.00 - 18.00 **Drink**

18.00 **Dinner**

Note: For PhD students presenting papers, the 45 minutes include  
25 minutes presentation, 10 minutes for the discussant and 10 minutes  
for general discussion.