Call for Papers: CEAR Academic
Pre-Conference in Microinsurance 2017

November 6, 2017 – Swissôtel, Lima, Peru
Deadline for submissions: July 15, 2017

General Details & Main Conference Overview:
The Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) is organizing an academic pre-conference in conjunction with the 13th International Microinsurance Conference. The pre-conference will attract researchers to present major findings and participate in panels on recent developments in research methods to understand risk management choices of the poor.

This pre-conference is being held on the Monday, November 6, immediately prior to the main conference, which is on November 7, 8 and 9.

The main conference will also include sessions on scientific research into microinsurance. Approximately 400 participants and experts from around the world will discuss ways of accelerating growth and economic viability in microinsurance. The main conference will be hosted by Asociación Peruana de Empresas de Seguros, the Munich Re Foundation, and the Microinsurance Network. For more information on the main conference, see

General Information for the main Conference:

Call for Proposals for the main Conference (Deadline of May 15):
http://www.munichre-foundation.org/home/Microinsurance/common/Call-for-proposals.html

Pre-Conference Specifics:
Presentations in the academic pre-conference will be plenary, and allow enough time for detailed discussion of each presentation and for shared discussion. We aim for 45 minutes for each paper, although we may vary this depending on the paper and topics. There will also be panels in the pre-conference, led by senior researchers and designed to open up discussion.

The keynote speakers for the pre-conference are Professors Stefan Dercon and Dean Karlan.

Stefan Dercon is Professor of Economic Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, and a Fellow of Jesus College. He is also Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economics. Since 2011 he has been Chief Economist of the Department of International Development (DFID), the government department in charge with the UK’s aid policy and spending. Dercon continues to hold the post of Chief Economist at the DFID while remaining active in teaching and research at

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Oxford. Dercon has diverse interests, including research on risk and poverty, the foundations of growth in poor societies, agriculture and rural institutions, migration, political economy, childhood poverty, social and geographic mobility, micro-insurance, and measurement issues related to poverty and vulnerability. He is also involved in a number of intervention-based research projects on extending health insurance (Kenya), raising aspirations (rural Ethiopia), offering drought insurance to funeral societies (Ethiopia) and the returns to firm jobs (Ethiopia). His most recent book, with Daniel Clarke, is *Dull Disasters? How Planning Ahead Will Make a Difference* (Oxford, 2016).

**Dean Karlan** is Professor of Economics at Yale University and a Research Fellow and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Karlan is also the President and Founder of Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), a New Haven, Connecticut based research outfit dedicated to creating and evaluating solutions to social and international development problems. Along with economists Jonathan Morduch and Sendhil Mullainathan, Karlan served as Director of the Financial Access Initiative (FAI), a consortium of researchers focused on substantially expanding access to quality financial services for low-income individuals. He is also a co-founder of stickK.com, and co-founder of ImpactMatters. His most recent books, both with Jacob Appel, are *More Than Good Intentions: Improving the Way the World’s Poor Borrow, Save, Farm, Learn and Stay Healthy* (Penguin, 2011) and *Failing in the Field: What We Can Learn When Field Research Goes Wrong* (Princeton University Press, 2016).

**Registration:**
Information about registration to the main conference can be found on the website above. Registration to this pre-conference is open to any researcher, whether or not they are with an academic organization. CEAR handles the applications, and registration of interest to attend is separate from the main conference.

CEAR will cover the additional costs of the pre-conference. There will be a pre-conference dinner, for invited speakers, and CEAR will pay for this. If anyone in the pre-conference is selected for a presentation in the main conference, the Munich Re Foundation will cover their costs in the usual manner and up to the usual level; CEAR would cover any additional costs.

The pre-conference is, of course, open to anyone interested in microinsurance. Submissions are encouraged by any researcher, whether or not they are with an academic organization. CEAR handles the applications, which will be reviewed by Professor Glenn Harrison, C.V. Starr Chair of Risk Management & Insurance, and Director of the Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR), of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University.

Submission of papers should be made at the link below. Please include a PDF of an abstract or completed paper; preference will be given to completed papers. The deadline for submissions for the pre-conference is **July 15**, although submissions will be considered and evaluated as they come in. CEAR will provide reasonable Economy class airfare, hotel costs, and registration costs for the main conference for anyone accepted for a presentation in the pre-conference.

Submissions and registration for the pre-conference will be handled at:


This link will also provide updated information on the program as it evolves. The event has a capped attendance at 40 participants and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.