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**FIELDS** Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Public Policy Analysis

## **EDUCATION**

2002- January 2008 **PhD in Development Economics**  
*Cornell University, Department of Applied Economics and Management.*  
PhD Committee: Christopher B. Barrett (chair), Ravi Kanbur, Per Pinstrup-Andersen, David Ruppert  
Title: *Four Papers on Structural Household Welfare Dynamics*  
Topics:

- Modeling Asset Welfare Dynamics and Poverty Traps
- Poverty Measurement Across Time under Welfare Variability
- The Effect of Transitory Income on Economic Mobility Measures
- Microeconomic Determinants of Inequality

1994-1995 **MSc Development Economics**  
*School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK.*  
*Awarded with distinction.*

1991-1994 **BSc(Econ) Economics**  
*University College London, University of London, UK.*  
*Upper second class honors.*

## **PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS AND BOOKS**

Naschold, Felix (2009) 'Microeconomic Determinants of Income Inequality in Rural Pakistan'.  
*Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 45, No.5, p.746-768.

Naschold, Felix (2004) 'Growth, Distribution and Poverty Reduction: LDCs are Falling Further Behind', in: Tony Shorrocks and Rolph van der Hoeven (eds) *Growth, Inequality, and Poverty - Prospects for Pro-poor Economic Development*, WIDER Studies in Development Economics, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Foster, Mick, Adrienne Brown, and Felix Naschold (2001) 'Sector Programme Approaches: Will They Work in Agriculture?' *Development Policy Review*, Vol.19, No.3, September, p. 321-338.

Hanmer, Lucia and Naschold, Felix (2000) 'Attaining the International Development Targets: Will Growth Be Enough?' *Development Policy Review*, Vol.18, No.1, March 2000, p. 11-36. Also published in: Anne Booth and Paul Mosley (eds.) (2003) *The New Poverty Strategies: What Have They Achieved? What Have We Learned?*, London: Macmillan.

## WORKING PAPERS

Naschold, Felix and Christopher B. Barrett (2009) 'Do Short-term Observed Income Changes Overstate Structural Economic Mobility?'. Resubmitted to *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*.

Naschold, Felix (2009) 'Poor stays poor – Household Asset Poverty Traps in Rural Semi-arid India'. Under Review at *World Development*.

Naschold, Felix (2009) 'Measuring Poverty over Time – Accounting for Welfare Variability'. To be submitted to *Journal of Economic Inequality*.

Naschold, Felix (2009) 'Modeling Household Asset Welfare Dynamics: A Semiparametric Panel Data Estimator Based on Penalized Splines'. To be submitted to *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

*Quantitative analysis of household welfare dynamics and idiosyncratic shocks in rural Ghana* (with ISSER University of Ghana). This research will use newly expanded panel data from rural Ghana to assess how household-specific risk affects long-term asset accumulation patterns differentiating between ex ante and ex post risk exposure and between risk management mechanisms (self-insurance, formal insurance informal social insurance).

*Idiosyncratic shocks and household welfare dynamics*. A three country comparison (with IFPRI, Addis Ababa University, ISSER University of Ghana, DATA Bangladesh). This USAID funded research aims to clarify what existing mechanisms help mitigate adverse idiosyncratic shocks, what gaps in coverage exist, and how different interventions affect insurance against idiosyncratic ex-ante and ex-post risk and its dynamic effects on rural households' asset holdings, productivity and well-being in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Ghana.

*The impact of government decentralization policies on child nutrition in rural Kenya* (with International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi). This research uses novel difference-in-difference stochastic dominance analysis and a new, large dataset on kids' Mid Upper Arm Circumference in arid and semi-arid rural Kenya to evaluate the effect on child nutrition of the Kenyan government's Arid Land Resource Management Program.

*Targeting maps in Uganda* (with International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi). By combining small area estimation techniques with econometric estimates of conditional, asset-specific returns disaggregated by location and subpopulations we will construct expected poverty maps which can help target policy interventions and guide further research aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity.

*Subgroup-specific welfare dynamics in rural semi-arid India*. Using newly expanded household panel data from Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra this research aims to identify long-term welfare trajectories and poverty transitions by household livelihood strategies and caste membership.

