


Development Research Group (DECRG) Researchers

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Director




Name	Research Topics
 <p><u>Deon Filmer</u> Director</p>	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
 <p><u>Robert Cull</u> Research Manager</p>	microfinance institutions; African financial development; Chinese financial development and firm performance; bank regulation and supervision in developing economies; financial inclusion
 <p><u>Miriam Bruhn</u> Senior Economist</p>	micro, small, and medium enterprises; the effect of regulatory reform on entrepreneurial activity; access to finance; financial literacy
 <p><u>Xavier Gine</u> Lead Economist</p>	financial inclusion; the impact of microfinance services (including credit, insurance and savings); digital financial services; financial literacy; consumer financial protection
 <p><u>Martin Kanz</u> Senior Economist</p>	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 environmental strategies; regulatory policies; financial markets
	<u>Bilal Husnain Zia</u> Senior Economist	financial development at the household, firm, and bank levels, e.g. evaluations of financial and business education programs; testing methods to improve financial access for households and firms; applying insights from behavioral economics to development finance

Human Development Team (DECHD)

	Name	Research Topics
	<u>Damien de Walque</u> 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
	<u>S Anukriti</u> Senior Economist	economics of the family and gender; demography, sexual and reproductive health, fertility, family planning, women's social networks, son preference, sex ratio imbalances, women's work, female entrepreneurship, gender-based violence, political economy, marriage markets, digital job search
	<u>Kathleen Beegle</u> Lead Economist	labor; economics of the family and gender; economic shocks; social protection; methodological studies on household surveys

	<u>Lelys Dinarte</u> 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
	<u>John Giles</u> 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
	<u>Clement Joubert</u> 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)
	<u>Carolina Lopez</u> Research Economist	education; human capital; and behavioral economics
	<u>Oyebola Okunogbe</u> Economist	taxation and public finance (determinants of compliance, improving administration, use of technology, political economy, impact of oil revenue shocks); social protection (cash transfers and livelihoods programs,); education and youth employment (apprenticeship programs, gender gaps, impact of role models)
	<u>Anja Sautmann</u> 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

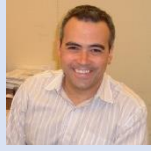
Macroeconomics and Growth Team (DECMG)

Name	Research Topics
 <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

	Roberto Fattal Jaef Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of economic development: firm dynamics, distortions, and aggregate productivity. real and financial shocks: macroeconomic and firm-level effects.
	Manuel García-Santana Senior Economist	macroeconomic aspects of development and trade
	Stuti Khemani Senior Economist	public economics, and microeconomic agency theory, applied to emergent problems of government across sectors (climate change; fragility and conflict; water scarcity; public health; urbanization)
	Tatjana Kleineberg Economist	macroeconomics; regional and aggregate economic development; structural change; occupational choice
	Steven Pennings Senior Economist	fiscal policy (especially fiscal transfers); economic growth; exchange rate pass-through; monetary policy; conflict, political economy
	Tristan Reed Economist	industrial organization; competitive and comparative advantage; trade; structural change; impact investing
	Agustin Samano Research Economist	international macroeconomics; international finance; monetary-fiscal issues in emerging market economies
	Mahvish Shaukat Economist	governance; political economy; public finance
	Dario Tortarolo Economist	taxation; public economics; labor economics

Poverty and Inequality Team (DECPI)

Name	Research Topics
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Jed Friedman
Acting Research
Manager

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



Benoit Decerf
Senior Economist

poverty measurement; public economics and mechanism design



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



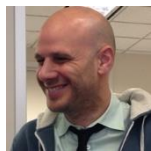
Emanuela Galasso
Senior Economist

social protection; nutrition and early childhood development.



Eeshani Kandpal
Senior Economist

health and nutrition, cash transfers, and gender



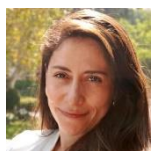
Berk Özler
Lead Economist

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



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



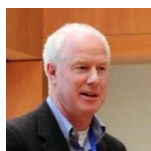
Sandra Rozo
Senior Economist

forced migration; refugees; firms decision making; and violence and conflict



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 conservation; marine fisheries; elephant poaching; bushmeat consumption; and deforestation</p>
	<p><u>Dorothea Hilhorst</u> Senior Land Governance Specialist</p>	<p>land policy and tenure security related to institutions</p>
	<p><u>Hanan Jacoby</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>agriculture; rural institutions; human capital; land tenancy; groundwater markets; rural roads; risk-coping; child nutrition and schooling; the economics of marriage</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



[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
	<p><u>Daria Taglioni</u> Research Manager</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Erhan Artuc</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>globalization and labor markets; globalization and jobs; the distributional effects of international trade; regional and sectoral mobility of workers; unemployment; informality; migration</p>
	<p><u>Paulo S. R. Bastos</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>drivers of firm-level upgrading and industrial development, links between globalization and technological change, and the distributional impacts of trade and FDI</p>
	<p><u>Ana Margarida Fernandes</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Devaki Ghose</u> Research Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Hiau Looi Kee</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Çağlar Özden</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>globalization of product and labor markets; migration; forced displacement; brain drain and high skilled migration; government and economic development</p>
	<p><u>Bob Rijkers</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>corruption; state capture; tax evasion; aid effectiveness; trade; labor markets</p>
	<p><u>Roman Zarate</u> Research Economist</p>	<p>international trade; urban economics; labor economics</p>