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Good Day,

It is with great pleasure to inform you of our Distinguished Visitor, Kaivan Munshi, who will be visiting us from November 2nd –6th, 2015. Professor Munshi received his PhD from MIT in 1995, was a faculty member here at BU, followed by appointments at University of Pennsylvania and Brown University. He is currently the Frank Ramsey Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge. Kaivan Munshi’s research career has been devoted to the analysis of communities and their interaction with economic activity. His recent work has examined the effect of community networks on education, health, and mobility, which are key determinants of growth and development. Munshi’s research has been published in the American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. He is currently co-editor of the Journal of Development Economics.

Kaivan Munshi will give the regularly scheduled IED Seminar and two lectures:

**Seminar Title:** Insiders and Outsiders: Local Ethnic Politics and Public Good Provision, on Monday November 2nd, from 3:30-5pm in Room 315 (264 Bay State Road). Seminar Paper Attached

**Lectures 1 and 2 will be on "Community Networks and Migration"** The lectures will be organized in 5 sections. We will begin with the canonical model without networks, where the migration decision is based on moving costs and wages at the origin and the destination. Then networks at the destination will be included in the model, and we will show how this affects patterns of migrant selection as well as the dynamics of migration. Rural-urban migration is an important feature of the development process. Agrarian societies will have typically established community-based mutual insurance arrangements long before urban labor market opportunities became available. The third section will begin by briefly summarizing the mutual insurance literature, before describing how the presence of these preexisting insurance networks at the origin shapes both temporary and permanent migration. The fourth section discusses the statistical identification of community networks. The fifth section concludes with a discussion of the role played by community networks, particularly business networks, in the process of development.

Lecture 1: Monday, November 2nd at 11am in room 315
Lecture 2: Wednesday, November 4th at 11am in room 315

Office Hours will be located in 417, please email Gillian Gurish at gjgurish@bu.edu with your 1st, 2nd,and 3rd choices. You can view the open times on the calendar at [http://www.bu.edu/econ/research/lectures/distinguished-visitors/](http://www.bu.edu/econ/research/lectures/distinguished-visitors/).

Every attempt will be made to give you your desired time; however, it will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis. The following are the dates and times to request a 30-minute meeting:

Tuesday, November 3rd from 10:30am to 12:30pm
Thursday, November 5th from 10:30am to 12:30pm

The Department and the IED hope that you will enjoy Kaivan Munshi’s visit and take the opportunity to attend his scheduled seminar and lectures. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Langdon at the IED or visit her office located at 264 Bay State Rd, Room 512.
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