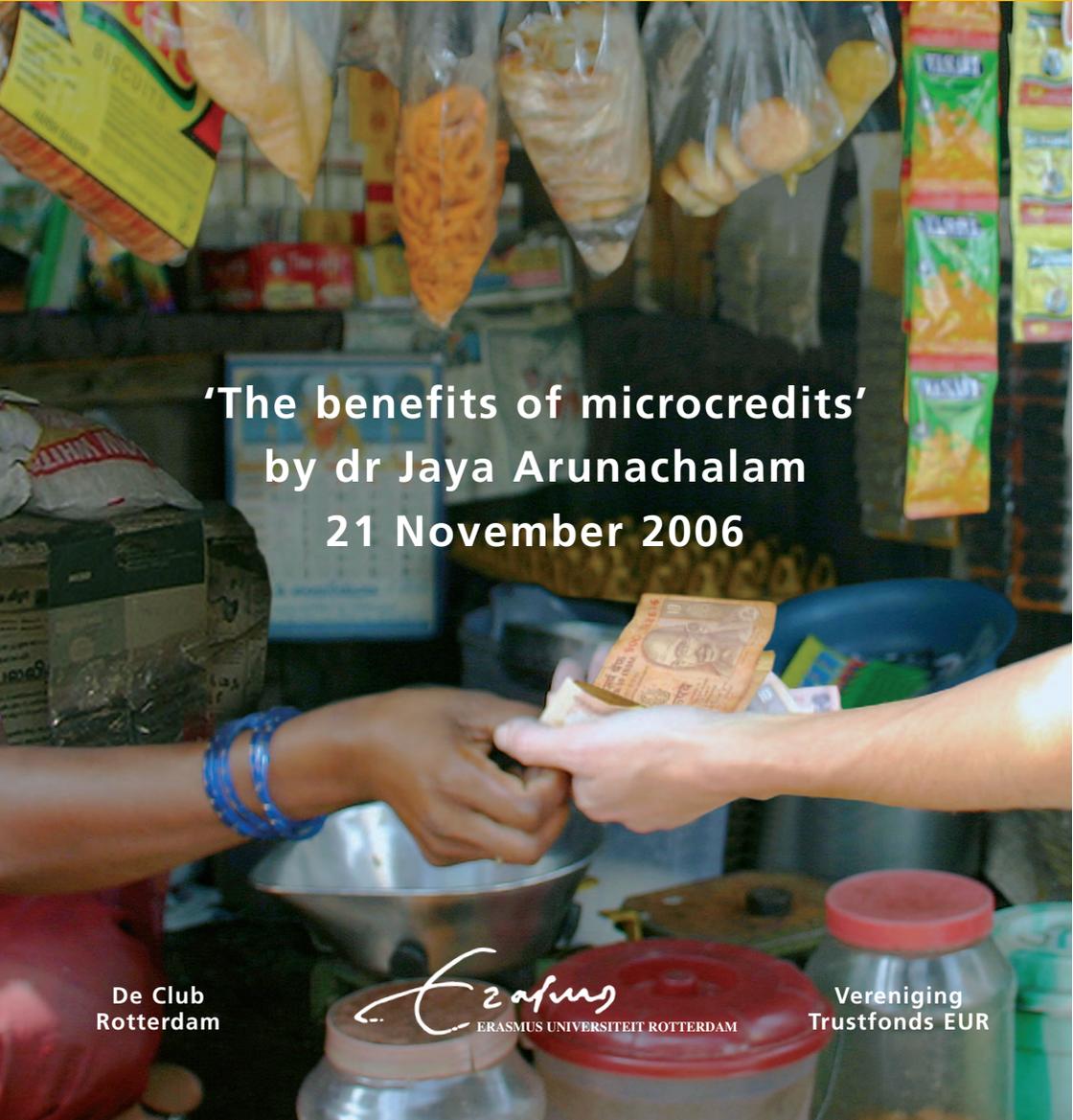


# Mandeville

Invitation

12th Mandeville Lecture



'The benefits of microcredits'  
by dr Jaya Arunachalam  
21 November 2006

De Club  
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The Foundation annually expresses its appreciation for remarkable societal merits. Honorary lecture, award and certificate are tokens of appreciation.

Bernard Mandeville was an 18th century enlightenment philosopher, raised in Rotterdam. His best known publication is *The Fable of the Bees*, a political satire about private vices and public benefits. Mandeville's thinking essentially proclaims that people by nature are not good, but rather greedy and selfish. Through these vices, however, man can achieve great things.

Former laureates were (amongst others):  
Frans Andriessen, Max van der Stoep, Wim Duisenberg,  
Bernard Kouchner, Ruud Lubbers, Frits Bolkestein,  
and Carla del Ponte.



The Board of the Bernard Mandeville Foundation requests the honour of your presence at the 12th Mandeville Lecture by

DR JAYA ARUNACHALAM

Microcredits are an efficient instrument in the fight against extreme poverty, enabling the poor themselves to actively participate in this fight; it is also one in the fight for gender equality, as it is usually women who are beneficiaries of these programmes; this permits their economic and social enrichment as well as increases their self-esteem and the education of their children.



Ms. Jaya Arunachalam is the president of the Working Women's Forum (WWF) in India, founded by her in 1978 to develop the human resource potential of poor women workers. As of now, over 800,000

entrepreneuring women participate in this grass-roots independent network sharing support in various ways: from housing rights and health care to education and microcredits and savings. The WWF aims at 'participation, self-reliance and sustainability' and is seen by many of its members as a unique path to economic, social and political empowerment.

Jaya is a pioneer in building institutions for the poor, a role model to the emancipation of poor women. WWF receives (financial) support from all over the world, including Rabobank Foundation.

Tuesday 21 November 2006, at 4 pm

Aula Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam  
Burgemeester Oudlaan 50 (Woudestein campus)

Informal drinks after lecture

## ADMISSION

Entrance is free. Please return the enclosed reply card before 10 November 2006.

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A week before the Lecture you will receive your admission card, including routing and parking.

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