


# Development Research Group (DECRG) Researchers

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## Director





	Name	Research Topics
	<a href="#"><u>Deon Filmer</u></a> Director	human capital and skills; service delivery; the impact of policies and programs to improve human development outcomes—with research spanning the areas of education, health, social protection, and poverty and inequality

## Finance and Private Sector Development Team (DECFP)

	Name	Research Topics
	<a href="#"><u>Robert Cull</u></a> Research Manager	microfinance institutions; African financial development; Chinese financial development and firm performance; bank regulation and supervision in developing economies; financial inclusion
	<a href="#"><u>Miriam Bruhn</u></a> Senior Economist	micro, small, and medium enterprises; the effect of regulatory reform on entrepreneurial activity; access to finance; financial literacy
	<a href="#"><u>Xavier Gine</u></a> Lead Economist	financial inclusion; the impact of microfinance services (including credit, insurance and savings); digital financial services; financial literacy; consumer financial protection
	<a href="#"><u>Martin Kanz</u></a> Senior Economist	banking; behavioral economics; the political economy of the credit market, particularly in India and Southeast Asia.




	<b><a href="#">Leora Klapper</a></b> Lead Economist	corporate and consumer finance; financial technology (fintech); banking; financial risk management; the impact of digital financial services on businesses and households; measuring financial inclusion (the Global Findex database)
	<b><a href="#">David McKenzie</a></b> Lead Economist	enterprise development; entrepreneurship; migration; labor market interventions; methodology for use with developing country data
	<b><a href="#">Alvaro Pedraza</a></b> Senior Economist	financial markets and institutions; capital market development; institutional investors; emerging markets finance; banking; market microstructure; asset prices
	<b><a href="#">Claudia Ruiz Ortega</a></b> Senior Economist	access to finance and bank lending to individuals and firms; the role of financial sector policies and financial innovations on real activity and economic development
	<b><a href="#">Federica Zeni</a></b> Economist	corporate environmental strategies; regulatory policies; financial markets

## Human Development Team (DECHD)

	Name	Research Topics
	<b><a href="#">Damien de Walque</a></b> Acting Research Manager	health; education; and the interactions between them; social protection and evaluation of cash transfers; the impact of financial incentives on health and education outcomes; evaluating the impact of HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 interventions and policies
	<b><a href="#">S Anukriti</a></b> Senior Economist	gender; family economics; demography; political economy; fertility; family planning; sexual and reproductive health; women's social networks; son preference; sex ratio imbalances; women's work; digital job search; female entrepreneurship; gender-based violence; marriage markets
	<b><a href="#">Kathleen Beegle</a></b> Lead Economist	labor; economics of the family and gender; economic shocks; social protection; methodological studies on household surveys
	<b><a href="#">Lelys Dinarte</a></b> Economist	human capital accumulation; school-based violence reduction programs; mental health; crime and violence; psychology-based programs to improve social-emotional skills; higher (tertiary) education

	<b><u>John Giles</u></b> Lead Economist	internal and international migration and its impacts on households and communities; evaluation of active labor market policies; school-to-work transitions; long-term effects of shocks to employment; population aging and labor supply decisions; women's labor supply decisions
	<b><u>Clement Joubert</u></b> Research Economist	labor economics (drivers of informality, labor market mismatches, overeducation, scarring effects and radicalization); public economics (household saving decisions, pension reform, social protection for informal workers); gender economics (gaps in earnings, careers and social protection coverage)
	<b><u>Carolina Lopez</u></b> Research Economist	education; human capital; and behavioral economics
	<b><u>Oyebola Okunogbe</u></b> Economist	taxation and public finance (determinants of compliance, improving administration, use of technology, political economy); social protection (cash transfers and livelihoods programs); education and youth employment (apprenticeship programs, gender gaps, impact of role models); national and ethnic identity
	<b><u>Anja Sautmann</u></b> Senior Economist	health economics; health decision making; demand for healthcare; quality of health care; time-preferences; intertemporal decisions and dealing with economic shocks; methods to measure preferences; adaptive methods to make economic experiments faster and more efficient; non-monetary incentives; demographics of marriage markets

## Macroeconomics and Growth Team (DECMG)

Name		Research Topics
	<b><u>Sergio Schmukler</u></b> Research Manager	banking; capital flows; corporate and sovereign bonds; benchmark indexes; debt and equity markets; emerging market finance; financial crises; financial development; financial markets and institutions; firm financing; firm performance and growth; institutional investors; international finance; micro and macro financial risk
	<b><u>Pierre Bachas</u></b> Economist	public finance; optimal tax design; informality and tax evasion; fiscal policy and inequality; financial inclusion
	<b><u>Roberto Fattal Jaef</u></b> Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of economic development: firm dynamics, distortions, and aggregate productivity. real and financial shocks: macroeconomic and firm-level effects.

