


Development Research Group (DECRG) Researchers



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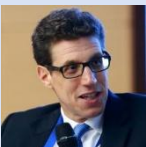



Name		Research Topics
	<u>Deon Filmer</u> Director	human capital and skills; service delivery; the impact of policies and programs to improve human development outcomes—with research spanning the areas of education, health, social protection, and poverty and inequality








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 Senior Economist	financial markets and institutions; capital market development; institutional investors; emerging markets finance; banking; market microstructure; asset prices
	Carolyn Pelnik Research Economist	entrepreneurship - especially small and micro enterprises; market access; financial services access; poverty traps and investment indivisibilities; land markets; urban economics
	Claudia Ruiz 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

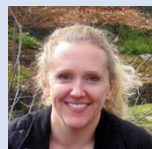
Macroeconomics and Growth Team (DECMG)

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.
 Yi Jie Gwee Economist	evidence-based public policy; urban development; public finance; labor markets; 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	public economics, taxation, governance
	<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



Lelys Dinarte

Economist

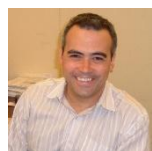
human capital accumulation; school-based violence reduction programs; mental health; crime and violence; psychology-based programs to improve social-emotional skills; higher (tertiary) education



Quy-Toan Do

Lead Economist

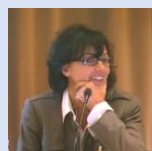
institutions and their relationships to economic development; the political economy of institutional development; fragility, conflict and violence; migration and forced displacement



Jed Friedman

Lead Economist

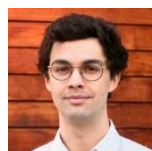
the measurement of wellbeing and poverty; the evaluation of health and social policies; determinants of poverty reduction



Emanuela Galasso

Senior Economist

social protection; nutrition and early childhood development.



Amory Gethin

Economist

conflict; education; growth; inequality and shared prosperity; public finance



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

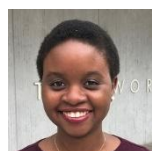
labor economics (drivers of informality, labor market mismatches, overeducation, scarring effects and radicalization); public economics (household saving decisions, pension reform, social protection for informal workers); gender economics (gaps in earnings, careers and social protection coverage)



Carolina Lopez

Research Economist






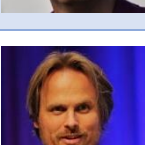
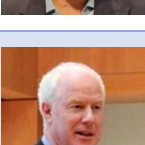
education; human capital; and behavioral economics





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

	<u>Louise Paul-Delvaux</u> Economist	distributional impacts of labor market policies, gender gaps in the labor market, formal & informal jobs, public employment services
	<u>Vijayendra Rao</u> 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
	<u>Sandra Rozo</u> 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
	<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
	<u>Damien de Walque</u> 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
	<u>Roy van der Weide</u> 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
	<u>Michael Woolcock</u> 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
	<u>Florence Kondylis</u> Research Manager	agriculture and food security; labor; rural infrastructure
	<u>Daniel Ayalew Ali</u> 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



[Abdoulaye Cissé](#)

Research Economist

electricity access; grid reliability; power systems; energy transition; agriculture; large-scale infrastructure



[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



[Carolyn Fischer](#)

Lead Economist

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



[Dorothea Hilhorst](#)

Senior Land Governance Specialist

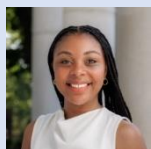
land policy and tenure security related to institutions



[Megan Lang](#)

Economist

rural electrification; energy markets in Africa; private sector-led climate adaptation; women-owned enterprises.



[Oluchi Mbonu](#)

Research Economist






urban mobility; urban transportation; informal transit systems







[Alejandro Molnar](#)

Economist

transportation; industrial organization; international trade; digital platforms

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



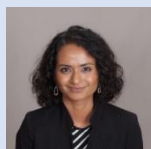
**Cristina
Constantinescu**
Economist

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



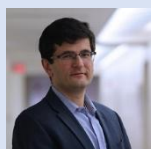
Devaki Ghose
Research Economist

international economics; trade policy; infrastructure; migration; gender



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