As we have recently discovered, global crises are hard to predict and to counteract; and the designing of policies which mitigate effects on the poorest and weakest around the globe is an urgent priority. This seminar presents the results of an ESRC research project designed to show how poverty outcomes are influenced by political processes, especially at times of global crisis, and how economic policies may be influenced in a pro-poor direction. In a concluding session we debate the economics and politics of the currently evolving global crisis and discuss its likely implications for global poverty.

Programme

10:30 Arrival, registration, coffee

11:00 Welcome
  John Driffill, Birkbeck. Director, ESRC World Economy and Finance Programme

  Sarah Brown, Head, Dept of Economics/Andrew Geddes, Head, Dept of Politics, University of Sheffield (tbc)

11:15 Session I: The Political Economy of Adjustment Updated (provisional title)
  Alexandros Mourmouras, International Monetary Fund

12:00 Session II: The Politics of Crisis, Adjustment and Poverty: Summary of findings
  Paul Mosley and Jean Grugel, University of Sheffield

12:45 Lunch
13:45  Session III: Adjustment, conflict and poverty  
Norbert Fiess, University of Glasgow  
Blessing Chiripanhura, University of Sheffield  
Paul Mosley, University of Sheffield

14:30  Coffee break

15:00  Session IV: The ‘social efficiency wage’ and the political economy of welfare spending  
John Hudson, University of Bath  
Pamela Lenton, University of Sheffield  
Paul Mosley, University of Sheffield

15:45  Session V: International financial institutions and the crises of 1998 and 2008  
Ben White, University of Wellington, New Zealand (tbc)

16:30  Session VI: Roundtable  
Looking forwards: The current (2008/9) crisis and its implications for LDCs  
Panicos Demetriades, University of Leicester  
Geoffrey Underhill, University of Amsterdam (tbc)  
Jamie Gough, University of Sheffield (tbc)

17:15  Close
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