

# ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHATMASTERS PIZZA PARTY ADDRESS

“THE THREE QUESTIONS I AM ASKED MOST AT IFPRI”

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# Outline



## **Question 1**

Where am I from?

## **Question 2**

What am I working on?

## **Question 3**

Where do I like to eat?



**Where am I from?**

# Where am I from? (I)

## Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles



# Where am I from (II)

This is what the islands look like “up close”



# Where am I from? (III)

## □ Some facts about Curaçao

### □ Politics

- Part of Netherlands Antilles
- Part of the Dutch Kingdom

### □ Economics

- Key economic pillars: (i) financial services, (ii) harbor activities & oil refining, (iii) tourism

### □ Culture

- Festivals (e.g., Carnaval, Harvest/seú, Salsa)
- Music: Tumba, Tambú, Ritmo kombiná, Merengue etc.
- Languages (Dutch, English, Spanish, Papiamentu, French)
- Claims to fame: Curaçao liquor, Andruw Jones, Jair Jurjjens

# Where am I from? (IV)

- Politics
  - ▣ Queen of the Netherlands
  - ▣ Central government
  - ▣ Local government



# Where am I from? (V)

- Economy
  - Harbor Activities





# Where am I from? (VI)

- Economy
  - Tourism



# Where am I from? (VII)

- Culture
  - CARNAVAL





**What am I working on?**

# What am I working on? (I)



- Game theory (non-cooperative)
  - ▣ Set of players
  - ▣ Actions and strategies over actions
  - ▣ Payoffs over strategies
  - ▣ Information
- Behavioral experiments
  - ▣ Typically, sessions in which a game is applied with real people
  - ▣ Traditionally, done in laboratories at universities
  - ▣ Nowadays, done in the field to inform policy

# What am I working on? (II)



- Topic I
  - ▣ How do peers affect people's likelihood to deviate from a norm of reciprocity?
  - ▣ Joint work with Ruth Hill and Eduardo Maruyama
  - ▣ Field experiments conducted in rural Peru
  - ▣ Main finding
    - Observing peers deviating from a norm of reciprocity induces others to deviate from the norm as well

# What am I working on? (III)

- Topic I (continued)
  - ▣ What did the Peru study look like?



# What am I working on? (IV)



## □ Topic 2

- ▣ Do people exhibit willingness to pay for insurance?
- ▣ Joint work with Ruth Hill
- ▣ Field experiments conducted in Ethiopia
- ▣ Main finding
  - People exhibit high willingness to pay for insurance, as long as liquidity is not an issue
  - Insurance experiments are a meaningful way to explain insurance to less educated populations

# What am I working on? (V)

- Topic 2 (continued)
  - ▣ What did the Ethiopia study look like?





# What am I working on? (VI)



- Other topics

- ▣ Vietnam contract farming study (joint with Maximo Torero and other non-IFPRI researchers)
- ▣ El Salvador remittance study (joint with Ryan Cooper and Maximo Torero)
- ▣ Sub-Saharan Africa farmer cooperatives' study (joint with Ruth Hill, Eduardo Maruyama and other non-IFPRI researchers)



**Where do I like to eat?**

# Where do I like to eat? (I)



- At home
  - ▣ Lunch “reputation”
  - ▣ Favorite dishes
    - Curry chicken, Filet mignon, Shrimp tempura
- Bistro du Coin (French)
  - ▣ Steak maison medium well with a side of champignons
- Inti (Peruvian)
  - ▣ Seco

# Where do I like to eat? (II)

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- Thai Place
  - ▣ Pineapple fried rice with a side of peanut sauce
- Thai Kingdom
  - ▣ Chicken with broccoli in peanut sauce
- Russia House
  - ▣ Beef stroganoff
- Desserts/cakes
  - ▣ Furin's in Georgetown
- Complaint
  - ▣ *Do not get enough Indonesian rice table!*

# The End



- Thanks for your attention
- Questions, comments, answers?