

Launch of Trinity IMpact Evaluation Unit (TIME)

The Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, in collaboration with the Trinity International Development Initiative will launch a new research group called the Trinity IMpact Evaluation Unit (TIME) on Monday September 21st at 6.30pm in the Neill Lecture Theatre of the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute.

TIME brings together researchers in economics and other academic disciplines working on micro-economic impact evaluations, development practitioners, and policy makers in a collective effort to understand the impact of development aid investments. Our aim is to contribute to the global knowledge base on the processes of economic development and the underlying causal mechanisms. In particular, our vision is to provide strong evidence of what works, so that better investments that have real impact on the development process can be made. The TIME website can be accessed at this link: <https://www.tcd.ie/Economics/time/>.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Gaffey, the Director General of Irish Aid to officially launch TIME, and Professor Oriana Bandiera* from the London School of Economics to give a keynote lecture to mark the launch titled *The Knowns and Unknowns of Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries: State of the Art and Future Challenges*.

The event will be chaired by Professor Fadi Hassan, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, and will proceed as follows

- 6.30pm Opening remarks, Prof. John Boland, Dean of Research, Trinity College Dublin
- 6.40pm Overview of TIME, Prof. Carol Newman, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin
- 6.50pm Official Launch of TIME, Mr Michael Gaffey, Director General of Irish Aid
- 7.00pm Keynote Lecture by Professor Oriana Bandiera, London School of Economics: *The Knowns and Unknowns of Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries: State of the Art and Future Challenges*.
- 7.40pm Questions and Answers
- 8.00pm Reception

* Prof. Oriana Bandiera is a Development Economist at the London School of Economics and Institute of Public Affairs. She is also affiliated with the Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines as a Director and the International Growth Centre as Co-Director for their State Capabilities Research Programme. She was awarded the Carlo Alberto Medal in 2011, an award given to outstanding Italian economists under 40, and the IZA Young Labour Economist Award of 2007. See <http://www.lse.ac.uk/economics/people/facultyPages/OrianaBandiera.aspx> for further details.



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