Cash Transfers, Social Protection and Social Cohesion

Cash transfers, but also social protection more broadly have been the subject of a large number of studies over the last 20 years. However, the long-term effects of these programs remain largely unrecognized or limited to some countries. Furthermore, a crucial problem that is not sufficiently addressed is that of the links between social protection and social cohesion. This conference aims to take stock of these experiences and then explore new dimensions from an economic point of view. On the demand or supply side, incentive mechanisms to increase quality, efficiency and access to basic services remain partially addressed. The issue of social cohesion in relation to income security and access to services also allows developing an approach in full resonance with the objectives of sustainable development.

Organizers

- Jean-Claude Berthelemy (Professor of Economics, University Paris–1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Director of the MBA Program in International Trade);
- Hélène Djoufelkit (Deputy Director Economic Analysis and Policy Dialogue, AFD);
- Josselin Thuilliez (tenured research Professor at CNRS, based at the Centre d’Économie de la Sorbonne, University Paris–1 Panthéon-Sorbonne).
Coffee – 8.30 to 9

1. Welcoming session – 9 to 9.15
Jean-Claude Berthelemy (Professor of Economics, University Paris–1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Hélène Djoufelkit (Deputy Director Economic Analysis and Policy Dialogue, AFD) and Josselin Thuilliez (tenured research Professor of Economics, CNRS/University Paris–1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

2. Introductory session – 9.15 to 9.45
Anda David (Research officer, AFD) and Thibault Van Langenhove (Project officer, AFD)
An overview of social protection, social cohesion and the link between the two

3. Cash Transfers: A Broad Perspective – 9.45 to 12
Susan Parker, Researcher at University of Maryland
Conditional Cash Transfers: The Case of Progresa/Oportunidades (45 minutes, questions included)

Luisa Natali, Social Policy Consultant at the UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti
Can unconditional cash transfers raise long-term living standards? Evidence from Zambia (45 minutes, questions included)
Miguel Nino-Zarazua, Research Fellow at UNU-WIDER
Does Social Spending Improve Welfare in Low-income and Middle-income Countries? (45 minutes, questions included)

Presiding: Nathan Jensen

Lunch – 12 to 13

4. Social protection and access to health services – 13 to 14.30

Nathan Jensen, scientist for the Sustainable Livestock Systems program at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
Cash transfers and index insurance: A comparative impact analysis from northern Kenya (45 minutes, questions included)

Marlous de Milliano, Researcher at the University of North Carolina
LEAP 1000 program and enrolment in national health insurance scheme (45 minutes, questions included)

Presiding: Elsa Valli

Coffee break – 14.30 to 14.45
5. Cash Transfers and social cohesion – 14.45 to 16.15

**Iffat Idris**, Researcher at BHAM University
Conflict-sensitive cash transfers: Social Cohesion
*(45 minutes, questions included)*

**Sara Pavanello**, expert on the design and implementation of cash programs
Effects of Cash Transfers on Community Interactions: Emerging Evidence *(45 minutes, questions included)*

**Presiding**: Josselin Thuilliez

Coffee Break – 16.15 to 16.30

6. Institutions and Cash Transfers- 16.30 to 18

**Susan Parker**, Researcher at Maryland University
Political elections and Transfers *(45 minutes, questions included)*

**Elsa Valli**, member of the Social and Economic Policy Unit at the UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti
Can transfers increase social cohesion in refugee-hosting settings? Experimental evidence from Colombian refugees in northern Ecuador *(45 minutes, questions included)*

7. Concluding session – 18 to 18.45

**Nadine Poupart**, Project manager, social protection and health division
What role for social protection in the Sahel?
8. Farewell address  – 18.45 to 19
Nadine Poupart, Project manager, social protection and health division, AFD

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