## **OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Barrett, Christopher, Ernest Aryeetey, Agnes Quisumbing, Akhter Ahmed, John Hoddinott, Felix Naschold, Jacqueline Vanderpuye-Orgle and Tassew Woldehanna (2007) 'Local Risk Management: Protecting Household Asset Building and Farm Productivity from Idiosyncratic Shocks', *USAID BASIS CRSP Brief 2007-03*, July.
- Naschold, Felix (2002) 'Why Inequality Matters for Poverty', *DFID Inequality Briefing Paper 2*, London: Department for International Development.
- Mick Foster, Adrian Fozzard, Felix Naschold and Tim Conway (2002) 'How, When and Why Does Poverty Get Budget Priority? Poverty Reduction Strategy and Public Expenditure in Five African Countries – Synthesis Paper', *Overseas Development Institute Working Paper 168*, May.
- Naschold, Felix and Adrian Fozzard (2002) 'How, When and Why Does Poverty Get Budget Priority? Poverty Reduction Strategy and Public Expenditure in Tanzania', *Overseas Development Institute Working Paper 165*, April.
- Naschold, Felix (2002) 'Aid and the Millennium Development Goals' *ODI OPINIONS*, London: Overseas Development Institute, February.
- Foster, Mick, Adrienne Brown, Andy Norton and Felix Naschold (2001) 'The Status of Sector Wide Approaches', *Overseas Development Institute Working Paper 142*, January.
- Hanmer, Lucia, John Healey and Felix Naschold (2000) 'Will Growth Halve Global Poverty by 2015?', *ODI Poverty Briefing Paper*, London: Overseas Development Institute, July.
- Foster, Mick and Felix Naschold (2000) 'Expenditure Framework and Partnership', Washington DC: The World Bank, *OED Working Paper Series*, No. 9, Summer.
- Naschold, Felix and Adrienne Brown (2000) 'SWAps and Sustainable Livelihood Approaches', *DFID Natural Resource Department Sustainable Livelihoods Guidance Sheet 6.7*.

## **SELECTED COMMISSIONED REPORTS**

- McKay, Andrew, Felix Naschold and Agha Imran Hamid (2002) 'Issues Paper on Pakistan IPRSP Intermediate Indicators for Education and Health', for DFID, March.
- Naschold, Felix, with David Booth (2002) 'General Budget Support Evaluability Study: Literature Review', for DFID, February.
- Dyble, Martin, Felix Naschold and Sushila Zeitlyn (2001) 'Report on DFID Support to Poverty Reduction Strategy Process Pakistan', for DFID, September.
- Naschold, Felix (2001) 'Revisiting Poverty Projections for Least Developed Countries and other Income Groups using National Accounts Based Poverty data', for UNCTAD, September.
- Naschold, Felix (2001) 'Poverty Projections for Least Developed Countries and Other Income Groups 1990-2015', May. Commissioned background paper for: UNCTAD (2002) *The Least Developed Country Report 2002 – Escaping the Poverty Trap*, Geneva: UNCTAD.
- Naschold, Felix, Lucia Hanmer and Frances Harper (2001) 'Review of the Tanzanian PRSP Medium Term Targets', for DFID East Africa (Tanzania), March.

- Fozzard, Adrian and Felix Naschold (2001) 'Tanzania Country Financial Accountability Assessment: Planning, Budgeting and Budget Execution', for DFID and World Bank, February.
- Foster, Mick and Felix Naschold (2000) 'Sustainable financing of Education for All: a preliminary scoping study', for DFID, November.
- Brown, Adrienne, Felix Naschold, Tim Conway and Adrian Fozzard (2000) 'Transaction costs of aid in Viet Nam', for UNDP Hanoi, October.
- Naschold, Felix (2000) 'Donor involvement in PRSPs: Survey results', for SPA PRSP Technical Group, June.
- Brown, Adrienne, Mick Foster and Felix Naschold (2000) 'What's different about agricultural SWaps – a comparison of agriculture and social sector programmes' for DFID Natural Resources Advisers' Conference, May.
- Maxwell, Simon, Mick Foster, Felix Naschold and Tim Conway (1999) 'Operationalizing the Comprehensive Development Framework: Evidence from Contemporary Research'. Commissioned background paper for: World Bank OED (2000) *1999 Annual Review of Development Effectiveness*, Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Foster, Mick and Felix Naschold (1999) 'Developments of Programme-type Aid', for OECF Japan, October.

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- January 2010* American Economics Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA. Presentation: *Social Visibility, Risk and Welfare Dynamics in Rural Ghana*.
- July 2009* American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, USA. Presentation: *Poor stays poor: Household Asset Poverty Traps in Rural Semi-arid India*.
- September 2006* Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Ithaca, NY, USA. Presentation: *Measuring Poverty Over Time– Accounting for Income Variability and the Intertemporal Distribution of Poverty*.
- September 2005* Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Providence, RI, USA. Presentation: *Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds: New Methods with an Application to Pakistan and Ethiopia*.
- July 2005* American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Conference, Providence, RI, USA. Presentation: *Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds: New Methods with an Application to Pakistan and Ethiopia*.
- June 2005* UNU-WIDER Jubilee conference 'WIDER Thinking Ahead: the Future of Development Economics', Helsinki, Finland. Presentation: *Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds: New Methods with an Application to Pakistan and Ethiopia*.

