



Thorolf Rafto Memorial Symposium

Human rights and economic development

NHH Thursday, November 23, 2006. Dag Coward Auditorium.

09:30 - 09:45 Opening of the Symposium by Rector Jan I Haaland

I Gender, religion, and development

Chair: Kjetil Bjorvatn

09:45 - 10:15 Jean Philippe Platteau (University of Namur)

"Is religion an obstacle to economic development in the Middle East?"

10:15 - 10:45 Karl Ove Moene (University of Oslo)

"Microcredit and local insurance: Development with gender equality, or just romantic promises?"

10:45 - 11:15 Discussion

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee

II Corporate social responsibility

Chair: Bertil Tungodden

11:45-12:15 Alexander Cappelen (NHH)

"Corporate governance and human rights: The case of the Norwegian Petroleum Fund"

12:15-12:45 Einar Flydal (Telenor)

"The Bangladeshi GrameenPhone and its Village Phone Ladies: Microfinance, infrastructure funding, and large scale business working together"

12:45 - 13:15 Discussion

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

III Rights and empowerment of the poor

Chair: Lise Rakner

14:15 - 14:45 Siri Gloppen (UiB, CMI)

"Legal empowerment as a development strategy?"

14:45 - 15:15 Jakob Svensson (Stockholm University)

"Information as a development strategy?"

15:15 - 15:45 Discussion

15:45 - 16:00 Conclusion of Symposium