Friday, March 27, 2015

8:45am - 9:00am  Introduction & welcome
                John Sullivan, Mary Shirley

9:00am – 10:30am  Memories of Ronald Coase
                 Alexandra Benham, Lee Benham, Ning Wang, Oliver Williamson

10:30am – 11:00am  Coffee

11:00am – 11:30am  Coase’s views on the conduct of economics
                  Mary Shirley

11:30am – 12:30pm  Future directions of research in the Coasean tradition
                 Kenneth Arrow, Sam Peltzman

12:30pm – 2:00pm  Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm  Policy lessons from research in the Coasean tradition
                  Chair: Martin Regalia
                  Coasean answers to the challenge of development
                  Philip Keefer
                  Global environmental externalities, property rights, and public policy, Gary Libecap
                  The Coasean approach to network infrastructure,
                  Claude Menard
                  Matching theory to the real world: Coase and industrial organization, John Nye

3:30pm – 4:00pm  Coffee

4:00pm – 5:30pm  Policies and development: unintended consequences and unforeseen challenges
                  Impact of foreign aid and influence on reform, Sebastian Galiani
                  Land tenure and insurgency: the case of Peru, Jenny Guardado
                  Unintended consequences of regulation: conflict mineral regulation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominic Parker
                  The credibility of policy reform: Egyptian commodity subsidies, Dalibor Rohac
Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:00am – 10:30am  Reform in China: insights from field research

The political economy of land taking compensation in China, Meina Cai
The market for ideas and China’s market transformation, Ning Wang
Productivity in China versus India, Colin Xu
Population growth, access to school, and educational outcomes in China, Yang Yao

10:30am – 11:00am  Coffee

11:00am – 12:30pm  How to encourage innovative and useful research in today’s era of scarce finances, conflicting incentives, and new media
Chair: Tyler Cowen
Panel discussion: Kenneth Arrow, Lee Benham, Tyler Cowen, Gary Libecap, Claude Menard, Sam Peltzman

12:30pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm  Insights from the field: examples of the practical uses of scholarly work
Chair: John Sullivan
Panel discussion: Anna Nadgrodkiewicz, Mary Shirley, Steven Webb, Yang Yao
Speakers

Kenneth Arrow, Professor of Economics Emeritus, Nobel laureate, Stanford University
Alexandra Benham, Secretary to the Board, Ronald Coase Institute
Lee Benham, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Washington University in St. Louis
Meina Cai, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut
Tyler Cowen, Professor of Economics, George Mason University and the Center for Public Choice, Director, Mercatus Center
Sebastian Galiani, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland
Jenny Guardado, Postdoctoral Fellow, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
Philip Keefer, Principal Advisor, Institutions for Development, Inter-American Development Bank
Gary Libecap, Professor of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara
Claude Menard, Professor of Economics, University of Paris 1, Pantheon-Sorbonne
Anna Nadgrodkiewicz, Director, Multiregional Programs, Center for International Private Enterprise
John Nye, Professor of Economics, George Mason University
Dominic Parker, Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sam Peltzman, Professor of Economics Emeritus, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago
Martin Regalia, Senior Vice President for Economic and Tax Policy and Chief Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Dalibor Rohac, Policy Analyst, Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, Cato Institute
Mary Shirley, President, Ronald Coase Institute
John Sullivan, Executive Director, Center for International Private Enterprise
Ning Wang, Senior Research Fellow, Ronald Coase Institute
Steven Webb, Consultant, World Bank
Oliver Williamson, Professor of Business, Economics and Law Emeritus, Nobel laureate, University of California, Berkeley
Lixin Colin Xu, Lead Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank
Yang Yao, Dean, National School of Development and Director, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University