



## **Seminar Notice**

# **Raj Chetty**

Professor Harvard University

Will deliver a lecture titled

## **The Long-Term Impacts of Teachers: An Illustration of the Transformative Potential of "Big Data"**

on Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 3.00 pm**

Venue: Madras School of Economics

Canara Bank Auditorium

### **Abstract:**

This lecture will describe the transformation in applied microeconomics research and policy making being sparked by the availability of large administrative datasets coupled with quasi-experimental methods. I will illustrate this recent work by describing the results from two recent papers from our research group that study the long-term impacts of elementary school education. Tracking more than 2 million children from Kindergarten to age 30, we find that the quality of teachers one has a child has a dramatic impact on long-term success. I will conclude by discussing how analogous methods can be used to inject scientific evidence into critical policy debates in India and other developing countries.

### **About the Speaker:**

Raj Chetty is a Professor in the Economics Department at Harvard University, Co-Director of the Public Economics group at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and Editor of the Journal of Public Economics. His research combines empirical evidence and theory to inform the design of more effective government policies. Chetty's work on topics such as taxation, unemployment, and education has been widely cited in media outlets and Congressional testimony. Chetty received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 2003 at the age of 23 and is one of the youngest tenured professors in the university's history. He has been named one of the top young economists in the world by the New York Times and the Economist magazine. Most recently, Chetty was awarded a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 2012 and named one of the "Top 100" Global Thinkers by Foreign Policy magazine.

### **All are welcome**

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