

## 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 \$8 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.

Day 1-Session 1

#### TRADITIONAL MONEY MANAGEMENT

chair/discussant: Paul Dourish, UC Irvine Mani Nandhi, Centre for Microfinance Syed Aiman Raza, Shia Degree College Magdalena Villarreal, CIESAS Maria Eugenia Santana

Universidad Autonoma de Chiapas

Session 2

#### **EXISTING INDIGENOUS MONEY PRACTICES**

chair/discussant: Mohammed Mohammed,
Bill &Melinda Gates Foundation
Kenneth Omeje, USIU Nairobi, Kenya
Thanuja Mummidi, French Institute of Pondicherry
Svetlana Tyukhteneva, Ethnoconsulting Ltd.

Session 3

#### IMPACT OF M-BANKING AND ICTS

Philip Machoka, USIU Nairobi, Kenya

chair/discussant: Jan Chipchase, Nokia Design
Sirimevan S. Colombage, The Open University of Sri Lanka
Beatrice Magembe and Alice Shemi
University of Botswana
Francis Wambalaba, Akosa Wambalaba, and

Day 2 - Session 4

#### MULTIPLE CURRENCIES AND LOCAL MONEY SYSTEMS

chair/discussant: Scott Mainwaring, Intel Research Marco Crocco, Federal University of Minas Gerais Caroline Schuster, University of Chicago Mrinalini Tankha, Brandeis University

Session 5

#### MICROFINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

chair: Douglas Sabo, Visa Inc.
discussant: Michael Ferguson, Microfinance Opportunities
Crystal Murphy Morgan, UC Irvine
Anke Schwittay and Paul Braund, RiOS Institute
Mark Pickens (guest speaker), CGAP

Session 6

# ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF MANAGING FINANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST RISK

chair/discussant: Wendy March, Intel Research
Melissa Cliver, Financial Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)
Harsha de Silva, LIRNEasia
Catur Sugiyanto and Sri Yani Kusumastuti
Universitas Gadja Mada in Yogyakarta



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