# November 4-5, 2009 First Annual Conference for Funded Researchers

University of California, Irvine

This conference brings together the Institute's inaugural set of award recipients who will present their preliminary findings based on research in 14 developing world countries. As more and more philanthropic, industry and development actors ask whether mobile technology can help provide access to needed financial services like savings and money transfer, these projects look to the experience on the ground of existing, traditional money systems and financial practices, as well as the potential and real impact of new technology in providing access to finance for the world's poor.

**Location:** Doheny Beach conference room at UC Irvine, Parking \$7 at the Student Center Parking Structure. Registration is free, but space is limited. To register, please email imtfi@uci.edu or call (949) 824-2284 by Oct. 26. For complete schedule and additional information please go to www.imtfi.uci.edu.

## **Session 1: Traditional money management**

Mani Nandhi, Centre for Microfinance - Chennai, India Syed Aiman Raza, Shia Degree College - Lucknow, India Magdalena Villarreal, CIESAS - Tlalpan, Mexico Maria Eugenia Santana, Universidad Autonoma de Chiapas - Chiapas, Mexico

#### Session 2: Existing indigenous money practices

Kenneth Omeje, United States International University - Nairobi, Kenya Thanuja Mummidi, French Institute of Pondicherry - Pondicherry, India Svetlana Tyukhteneva, Ethnoconsulting Ltd. - Moscow, Russia

#### Session 3: Impact of m-banking and ICTs

Sirimevan S. Colombage, The Open University of Sri Lanka - Nawala, Nugegoda Beatrice Magembe and Alice Shemi, University of Botswana - Gabarone, Botswana Francis Wambalaba, Akosa Wambalaba, and Philip Machoka United States International University - Nairobi, Kenya

#### Session 4: Multiple currencies and local money systems

Marco Crocco, Federal University of Minas Gerais - Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil Caroline Schuster, University of Chicago - Chicago, IL Mrinalini Tankha, Brandeis University - Waltham, MA

### Session 5: Microfinance and technology

Crystal Murphy Morgan, University of California, Irvine Anke Schwittay and Paul Braund, RiOS Institute - Berkeley, CA

#### Session 6: Alternative methods of managing finance and protection against risk

Melissa Cliver, Financial Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST) - Montreal, Quebec Harsha de Silva, LIRNEasia - Columbo, Sri Lanka Catur Sugiyanto, Sri Yani Kusumastuti, and Duddy Donna Universitas Gadja Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia





