

ADB-IBMG Partnership: Virtual Seminars on *Sanitation and Development*

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17:00-19:00 Japan Standard Time

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Time	Description
16:45 - 17:00 (JST) 08:45 - 09:00 (UK)	Login opens and pre-event chat
17:00 - 17:05 (JST) 09:00 - 09:05 (UK)	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>by Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo, Japan</i></p>
17:05 - 17:55 (JST) 09:05 - 09:55 (UK)	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Unintended consequences of public intervention in sanitation – the cases of Peru and India</p> <p><i>by Britta Augsburg Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)</i></p> <p><i>Antonella Bancalari Assistant Professor, University of St. Andrews Research Associate, IFS</i></p> <p>Abstract: It has been undeniably established that public infrastructure, including sanitation, is key for prosperity and economic growth. However, to maximize infrastructure’s effectiveness to improve living standards, the whole developmental process, as well as behavioural responses by all actors involved, need to be taken into account.</p> <p>In this seminar, we will present results of two studies that address infrastructure construction and maintenance – sewerage expansion in Peru, and community toilet maintenance in India - highlighting how infrastructure aimed at improving public health, can lead to hazardous, unintended outcomes. The study in Peru reveals that every additional sewerage project that was launched increased under-five mortality by 6 percent over the baseline. This striking result is linked to the fact that unfinished projects exposed the population to - literally - death-traps. In India, while a one-off infrastructure improvement grant and financial incentives to caretakers led to higher quality community toilets, as intended, the intervention also led to increased demand for public intervention, challenging financial sustainability through market forces and, importantly, led to increased open defecation, likely driven by more stringent management by caretakers.</p>

<p>17:55 - 18:50 (JST) 09:55 - 10:50 (UK)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Discussions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>moderated by Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair for Research, ADBI</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussants:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1) <i>Meera Mehta, Professor Emeritus, CEPT University; Executive Director, Center for Water and Sanitation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2) <i>Neeta Pokhrel, Chief of Water Sector Group, ADB</i></p>
<p>18:50 - 18:55 (JST) 10:50 - 10:55 (UK)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>By KE Seetha Ram, Senior Consulting Specialist, ADBI</i></p>
<p>18:55 - 19:00 (JST) 10:55 - 11:00 (UK)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wrap up and announcements</p>

Biographies of Speakers

	<i>Last Name</i>	Augsburg	<i>First Name</i>	Britta
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Britta Augsburg is Associate Director at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She is an applied development economist, with a particular interest in environmental influences on child (health) outcomes, how they interact with other inputs - such as nutrition and stimulation -, and how policy can be used to target improvements in a child's environment. She has 15 years' experience in design and implementation of complex evaluations in LMIC's, including India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Mongolia. Recent studies have focused on understanding both demand and supply constraints for poor households to improve their sanitation environment.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Bancalari	<i>First Name</i>	Antonella
	<i>Institution</i>	University of St. Andrews and Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Antonella Bancalari is an Assistant Professor (Lecturer) at the School of Economics and Finance, University of St. Andrews and a Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).</p> <p>She is an applied microeconomist and her research sits at the intersection of Development, Health and Public Economics. She studies the principles underlying effective public good/service delivery in low- and middle-income countries and explores ways to induce people to adopt welfare-improving technologies and behaviours. She has ample experience in sanitation delivery and adoption in South-East Asia and Latin America.</p> <p>She holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, Department of Social Policy, a Master in Public Administration - International Development/Economic Policy from the LSE and a BSc in Economics from Universidad del Pacifico (Peru).</p>				

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