

CEAR Academic Pre-Conference in Microinsurance 2016

November 14, 2016

Cinnamon Grand Hotel - Colombo, Sri Lanka

Overview: The Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) is organizing an academic pre-conference to the 12th *International Microinsurance Conference*. The pre-conference will attract researchers to present major findings and participate in a panel on directions for research in microinsurance. The panel is designed to be pedagogic to allow open discussion among the panel members and participants.

The keynote speaker for this event is Professor **Michael Carter**.

- Professor Carter is a Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis. He is also a Research Associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, the Director of the BASIS Innovation Lab, and a BREAD Fellow. Professor Carter's fields of interest span development economics, poverty dynamics, rural credit and insurance markets, agricultural development and income distribution, land tenure and land. His most recent work focuses on index insurance and adoption of improved agricultural technologies (forthcoming *JDE*) and evaluating willingness to pay for microinsurance (forthcoming *JEBO*).

Registration: Is open to any researcher, academic or otherwise. The applications and registration of interest to attend is done separately to the main conference. Go here - cear.gsu.edu/event/cear-academic-pre-conference-in-microinsurance-2016/ – to register and find further information. The event has a capped attendance at 40 participants and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Program -- Monday 14 November

Time	Presenter - Affiliation	Topic
09:00-09:25	Coffee & Registration	
09:25-09:30	Glenn Harrison (CEAR)	Welcome & About CEAR
09:30-10:30	Glenn Harrison (CEAR)	Evaluating the Welfare of Index Insurance
10:30-12:00	Michael Carter (UC Davis)	Keynote After the Drought: The Impact of Microinsurance on Consumption Smoothing and Asset Protection
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Justin Abraham (Princeton)	Health Insurance Reduces Stress: Evidence From A Randomized Experiment in Kenya
14:30-15:30	Kanchana Wickramasinghe (Inst. of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka)	Protecting farmers from climate-induced risks: an assessment of crop insurance in Sri Lanka
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:45	Julian Hochscherf (University of Hohenheim)	Income heterogeneity and index insurance demand
16:45-18:00	Michael Carter & Glenn Harrison	Panel A Conversation with Michael Carter About His Research
18:00-19:30	Free time	
19:30-21:00	Conference Dinner	For presenters and invited guests only. Hosted by CEAR