

Workshop

*“Microfinance’s Contribution to Development Studies.
What Interdisciplinary Approaches Add
to Microfinance Understanding?”*

January 14th and 15th, 2010

- Programme -

Centre Emile Bernheim, Université Libre de Bruxelles
21 Av. F.D. Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels (Belgium)

Seminar Room

Co-organised by the Centre for European Research for Microfinance (CERMi - Université libre de Bruxelles/Université de Mons) and the Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme (University of Oxford)

This version : January 6th, 2009

Thursday, 14 January, 2010

9.30am – 10.00am *Arrival of all participants (+ tea and coffee)*



10.00am – 10.30am Welcome

Opening speech by **Marek Hudon (Université Libre de Bruxelles / CERMi, BE)**

Opening remarks by **Cyril Fouillet (University of Oxford, UK / CERMi, BE / RUME, FR),**

Presentation of all participants



10.30am – 11.30pm *Presentation*

Britta Augsburg, (London Institute for Fiscal Studies, UK), “Using Expectations Data to Model Expected Income and Expenditures in Rural India”

Discussant: Marc Labie

11.30am – 12.30pm *Presentation*

Bina Fernandez (University of Leeds, UK), *“Unleashing the Female ‘White Tiger’? State Promotion of Women’s Micro-enterprises in India”*
Discussant: Héloïse Weber



12.30pm – 2.00pm *Lunch break*



2.00pm – 3.00pm *Presentation*

Marc Labie (Université de Mons / CERMi, BE), **Pierre-Guillaume Méon (Université Libre de Bruxelles / CEB, BE)**, **Roy Mersland (University of Agder, NO / CERMi, BE)**, and **Ariane Szafarz (Université Libre de Bruxelles / CERMi, BE)**, *“Discrimination in Microfinance: The Role of Credit Officers”*
Discussant: Bina Fernandez



3.00pm – 3.30pm *Break (coffee and tea)*



3.30pm – 4.30pm *Presentation*

Heloise Weber (University of Queensland, Australia/University of Warwick, UK), *“Governing Global Development: Microfinance and Inequality”*
Discussant: Barbara Harriss-White

4.30pm – 5.30pm *Presentation*

James Copestake (University of Bath, UK / CERMi, BE), *“Rural Microfinance Services within India’s Welfare Regime: Pointers for Future Research”*
Discussant: Ariane Szafarz



Friday, 15 January, 2010

9.30am – 10.00am *Arrival of all participants (+ tea and coffee)*



10.00am – 11.00pm *Presentation*

Cyril Fouillet (University of Oxford, UK / CERMi, BE / RUME, FR),
“Banking Sector Reforms, Microfinance and Safety Net: Evidence from India”

Discussant: Isabelle Agier

11.00am – 12.00pm *Presentation*

Surpriya Garikipati and Barbara Harriss-White (University of Liverpool/University of Oxford, UK), *“Microcredit and Women’s Empowerment: Have We Been Looking at the Wrong Indicators?”*

Discussant: Isabelle Guérin



12.00pm – 1.00pm *Lunch break*



1.00pm – 2.00pm *Presentation*

Susan Johnson (University of Bath, UK), *“Making Financial Markets Work for Poor People: The Challenge of Social Regulation”*

Discussant: Britta Augsburg

2.00pm – 3.00pm *Presentation*

Isabelle Guérin (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement / IEDES / RUME, FR), *“Microfinance and Women's Empowerment in Rural South-India: Subjectivity, Conflicts and Compromises”*

Discussant: James Copestake



3.00pm – 3.30pm *Break (coffee and tea)*



3.30pm – 4.30pm *Presentation*

Marek Hudon (Université Libre de Bruxelles / CERMi, BE) and Sylvie Fanta (Université Libre de Bruxelles / CERMi, BE),
“Microfinance and Rationalities: Case study of an Ethiopian MFI”

Discussant: Susan Johnson



4.30pm – 5.00pm *Conclusions*

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