

# 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> 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> 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="#">L. Colin Xu</a></b> Lead Economist	development; conflicts, economic history; corporate governance; governance and institutions; political economy; cultural change; the Chinese economy in transition
	<b><a href="#">Federica Zeni</a></b> <i>(Joining Summer 2022)</i>	corporate environmental strategies; regulatory policies; financial markets
	<b><a href="#">Bilal Husnain Zia</a></b> 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
 <b><a href="#">Kathleen Beegle</a></b> Research Manager	labor; economics of the family and gender; economic shocks; social protection; methodological studies on household surveys
 <b><a href="#">S Anukriti</a></b> 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

	<b><a href="#">Damien de Walque</a></b> 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
	<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><a href="#">John Giles</a></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><a href="#">Clement Joubert</a></b> 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><a href="#">Carolina Lopez</a></b> <i>(Joining Summer 2023)</i>	education; human capital; and behavioral economics
	<b><a href="#">Oyebola Okunogbe</a></b> 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)
	<b><a href="#">Anja Sautmann</a></b> 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><a href="#">Sergio Schmukler</a></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



**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**  
*(Joining Summer 2022)*

macroeconomics: trade, growth and development



**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



**Matias Moretti**  
*(Joining Summer 2022)*

international economics; macro-finance



**Steven Pennings**  
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



**Mahvish Shaukat**  
Economist

governance; political economy; public finance



**Rishabh Sinha**  
Economist

economic growth; structural transformation; occupational choice

## Poverty and Inequality Team (DECPI)

	Name	Research Topics
	<p><a href="#"><u>Berk Özler</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Katy Bergstrom</u></a> Economist</p>	<p>public and development economics; optimal taxation and redistribution; the determinants of income inequality; investment differentials across children</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Benoit Decerf</u></a> Research Economist</p>	<p>poverty measurement; public economics and mechanism design</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Quy-Toan Do</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Jed Friedman</u></a> Lead Economist</p>	<p>the measurement of wellbeing and poverty; the evaluation of health and social policies; determinants of poverty reduction</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Emanuela Galasso</u></a> Senior Economist</p>	<p>social protection; nutrition and early childhood development.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Eeshani Kandpal</u></a> Senior Economist</p>	<p>health and nutrition, cash transfers, and gender</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Vijayendra Rao</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Sandra Rozo</u></a> Research Economist</p>	<p>forced migration; refugees; firms decision making; and violence and conflict</p>



**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
	<b><u>Carolyn Fischer</u></b> Research Manager	technical change; trade; carbon leakage in environmental policy instrument design
	<b><u>Daniel Ayalew Ali</u></b> 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
	<b><u>Patrick Behrer</u></b> 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
	<b><u>Susmita Dasgupta</u></b> 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
	<b><u>Klaus Deininger</u></b> 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
	<b><u>Gabriel Englander</u></b> <i>(Joining Summer 2022)</i>	wildlife conservation; marine fisheries; natural resources management

	<p><a href="#"><u>Dorothea Hilhorst</u></a> Senior Land Governance Specialist</p>	land policy and tenure security related to institutions
	<p><a href="#"><u>Hanan Jacoby</u></a> Lead Economist</p>	agriculture; rural institutions; human capital; land tenancy; groundwater markets; rural roads; risk-coping; child nutrition and schooling; the economics of marriage
	<p><a href="#"><u>Megan Lang</u></a> <i>(Joining Summer 2022)</i></p>	rural electrification; renewable energy; women-owned enterprises; psychology and economics
	<p><a href="#"><u>Alejandro Molnar</u></a> Economist</p>	transportation; industrial organization; international trade; digital platforms
	<p><a href="#"><u>Harris Selod</u></a> Senior Economist</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><a href="#"><u>Forhad Shilpi</u></a> Senior Economist</p>	economic geography; urbanization; rural-urban transformation; internal migration; intergenerational educational mobility; infrastructure; labor markets; markets and institutions; gender
	<p><a href="#"><u>Jevgenijs Steinbuks</u></a> Senior Economist</p>	energy and environmental economics; industrial organization; real estate and urban economics with a particular focus on households' and firms' investment problems; sustainable resource and land use; electric power; energy demand and efficiency
	<p><a href="#"><u>Kibrom Tafere</u></a> Economist</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><a href="#"><u>Govinda Timilsina</u></a> Senior Economist</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

## Trade and International Integration Team (DECTI)

	Name	Research Topics
	<p><a href="#"><u>Daria Taglioni</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Erhan Artuc</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Paulo S. R. Bastos</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Ana Margarida Fernandes</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Devaki Ghose</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Hiau Looi Kee</u></a> 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><a href="#"><u>Çağlar Özden</u></a> Lead Economist</p>	<p>globalization of product and labor markets; migration; forced displacement; brain drain and high skilled migration; government policies and economic development</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Bob Rijkers</u></a> Senior Economist</p>	<p>corruption; state capture; tax evasion; aid effectiveness; trade; labor markets</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Roman Zarate</u></a> Research Economist</p>	<p>international trade; urban economics; labor economics</p>