


Development Research Group (DECRG) Researchers

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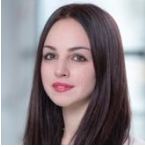

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Director



	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.

	Leora Klapper 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)
	David McKenzie Lead Economist	enterprise development; entrepreneurship; migration; labor market interventions; methodology for use with developing country data
	Alvaro Pedraza Economist	financial markets and institutions; capital market development; institutional investors; emerging markets finance; banking; market microstructure; asset prices
	Claudia Ruiz Ortega 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
	L. Colin Xu Lead Economist	development; conflicts, economic history; corporate governance; governance and institutions; political economy; cultural change; the Chinese economy in transition
	Federica Zeni Economist	corporate environmental strategies; regulatory policies; financial markets
	Bilal Husnain Zia 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
 Kathleen Beegle Research Manager	labor; economics of the family and gender; economic shocks; social protection; methodological studies on household surveys
 S Anukriti 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

	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
	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
	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 <i>(Joining Summer 2023)</i>	education; human capital; and behavioral economics
	Oyebola Okunogbe 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)
	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

Macroeconomics and Growth Team (DECMG)

Name	Research Topics
 Sergio Schmukler 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



Pierre Bachas
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



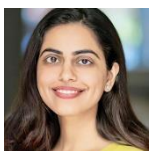
Tristan Reed
Economist

industrial organization; competitive and comparative advantage; trade; structural change; impact investing



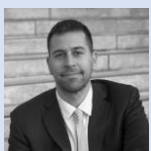
Agustin Samano
Research Economist

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
	<p><u>Berk Özler</u> Research Manager</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Benoit Decerf</u> Research Economist</p>	<p>poverty measurement; public economics and mechanism design</p>
	<p><u>Quy-Toan Do</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>institutions and their relationships to economic development; the political economy of institutional development; fragility, conflict and violence; migration and forced displacement</p>
	<p><u>Jed Friedman</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>the measurement of wellbeing and poverty; the evaluation of health and social policies; determinants of poverty reduction</p>
	<p><u>Emanuela Galasso</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>social protection; nutrition and early childhood development.</p>
	<p><u>Eeshani Kandpal</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>health and nutrition, cash transfers, and gender</p>
	<p><u>Vijayendra Rao</u> Lead Economist</p>	<p>the social, cultural, and political context of extreme poverty in developing countries. narrative economics, political economy, Machine Learning, Mixed-Methods, Deliberative Democracy, Participation</p>
	<p><u>Sandra Rozo</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>forced migration; refugees; firms decision making; and violence and conflict</p>
	<p><u>Roy van der Weide</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>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</p>



[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>Carolyn Fischer Research Manager</p>	<p>technical change; trade; carbon leakage in environmental policy instrument design</p>
 <p>Daniel Ayalew Ali 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>Patrick Behrer 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>Susmita Dasgupta 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>Klaus Deininger 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>Gabriel Englander Economist</p>	<p>wildlife conservation; marine fisheries; elephant poaching; bushmeat consumption; and deforestation</p>
 <p>Dorothea Hilhorst 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>
	<p><u>Alejandro Molnar</u> Economist</p>	<p>transportation; industrial organization; international trade; digital platforms</p>
	<p><u>Harris Selod</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Forhad Shilpi</u> Senior Economist</p>	<p>economic geography; urbanization; rural-urban transformation; internal migration; intergenerational educational mobility; infrastructure; labor markets; markets and institutions; gender</p>
	<p><u>Ruozi Song</u> (Joining Summer 2023)</p>	<p>energy market; green technology adoption; efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and distributional impacts of environmental policies</p>
	<p><u>Kibrom Tafere</u> Economist</p>	<p>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</p>
	<p><u>Govinda Timilsina</u> Senior Research Economist</p>	<p>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</p>

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>