- May 2001            UNU-WIDER Conference on 'Poverty and Growth', Helsinki, Finland.  
Plenary Presentation: *Growth, Distribution and Reducing Poverty: LDCs  
Are Falling Further Behind.*
- April 1999           UK Development Studies Association Annual Conference, Reading, UK.  
Presentation: *Can the International Development Targets be Met?*

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

Seminars in Development Microeconomics, Department of Applied Economics and Management,  
Cornell University:

- March 2008           *Measuring Poverty over Time – Income Variability and the Intertemporal  
Distribution of Poverty*
- May 2007            *Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds in Rural India.*
- October 2006        *Do Short-term Income Changes Overestimate Economic Mobility?*
- May 2006            *Measuring Poverty over Time.*
- November 2005      *Estimating the Effect of Transitory Income on Economic Mobility.*
- March 2005          *Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds in Pakistan and Ethiopia.*
- December 2004      *Towards a Dynamic Poverty Measure.*
- May 2004            *Microeconomic Determinants of Income Inequality in Rural Pakistan.*
- Other Seminars:
- February 2002        Overseas Development Institute lecture series, London. *Doubling Aid and  
the Millennium Development Goals.*
- February 2002        DFID lunchtime lecture series, London. *Why Inequality Matters for  
Poverty.*
- June 2000            GTZ Sector Program Working Group, Frankfurt. *Was ist anders in  
Sektorprogrammen in der Landwirtschaft? (What's different about  
agriculture SWAps?)*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Since Feb 2008 *Post-doctoral Research Associate*, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.  
Research on household welfare dynamics, risk and poverty mapping. Coordinating a USAID funded multi-year three-country research project on idiosyncratic shocks, farm productivity and household welfare dynamics.  
Supervising and coordinating PhD and Masters students' research.
- Fall 2004-Spring 2007 *Research Assistant*, Cornell University. For Professor Christopher B. Barrett.  
Assisted research on household welfare dynamics, including literature reviews, household survey data analysis, micro simulations and preparation of grant applications.
- Feb 1999-June 2002 *Research Officer*, Poverty and Public Policy Group and Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute, London.  
Applied research and advisory work for international donors on poverty and inequality and on aid and public expenditure management.
- March-June 1998 *Research Associate*, Overseas Development Institute, London.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2008 *Co-Instructor* (joint with Christopher B. Barrett).  
Microeconomics of International Development (Cornell University PhD course)  
Teaching modules on Causal Inference, Consumption, Nutrition, Risk and Welfare Dynamics
- Spring 2004 *Teaching Assistant* (for Nancy Chau).  
International Trade Policy (Course for Senior Cornell University Undergraduates)  
Responsible for advising on course research projects, office hours, grading exams and homework.
- Fall 2002 & 2003 *Teaching Assistant* (for Harry Kaiser).  
Price Analysis (Microeconomics Course for Senior Undergraduates).  
Responsible for holding weekly review sessions (as part of the main lecture) and pre-exam review lectures, designing homework assignments, office hours, grading exams and homework.

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- Oct 1995-Dec 1997 *Senior Economist*, Economic Analysis Unit, Budget Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Suva, Fiji.  
Policy research and advice for the Minister and Permanent Secretary of Finance on public expenditure reform, investment incentive reform, and tax and expenditure policies.

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## REFEREE

Academic Journals: *Food Policy*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal for International Development*

International Conferences: *International Association of Agricultural Economists 2006*

International Donors: *DFID Social Science Research Unit*

## OTHER ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

Consultant for DFID, UNCTAD, UNDP, World Bank, SPA, OECF Japan, JICA, Irish Aid.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA)

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

February 2007 Cornell Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant 'Identifying Asset Poverty Thresholds in Semi-arid Rural India' (\$1200; declined)

February 2002 DFID 'Inequality Briefing Paper' (\$7,000)

April 2001 UNCTAD 'Commissioned Background Paper for LDC Report 2002' (\$15,000)

## COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Fiji, Pakistan, Tanzania, Vietnam, Sri Lanka.

## SOFTWARE

STATA, R, some MATLAB and S-Plus

## LANGUAGES

German/English Bilingual

French Conversational

## REFERENCES

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Steven B. & Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management

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