2026 DeReCK Workshop Program

Development, Conflict and the Political Economy of Development

Thursday, 18 June

Location: Kennedy Building Seminar Room 1 (KENSR1)

13:30–13:45 Welcome Address

Session 1

Chair: Amrit Amirapu	Presenter	Paper
13:45–14:15	Kaustabh Adhya (University of Kent)	Insurgency and Structural Transformation: Evidence from India's Red Corridor
14:15–14:45	Roxana Guiterrez (Queen Mary University of London)	From drug trafficking to state capture: The dynamics of criminal governance, political violence, and crime diversification

14:45–15:15 Tea/Coffee Break — Kennedy Foyer

Session 2

Chair: Anirban Mitra	Presenter	Paper
15:15–16:00	Irma Clots-Figueras (University of Kent)	The Economic Consequences of Re-Electing the Incumbent: Evidence from India
16:00–16:45	Smriti Sharma (Newcastle University)	Gendered Effects of Employability Interventions: Experimental Evidence from Vietnam
16:45–17:45 (Keynote)	Adnan Khan (London School of Economics and Political Science)	Strengthening the Social Compact: Experiment in Building Fiscal Capacity

18:15–19:20 Drinks — The Dolphin, St Radigunds St, Canterbury CT1 2AA

19:30 Workshop Dinner (by invitation) — The Parrot, 1–9 Church Ln, Canterbury CT1 2AG

Friday, 19 June

Location: Sibson Building Lecture Theatre 2 (SIBLT2)

Session 3

Chair: Rinchan Mirza	Presenter	Paper
9:15–10:00	Bansi Malde (City St George's, University of London)	At Scale Implementation and the Perils of Fragmentation
10:00–10:45	Stefania Lovo (University of Reading)	The political economy of environmental regulation: evidence from sand mining in India

10:45–11:15 Tea/Coffee Break — Foyer outside Sibson LT2

Session 4

Chair: Irma Clots-Figueras	Presenter	Paper
11:15–12:00	Cyrus Samii (New York University)	Targeting Incentives for Environmental Stewardship (TIES)
12:00–12:45	Anirban Mitra (University of Kent)	Dynastic Politics and Pro-Poor Policy: Evidence from Indian State Elections

12:45–13:45 Lunch — Foyer outside Sibson LT2

Session 5

Chair: Amrit Amirapu	Presenter	Paper
13:45–14:45 (Keynote)	Ashwini Deshpande (Ashoka University)	The Sticky Hierarchy: How Caste Norms Bound Gender Progress in India

14:45–14:50 Vote of Thanks