

Dani Rodrik

Dani Rodrik is Professor of International Political Economy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. What constitutes good economic policy and why some governments are better than others in adopting it are the central questions on which his research focuses. He has published widely on issues related to economic reform in developing countries, trade policy and political economy, both in books and in economic journals, two of which he contributes to editing ("Review of Economics and Statistics" and "Journal of Economic Literature"). Dani Rodrik is also the recipient of a number of important research grants (from the Carnegie Corporation, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation) and honors (Leontief Award for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought).

A bibliography of Dani Rodrik's publications is available on his website:

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Rethinking Economic Growth in Developing Countries

The lecture will develop several themes. First, igniting economic growth and sustaining it are somewhat different enterprises, requiring different strategies. Conventional policy wisdom tends to focus on the latter at the expense of the former, and hence has been unable to trigger growth in environments where it has been applied. Second, transitions to high economic growth are typically sparked by a relatively narrow range of policy changes and institutional reforms. Third, the policy changes that initiate these growth transitions often combine elements of orthodoxy with unconventional institutional innovations. The lecture will develop a strategic approach of "growth diagnostics," illustrating how policies can be targeted on the most binding constraints on growth.

Programme

17.30 Welcoming Address and Introduction

PIERO GASTALDO* (General Secretary, Compagnia di San Paolo)

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RICCARDO FAINI (Professor of Economics, University of Rome "Tor Vergata"; Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

17.45 Second Luca d'Agliano Lecture in Development Economics: "Rethinking Economic Growth in Developing Countries":

DANI RODRIK (Professor of International Political Economy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University):

Chair

AMARTYA SEN (Lamont University Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University and Member of the Scientific Committee of the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

19.15 Debate

The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics

The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics are organised every year in Turin thanks to the generous support of the Compagnia di San Paolo. They aim at favouring the diffusion of the ideas of the best world thinkers in the field to a non specialised audience. The ultimate aim of the lectures is to help grounding the general debate on development issues, often confused and muddled, into sound economic analysis.

The First Luca d'Agliano Lecture, 2003:

PRANAB BARDHAN (Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley):

"Globalisation and the Poor"

The Third Luca d'Agliano Lecture, 2005:

FRANCOIS BOURGUIGNON (Chief Economist, the World Bank)

Luca d'Agliano

Luca d'Agliano was born in Turin on July 4, 1961. In September 1980, he went up to Churchill College, University of Cambridge, where he read philosophy and then economics. On taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983, he was awarded a scholarship by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Turin, and was admitted to St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford. Here, under the guidance of Amartya Sen, he studied questions relating to developing countries and welfare economics.

It was Luca's vision that the study of economics should be "... be continually carried over into practical applications, above all when attempting to solve problems that limit the growth of man's well-being. For this substantially ideological reason, it becomes important to combine close study of purely theoretical matters with a study of the problems afflicting the developing countries in their struggle against poverty [...]".

Nearly a year later, Luca d'Agliano lost his life in a road accident (June 1984).

Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano

The Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano was founded in Turin in 1986 by the family of Luca d'Agliano, his friends, and some of his teachers. It is currently located at the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi in Torino and at the University of Milan. It is a non-profit research institution contributing original research in the field of international and development economics. Particular emphasis is placed on the training of young scholars and in giving them the opportunity of acquiring a truly international perspective. The activities of the Centro Studi mainly focus on academic research, but it also greatly contributes to the policy debate, working for institutions such as the World Bank, the European Commission, the United Nations, the Bank of Italy and the Italian Government.



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For further information on Professor Dani Rodrik and on
the Lecture, please refer to:

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