	<b><u>Manuel García-Santana</u></b> Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of development and trade
	<b><u>Stuti Khemani</u></b> Senior Economist	public economics, political institutions and incentives theory, applied to emergent problems of government across sectors (climate change; green infrastructure; fragility and conflict; water scarcity; public health; structural transformation & local government)
	<b><u>Tatjana Kleineberg</u></b> Economist	macroeconomics; regional and aggregate economic development; structural change; occupational choice
	<b><u>Steven Pennings</u></b> Senior Economist	fiscal policy (especially fiscal transfers); economic growth; exchange rate pass-through; monetary policy; conflict, political economy
	<b><u>Tristan Reed</u></b> Economist	industrial organization; competitive and comparative advantage; trade; structural change; impact investing
	<b><u>Agustin Samano</u></b> Research Economist	international macroeconomics; international finance; monetary-fiscal issues in emerging market economies
	<b><u>Mahvish Shaukat</u></b> Economist	governance; political economy; public finance
	<b><u>Dario Tortarolo</u></b> Economist	taxation; public economics; labor economics

## Poverty and Inequality Team (DECPI)

Name	Research Topics
 <b><u>Jed Friedman</u></b> Acting Research Manager	the measurement of wellbeing and poverty; the evaluation of health and social policies; determinants of poverty reduction

	<b><u><a href="#">Benoit Decerf</a></u></b> Senior Economist	poverty measurement; public economics and mechanism design; wellbeing measurement
	<b><u><a href="#">Quy-Toan Do</a></u></b> Lead Economist	institutions and their relationships to economic development; the political economy of institutional development; fragility, conflict and violence; migration and forced displacement
	<b><u><a href="#">Emanuela Galasso</a></u></b> Senior Economist	social protection; nutrition and early childhood development.
	<b><u><a href="#">Eeshani Kandpal</a></u></b> Senior Economist	health and nutrition, cash transfers, and gender
	<b><u><a href="#">Berk Özler</a></u></b> Lead Economist	cash transfer programs; human capital accumulation among adolescent females and young women; family planning; using adaptive experiments, machine learning, and artificial intelligence to improve women's health
	<b><u><a href="#">Vijayendra Rao</a></u></b> Lead Economist	the social, cultural, and political context of extreme poverty in developing countries. narrative economics, political economy, Machine Learning, Mixed-Methods, Deliberative Democracy, Participation
	<b><u><a href="#">Sandra Rozo</a></u></b> Senior Economist	forced migration; refugees; firms decision making; and violence and conflict
	<b><u><a href="#">Roy van der Weide</a></u></b> Senior Economist	poverty and inequality measurement; small area estimation; intergenerational mobility and equality of opportunity; axiomatic approaches to income measurement; spatial econometrics; the transmission of price inflation and volatility
	<b><u><a href="#">Michael Woolcock</a></u></b> Lead Social Scientist	strategies for enhancing state capability for implementation; crafting more effective interaction between informal and formal justice systems; mixed methods to assess the effectiveness of "complex" development interventions

## Sustainability and Infrastructure Team (DECSI)

Name	Research Topics
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**Carolyn Fischer**  
Research Manager

technical change; trade; carbon leakage in environmental policy instrument design



**Daniel Ayalew Ali**  
Senior Economist

applied microeconomics with a focus on Africa and rural issues; property rights; contracts in land and investment incentives; impact evaluation, especially of land-related project; risk coping and management



**Patrick Behrer**  
Research Economist

economic consequences of air pollution; the impacts of environmental conditions on human capital formation; the role of environmental conditions in generating income inequality across space; distributional consequences of climate change adaptation policy; water conservation; how different legal structures impact environmental pollution



