

Second Conference on Hirschman's Legacy

A Bias for Hope

A Colorni-Hirschman International Institute and Independent Evaluation Group (World Bank Group)

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October 25, 2018

8.30-9.00 **Registration and coffee**

9.00-9.15 **Opening words** -Sophie Sirtaine, IEG acting Director-General of Evaluation
Welcome - Jos Vaessen, IEG Methods Adviser

9.15-9.45 **The Strategy of Economic Development at 60** – Luca Meldolesi, AC-HII

9.45-11.15 **Session 1: Hirschman and the World Bank**

Chair: Brian Levy

- Michele Alacevich - *Development knowledge and organizational routines*
- John Heath - *A necessary incompatibility: Hirschman and McNamara's Bank - The evidence from oral history*
- Nicoletta Stame - *Some observations on Hirschman's production line on projects and programs*
- Vijayendra Rao - *Implementing Hirschman: The Social Observatory experience*

11.15-11.30 **Break**

11.30-13.00 **Session 2: Development interventions observed**

Chair: Osvaldo Feinstein

- David Ellerman– *Transforming the Old into a Foundation for the New: Lessons of the Moldova ARIA Project*
- Dan Honig - *Going out to the country: World Bank staff decentralization and aid project success*
- Michael Woolcock - *Strategies for improving the quality of implementation of complex development interventions*
- Tom Kenyon - *Some thoughts on the World Bank's attempts to address long-term complex development problems*

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.45 Session 3: Hirschman and development

Chair: Leslie Obiora

- Brian Levy - *The 21st century relevance of Albert Hirschman's 'tunnel effect': The case of South Africa*
- Paola Ridolfi - *The global migration crisis through the lenses of Hirschman's Voice and Exit paradigm*
- Shalini Randeria - *What kind of Voice do the poor in India have*
- Elena Saraceno - *The role of agricultural and rural development policies in developed and developing countries: Better understanding their connections and mutually supportive effects*
- Norman Birnbaum – *What is the Twenty-First Century? A ninety-two year old survivor of the twentieth century seeks an answer*

15.45-16.00 Break

16.00-17.45 Session 4: Hirschman and specific policy options - the public sector

Chair: Salo Coslovsky

- Leslie Obiora - *Learning and innovation for governance reform sustainability*
- Raffaele Trapasso and Domenico Marino - *Stimulating policy complementarities in the Regional Development Process*
- Paolo di Nola - *Cases of reforming in the Public sector: Causes and effects*
- Tito Bianchi - *The sustainability of public sector innovation: The dilemma of maintaining Good Government over time, based on Italian experiences*
- Fabio Zilberstein – *Trust and communication in citizen dialogue*

Evening Conference dinner

October 26, 2018

8.30-9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00-10.45 Session 5: Hirschman and social science in the field of development

Chair: Fonna Forman

- Ilene Grabel - *It's a mess, and that's (mostly) a good thing: Global financial governance in the current Hirschmanian conjuncture*
- Osvaldo Feinstein - *Uncertainty as opportunity*
- Philipp Lepenies - *Teaching and applying Hirschman - Thoughts from a practitioner turned academic*
- Luca Meldolesi - *How to complicate Economics: A few observations*
- Adriana Mica - *"The Importance of Being a Fit: Possibility Theory in Sociology and Related Social Sciences"*

10.45-11.00 Break

11.00-12.45 Session 6: Hirschman and specific policy options - the private sector

Chair: Meenu Tewari

- Vinni Marino - *Hirschman's Legacy findings in dealing with the private sector*
- Tommaso Di Nardo - *VAT gap, mandatory e-invoicing and a surprising Latin America: Where can Hirschman's strategy lead us today?*
- Maria Ariano - *A framework for entrepreneurship education and training programs*
- Renato Bruno - *Sailing against the wind: A view from below*
- Yevgeny Kuznetsov - *From exit to voice that creates a lasting song: Options diaspora talents (fail to) cultivate*

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.45 Session 7: Hirschman, evaluation and decision-making

Chair: Michael Woolcock

- Tessie Catsambas - *The value of applying appreciative and positive approaches to evaluation*
- Jos Vaessen – *Heeding Hirschman in evaluation: dealing with complexity, context and side effects*
- Meenu Tewari - *Sustaining reform: Especially pro-poor service delivery reform in a budget constrained environment*
- Laura Tagle and Viviana Fini – *Contribution of evaluation to democratic policies*
- Laura Orlando - *Reflections of a Sanitarian*

15.45- 16.15 Closing remarks

Chair: Jos Vaessen

- Nicoletta Stame
- Michael Woolcock

Other participants

Most of the participants are taking up a role as session chairs and/or speakers. Apart from the above, the following people have confirmed their participation:

Alberto Criscuolo, Anjali Kumar, Anna Morrone, Antonio Bruno, April Miller, Arne Paulson, Eduardo Wiesner, Elisa Liberatori Prati, Estelle Raimondo, Fabio Zilberstein, Francesco Cicione, Laura Orlando, Luis Landau, Maria Ana Lugo, Pablo Guerrero, Raquel Gomes, Rob van den Berg, Sarah Worth, Sean Morgan, Stoyan Tenev, Stuart Tucker, Peter Wogart.