博士論文審査結果報告 Report on Ph.D. / Doctoral Dissertation Defence

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審査委員会を代表し、以下のとおり審査結果を報告します。

On behalf of the Doctoral Thesis Review Committee, I would like to report the result of the Ph. D. / Doctoral Dissertation Defense as follows.

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1. 論文要旨 Thesis overview and summary of the presentation.

This thesis focuses on two topics in development, linked by the use of the RePEAT dataset on agricultural households from Uganda. The first main paper is an original experiment on intra-household production. In the experiment couples carried out a simple production task. However the terms of the task varied: in some cases the husbands work was paid at twice the rate as wives' output; in some cases the reverse was true. Meanwhile, in some treatments all the earnings went to one person, while in other treatments earnings were paid separately and so on. The aim was to test theories about how husbands and wives cooperate in a situation of inequality. In the second part of the thesis Ms. Masekesa used the RePEAT data to test the link between attitudes to risk, crop riskiness and planting decisions. Part of the originality of this section is that she actually measured the riskiness of crops and attitudes to risk, whereas most previous studies rely on assumptions about attitudes and risk. A second feature of her work is that she uses data from several waves of the panel and this enables her to control for effects that are fixed at the level of the household or village. She found that variation in preferences plays only a small part in planting decisions, but that planting decisions and fertilizer use are sensitive to both to the measured risk of the crop and to the riskiness of alternative crops. The last point may be of particular policy interest, because crop insurance schemes typically focus only on one crop at a time and may therefore be counter-productive in terms of changing farmer's management of agricultural risks.

Presentation.

Ms Masekesa went through the main findings of the main research chapters, in a presentation that lasted approximately 45 minutes. There followed questions and comments from the examiners.

2. 審查報告 Notes from the Doctoral Thesis Review Committee (including changes required to the thesis by the referees)

The committee unanimously awarded Ms Masekesa a score of 5. There were a few suggestions for minor changes that mostly focused on encouraging her to explain her results more clearly and to emphasize her policy implications. She was also asked to conduct a few more robustness checks, to justify more clearly the behavioural model of preferences used in Chapter 5 and to explain certain terms such as 'peer model' in Chapter 2.

3. 最終提出論文確認結果 Confirmation by the Main Referee that changes have been done to the satisfaction of the referees

Ms. Masekesa revised her dissertation to incorporate the suggestions of the referees. She added some robustness checks and provided some justification of her models. At the same time, she added some further explanation of her results and clarified the policy conclusions. On behalf of the committee, the main referee re-read the dissertation and hereby confirms that the changes are acceptable.

4. 最終審查結果 Final recommendation.

We recommend that the degree of Ph.D. in Development Economics be awarded to Ms. Masekesa.