

## **BREAD conference**

### **Barriers to entry and to expansion in the developing world: the role of institutional constraints**

Joint with AIID, CIFRA, United Nations University, CEPR

**Location:** Amsterdam

**Date:** August 28-29

This workshop will seek a highly interactive exchange seeking common ground between the themes of poverty and the role of access to finance in development.

Firms in the developing world face a myriad set of constraints in both the start-up phase, and early stages of expansion. Many new enterprises live in the murky world of the underground economy, and suffers additional barriers to further expansion.

We are interested in work, both empirical and theoretical, that examines this set of barriers to establishment and growth. Possible areas include (but are not limited to):

- \* Government regulation
- \* Access to finance
- \* Human capital access
- \* Corruption
- \* The economics of the informal sector

On the empirical side, we are particularly interested in work that makes effective use of micro-level datasets that convincingly address these questions.

A specific goal is to promote young researchers engaged in finance and development studies and to connect them with the BREAD network in development economics, so far mostly active in the US.

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