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Taxation and state capacity in postcolonial Angola and Mozambique

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School of Economics.

A light lunch will be provided in the staff lounge from 12h20.

Abstract: This presentation addresses the relatively under-explored question of the links between tax reform and state capacity in Southern Africa. Given that a fair and well-functioning tax system plays a redistributive role in society, fiscal reform provides a critical means for fast-growing countries to address the disconnection between macroeconomic achievements and equitable development. It presents empirical findings from research in Angola and Mozambique, and discusses how the institutional effects of taxation depend on the types of resources being taxed. In comparative perspective, the presentation assesses how the dominance of oil and foreign aid in these respective economies imposes constraints on revenue collection, and in turn the on impact of taxation on state capacity.

Emily Anderson is a PhD Candidate in International Relations at the London School of Economics. Her thesis addresses the impact of taxation on statebuilding in postcolonial Angola and Mozambique, and presents empirical data collected from 12 months of fieldwork. Emily is currently a consultant on development issues to the Virgin Group and previously worked in investment banking and strategy consulting.