

## Workshop Announcement and Agenda:

# Ecology of Poverty and Economic Development

**Time and Venue: November 13 & 14 at the Paris School of Economics**

### **Announcement:**

Under the auspices of the University of Cergy-Pontoise and the Paris School of Economics, we will hold a workshop, November 13-14, on the *Ecology of Poverty and Economic Development*. This conference is supported by the French National Research Agency, through the program Investissements d'Avenir ANR-10-LABX-93-01, and with the support of Labex MME-DII.

### **Theme and Objective:**

The plight of the extremely poor, as found in underdeveloped countries, is one of the major challenges of our time. The extremely poor often rely on primary production based on the natural environment for their livelihoods and suffer high rates of morbidity and mortality from infectious diseases. Combined, these two imply dynamic ecological feedbacks whose effects on economic development remain poorly understood.

We are bringing together an international group of natural and social scientists to develop a new research program on coupled bioeconomic and biophysical processes, and the effects of potential interventions. Our aim with this workshop is to more clearly define this field. We will identify key themes and important pioneering research questions designed to guide the broader community of natural and social scientists, as well as policy-makers. It is the intent that this should be the first of a series of such workshops that, through collaboration among the participants, will result in a publishable body of work.

### **Tentative Agenda:**

*November 12<sup>th</sup>*: dinner for the arrivals (location to be announced)

*November 13<sup>th</sup>*:

8:30am- Breakfast on site

9:00am- Welcoming remarks by the hosts, Pierre-Yves Geoffard and Hippolyte D'Albis

9:10am- Talk by Raouf Boucekkine on principles of economics  
(addressed to ecologists)

9:30am- Talk by Andy Dobson on principles of ecology  
(addressed to economists)

10:00am- Presentation by Matt Bonds of proposed themes and projects for the

group to undertake (the list will have already been circulated among participants). This will be followed by a general discussion that will last until lunch

12:30pm- Lunch on site

1:30pm- Formation of break-out groups on the various adopted topics, with circulation of certain members among the groups

4:00pm- Coffee break, photograph session, and then resumption of activities

5:30pm- Videoconferencing with Jeffrey Sachs

6:00pm- Daily adjournment

8:00pm- Dinner in restaurant (location to be announced)

*November 14<sup>th</sup>:*

8:30am- Breakfast on site

9:00am- Reconvening of break-out groups, preparation for general discussion

10:00am- Reunion of all participants and reports by the various subgroups, followed by a general discussion

12:30pm- Lunch on site

1:30pm- Conclusion of the general consideration of the group reports, followed by a discussion of the writing of manuscripts, likely venues for publication, desirability of future workshops and themes to then treat, likely locations and sources of funding, needed data collection and means to obtain such

4:00pm- Coffee break, and then resumption of activities

5:00pm- Videoconferencing with Paul Farmer

5:30pm- Summing up by selected members

5:55pm- Parting remarks by the hosts

6:00pm- Adjournment of the conference

8:00pm- Dinner in restaurant (location to be announced)

**Participants:**

1. Hippolyte d'Albis, Paris School of Economics - Panthéon-Sorbonne University
2. Chris Barrett, Cornell University
3. Raouf Boucekkine, Catholic University of Louvain & Aix-Marseille University
4. Matthew Bonds, Harvard Medical School
5. Charlie Brummit, Columbia University
6. Giulio De Leo, Stanford University
7. Andrew P. Dobson, Princeton University
8. Teevrat Garg, Cornell University
9. Pierre-Yves Geoffard, Paris School of Economics - EHESS
10. Jean- FrancoisGuégan, University of Montpellier
11. Donald Keenan, University of Cergy-Pontoise
12. Meg McCarty, PIVOT
13. Megan Murray, Harvard Medical School
14. Calistus Ngonghala, Harvard Medical School
15. Mercedes Pascual, University of Michigan
16. Benjamin Roche, University of Montpellier
17. Josselin Thuilliez, University of Paris,CNRS
18. Laurent-Hébert Dufresne, Universiy of Laval
19. Emmanuelle Augeraud-Veron, University of La Rochelle
20. Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University (via videoconferencing)
21. Paul Farmer, Harvard Medical School (via videoconferencing)

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