



**DSA Scotland Mini Conference – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011**  
**Economic Studies, School of Business**  
**University of Dundee**  
**10.30 am to 5.00 pm**

**Venue: Room 2.20, Carnelley Building**  
**(No. 5 on campus map)**  
**University of Dundee**  
**Dundee DD1 4HN**

**10.30 – 11.00 am**      ***Refreshments and Preliminary Networking***

Welcome to Participants – Dr Mozammel Huq (Convenor, DSA Scotland) and Dr Sushil Mohan (Department of Economics, University of Dundee)

11.00 am to 1.00 pm      Chair – Professor John Struthers (University of the West of Scotland)

11.00 to 11.40 am      Michael Tribe (University of Strathclyde) – The Case for Official Development Assistance in Times of Fiscal Constraints (based on A. Sumner and M. Tribe: The Case for Aid in Times of Fiscal Constraints – paper available from the DSA website – Journal of International Development, forthcoming)

11.40 am to 12.20 pm      Fabio Aricò, Laurence Lasselle and Kannika Thampanishvong (University of St Andrews) – Improving Students' Learning Aspirations Beyond Primary Education: A First Account of Two Non-Formal Education Programmes in Middle-Income Countries – paper available from the DSA website

12.20 to 1.00 pm      Kristinn Hermannsson (University of Strathclyde) – The overall economic impact of higher education in Malawi: a CGE analysis of human capital accumulation – paper available from the DSA website

**1.00 – 2.00 pm**      ***Buffet Lunch and Networking***

2.00 to 4.00 pm      Chair – Dr Alberto Paloni (University of Glasgow)

2.00 to 2.40 pm      Sushil Mohan (University of Dundee) – Tariff Escalation in Tropical Beverage Products: Implications for Adding Value in Producing Countries – paper will be available before 20th May

**2.40 pm to 4.00 pm**      ***Presentations by doctoral research students***

Chaiyasith Boonyanate (University of Dundee) - Preferential Trade Agreements and Internationally Mobile Firms

Rosen Azad Chowdhury (University of Dundee) – Mean shifts and their effects on instrumental variable estimation methodology

Homagni Choudhury (University of Dundee) - Are real wages per worker converging among Indian industries? Time series evidence with two structural breaks

Sayantana Ghosh Dastidar (University of Dundee) – Relationship between public education expenditures and economic growth: The case of India

Vote of thanks by Dr Mozammel Huq (University of Strathclyde)

**4.00 pm onwards      Drinks**

***Please pass this announcement on to other people who you think might be interested either in this meeting or in future meetings***

The DSA Scotland organising group for the meeting consists of the following

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See latest information about this mini conference on the DSA Study Groups (DSA Scotland) webpages – [www.devstud.org.uk](http://www.devstud.org.uk)

**For catering purposes all those wishing to attend please confirm to Sayantana Ghosh Dastidar at: [s.ghoshdastidar@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:s.ghoshdastidar@dundee.ac.uk)**

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[http://www.dundee.ac.uk/general/campusmap/#uod\\_content](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/general/campusmap/#uod_content)

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