**Susmita Dasgupta**  
Lead Environmental Economist

environmental management; pollution control; health hazards of pollution; poverty/environment nexus; setting priorities in pollution control; deforestation; biodiversity loss; impacts of climate change on coastal zones and climate extremes; adaptation; infrastructure investments for climate change mitigation; cost-effective regulations



**Klaus Deininger**  
Lead Economist

income and asset inequality and its relationship to poverty reduction and growth; access to land; land markets and land reform and their impact on household welfare and agricultural productivity; land tenure and its impact on investment and environmental sustainability; capacity building for policy analysis and evaluation



**Gabriel Englander**  
Economist

wildlife and biodiversity conservation; marine fisheries; protected area management; forests; tourism



**Dorothea Hilhorst**  
Senior Land Governance Specialist

land policy and tenure security related to institutions



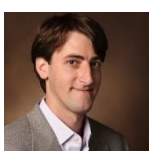
**Hanan Jacoby**  
Lead Economist

agriculture; rural institutions; human capital; land tenancy; groundwater markets; rural roads; risk-coping; child nutrition and schooling; the economics of marriage








**Megan Lang**  
Economist

consumer decision-making around energy and rural electrification; women-owned enterprises; psychology and economics



**Alejandro Molnar**  
Economist

transportation; industrial organization; international trade; digital platforms

	<b><u>Harris Selod</u></b> Senior Economist	urban development, including issues related to internal migration, transport and land use; land tenure, land markets and land governance; foreign direct investments in agricultural land
	<b><u>Forhad Shilpi</u></b> Senior Economist	economic geography; urbanization; rural-urban transformation; internal migration; intergenerational educational mobility; infrastructure; labor markets; markets and institutions; gender
	<b><u>Ruozi Song</u></b> Economist	energy market; green technology adoption; efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and distributional impacts of environmental policies; climate change adaptation
	<b><u>Kibrom Tafere</u></b> Economist	impacts of infrastructure on health and education; child health and nutrition; the welfare impacts of weather shocks; intergenerational effects of weather shocks; adaptation to climate change; agriculture and rural livelihoods
	<b><u>Govinda Timilsina</u></b> Senior Research Economist	climate change policy and economics; carbon pricing; infrastructure & economic growth; infrastructure & poverty; energy economics and policy; renewable energy; biofuels; energy efficiency; electricity economics; regional electricity trade; urban planning; power system planning & modeling; energy sector modeling; general equilibrium modeling

## Trade and International Integration Team (DECTI)

	Name	Research Topics
	<b><u>Daria Taglioni</u></b> Research Manager	global value chains; globalization and resilience to shocks, links between globalization and technological change, and between trade and environment, economics of globally integrated data-intensive industries
	<b><u>Erhan Artuc</u></b> Senior Economist	globalization and labor markets; globalization and jobs; the distributional effects of international trade; regional and sectoral mobility of workers; unemployment; informality; migration
	<b><u>Paulo S. R. Bastos</u></b> Senior Economist	drivers of firm-level upgrading and industrial development, links between globalization and technological change, and the distributional impacts of trade and FDI
	<b><u>Ana Margarida Fernandes</u></b> Lead Economist	consequences of openness to trade and FDI for firm-level productivity; innovation and quality upgrading; impact evaluation of trade-related policy interventions such as export promotion and customs reforms; link between exporter growth and dynamics, development, policies and shocks; corruption in customs and tax evasion



**[Devaki Ghose](#)**  
Research Economist

international trade, urban, and development economics; applied micro topics, especially in education; global value chains and the propagation of shocks through production networks; migration and trade



**[Hiau Looi Kee](#)**  
Lead Economist

trade; productivity and growth at the firm and aggregate level; domestic value-added in exports; shared-supplier spillovers of FDI; rules of origin and firm productivity; valorem equivalent of non-tariff measures; trade restrictiveness indexes



**[Çağlar Özden](#)**  
Lead Economist

globalization of product and labor markets; migration; forced displacement; brain drain and high skilled migration; government and economic development



**[Bob Rijkers](#)**  
Senior Economist

corruption; state capture; tax evasion; aid effectiveness; trade; labor markets



**[Roman Zarate](#)**  
Research Economist

international trade; urban economics; labor economics