


Development Research Group (DECRG) Researchers

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Director





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



	<u>Leora Klapper</u> 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)
	<u>David McKenzie</u> Lead Economist	enterprise development; entrepreneurship; migration; labor market interventions; methodology for use with developing country data
	<u>Alvaro Pedraza</u> Senior Economist	financial markets and institutions; capital market development; institutional investors; emerging markets finance; banking; market microstructure; asset prices
	<u>Claudia Ruiz Ortega</u> 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
	<u>Federica Zeni</u> Economist	corporate finance; sustainable finance; financial economics

Macroeconomics and Growth Team (DECMG)

Name	Research Topics
 <u>Sergio Schmukler</u> 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
 <u>Pierre Bachas</u> Economist	public finance; optimal tax design; informality and tax evasion; fiscal policy and inequality; financial inclusion
 <u>Roberto Fattal Jaef</u> Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of economic development: firm dynamics, distortions, and aggregate productivity; real and financial shocks: macroeconomic and firm-level effects
 <u>Manuel García-Santana</u> Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of development and trade

	<u>Stuti Khemani</u> 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)
	<u>Tatjana Kleineberg</u> Economist	macroeconomics; regional and aggregate economic development; structural change; occupational choice
	<u>Steven Pennings</u> Senior Economist	fiscal policy (especially fiscal transfers); economic growth; exchange rate pass-through; monetary policy; conflict, political economy
	<u>Tristan Reed</u> Economist	industrial organization; competitive and comparative advantage; trade; structural change; impact investing
	<u>Agustin Samano</u> Research Economist	international macroeconomics; international finance; monetary-fiscal issues in emerging market economies
	<u>Mahvish Shaukat</u> Economist	governance; political economy; public finance
	<u>Dario Tortarolo</u> Economist	taxation; public economics; labor economics

Poverty, Inequality, and Human Development (DECPH)

Name	Research Topics
 <u>Dean Jolliffe</u> Research Manager	poverty; inequality; education; household labor supply; related measurement issues
 <u>S Anukriti</u> 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



[Kathleen Beegle](#)
Lead Economist

labor; economics of the family and gender; economic shocks; social protection; methodological studies on household surveys



[Benoit Decerf](#)
Senior Economist

poverty measurement; public economics and mechanism design; wellbeing measurement



[Lelys Dinarte](#)
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



[Quy-Toan Do](#)
Lead Economist

institutions and their relationships to economic development; the political economy of institutional development; fragility, conflict and violence; migration and forced displacement



[Jed Friedman](#)
Lead Economist

the measurement of wellbeing and poverty; the evaluation of health and social policies; determinants of poverty reduction



[Emanuela Galasso](#)
Senior Economist

social protection; nutrition and early childhood development



[Amory Gethin](#)
Economist

global poverty reduction; government redistribution; access to public services; the transformation of political divides in contemporary democracies



[John Giles](#)
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



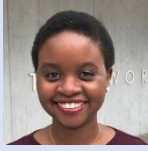
[Clement Joubert](#)
Research Economist

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)



[Carolina Lopez](#)
Research Economist

education; human capital; and behavioral economics



Oyebola Okunogbe
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



Berk Özler
Senior 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



Louise Paul-Delvaux
Economist

distributional impacts of labor market policies; gender gaps in the labor market; formal & informal jobs; public employment services



Vijayendra Rao
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



Sandra Rozo
Senior Economist

forced migration and the policies that support both migrants and their host communities; crime, violence, and conflict, including policies to reduce their incidence; longitudinal studies for hard-to-reach populations; social cohesion



Anja Sautmann
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



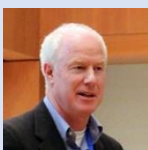
Damien de Walque
Lead Economist

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



Roy van der Weide
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



Michael Woolcock
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
	<p><u>Carolyn Fischer</u> Research Manager</p>	<p>technical change; trade; carbon leakage in environmental policy instrument design</p>
	<p><u>Daniel Ayalew Ali</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Patrick Behrer</u> Research Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Susmita Dasgupta</u> Lead Environmental Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Klaus Deininger</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Gabriel Englander</u> Economist</p>	<p>wildlife and biodiversity conservation; marine fisheries; protected area management; forests; tourism</p>
	<p><u>Dorothea Hilhorst</u> Senior Land Governance Specialist</p>	<p>land policy and tenure security related to institutions</p>
	<p><u>Megan Lang</u> Economist</p>	<p>consumer decision-making around energy and rural electrification; women-owned enterprises; psychology and economics</p>

	Alejandro Molnar Economist	transportation; industrial organization; international trade; digital platforms
	Harris Selod 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
	Forhad Shilpi Senior Economist	economic geography; urbanization; rural-urban transformation; internal migration; intergenerational educational mobility; infrastructure; labor markets; markets and institutions; gender
	Ruozi Song Economist	energy market; green technology adoption; efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and distributional impacts of environmental policies; climate change adaptation
	Kibrom Tafere 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
	Govinda Timilsina 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
	Daria Taglioni 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
	Erhan Artuc Senior Economist	globalization and labor markets; globalization and jobs; the distributional effects of international trade; regional and sectoral mobility of workers; unemployment; informality; migration
	Paulo S. R. Bastos Senior Economist	drivers of firm-level upgrading and industrial development; links between globalization and technological change, and the distributional impacts of trade and FDI



Cristina Constantinescu
Economist

trade policy; international goods trade; international services trade; global value chains; globalization and resilience to shocks; links between globalization and productivity



Ana Margarida Fernandes
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