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*Participants’ Profiles*

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Keynote Speakers

Masatsugu Asakawa is the President of the Asian Development Bank and the Chairperson of ADB’s Board of Directors. He was elected President by ADB’s Board of Governors and assumed office on 17 January 2020. Before joining ADB, he served as Special Advisor to Japan’s Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and has a professional career that spans nearly 4 decades in diverse fields such as international finance, development, and taxation at the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Asakawa also worked for international organizations as the Chief Advisor to ADB President between 1989 and 1992, senior staff at the Fiscal Affairs Department of the IMF (1996–2000), and Chair for the Committee on Fiscal Affairs at Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2011–2016).

Raghuram Rajan is the Katherine Dusak Miller Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at Chicago Booth. He was the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between September 2013 and September 2016. Between 2003 and 2006, Dr. Rajan was the Chief Economist and Director of Research at the International Monetary Fund.

Dr. Rajan’s research interests are in banking, corporate finance, and economic development, especially the role finance plays in it. The books he has written include The Third Pillar: How the State and Markets are leaving Communities Behind 2019, I do What I do: On Reform, Rhetoric, and Resolve, 2017, and Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy, for which he was awarded the Financial Times-Goldman Sachs prize for best business book in 2010.

Dr. Rajan is a member of the Group of Thirty. He was the President of the American Finance Association in 2011 and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In January 2003, the American Finance Association awarded Dr. Rajan the inaugural Fischer Black Prize for the best finance researcher under the age of 40. The other awards he has received include the Infosys prize for the Economic Sciences in 2012, the Deutsche Bank Prize for Financial Economics in 2013, Euromoney Central Banker Governor of the Year 2014, and Banker Magazine (FT Group) Central Bank Governor of the Year 2016.
Session I: Macroeconomic Overview of COVID-19 Impacts

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Chul Ju Kim was a secretary to the country’s President for economic and financial affairs before joining ADBI. For more than 30 years, he has been a key policy maker, dealing with a wide range of macroeconomic, financial, and social issues. He was deputy minister for planning and coordination, director general of the Economic Policy Bureau, and director general of the Public Policy Bureau, Ministry of Strategy and Finance. He also has extensive experience in international development, specifically at the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a BA in economics from Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, and an MS in finance from Georgia State University, USA.
Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas grew up in Montpellier, France. He attended Ecole Polytechnique and received his PhD in Economics in 1996 from MIT. He taught at Stanford Graduate School of Business and Princeton University before joining UC Berkeley department of economics.

Professor Gourinchas' main research interests are in international macroeconomics and finance. His recent research focuses on the scarcity of global safe assets, global imbalances and currency wars (with Ricardo Caballero and Emmanuel Farhi); on the International Monetary System and the role of the U.S. dollar (with Hélène Rey); on the Dominant Currency Paradigm (with Gita Gopinath); on the determinants of capital flows to and from developing countries (with Olivier Jeanne); on international portfolios (with Nicolas Coeurdacier); and on the global financial crisis (with Maury Obstfeld). Professor Gourinchas is the laureate of the 2007 Bernàcer Prize for best European economist working in macroeconomics and finance under the age of 40, and of the 2008 Prix du Meilleur Jeune Economiste for best French economist under the age of 40. In 2012-2013, Professor Gourinchas was a member of the French Council of Economic Advisors to the Prime Minister. From 2009 to 2016 he was the editor-in-chief of the IMF Economic Review and from 2017 to 2019 the managing editor of the Journal of International Economics. He is currently co-editor of the American Economic Review and director of the NBER's International Finance and Macroeconomics Program.

Yothin Jinjarak joined ADB in August 2020. His research interests currently cover the socioeconomic impacts of FDI and the cross-country patterns of fiscal/monetary space. Yothin has work experiences in New Zealand, Japan, England, Singapore, and the US. He is originally from Thailand.

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As former managing director at Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, Naoko headed the Financial Service group, covering financial institutions, insurance, and brokerage firms in Japan. Before that she was an economist and analyst at the Bank of Japan. She is a member of the Advisory Board of Japan’s Ministry of internal Affairs and Communication. She has authored three books on finance.

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Session III: Panel Discussion 1
SMEs, Digitalization and COVID-19

Panelists

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Dr. Wimonkan Kosumas is the Deputy Director-General from the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion in Thailand. She served as a Speaker of the Customer Protection Law Revision Committee of the National Legislative Assembly of Thailand in 2016 and was the chair of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) working group in 2015 and chair of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) SME Working Group from 2013 to 2014. Dr. Kosumas holds a PhD in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and has previously held positions in Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand.

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Sopnendu Mohanty is responsible for creating development strategies, public infrastructure and regulatory policies around technology innovation. Mohanty has spent over 20 years in various leadership roles globally in technology, finance and innovation. He has co-authored several patented works in area of retail distribution of the financial sector.

Mohanty extensively engages with ecosystems of various jurisdictions on innovation, policy making and tech enabled financial services. He is on the Institutional Investor’s list of influential FinTech global dealmakers. Mohanty has been recognised internationally as a FinTech thought leader and he was recently named the Market Reformer of the Year by IFL, Euromoney.

Ms. Atsuko Okuda was appointed as the ITU Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific in April 2020. Prior to the new assignment, she was the Chief of the ICT and Development Section of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2015 to 2020. Before joining ESCAP, Ms. Okuda served the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) from 2012 to 2015 and contributed to the Umoja project, the UN Secretariat ERP initiative, as Testing Manager at the Department of Management, UNHQ, from 2010-2012. From 2002 to 2010, she was responsible for promoting a wide range of ICT for development initiatives at ESCAP and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) as Senior IT Officer. She started her UN career in the area of ICT for Development at the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, the Bureau for Development Policy and UNDP Country Office in Bhutan. Ms. Okuda obtained Bachelor’s degree from Kyoto University (Japan), a Master’s from Helsinki University (Finland), and has currently been enrolled as a research fellow on e-governance at the United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) in the Netherlands.
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Peter Morgan joined the Asian Development Bank Institute in December 2008. Previously he served in Hong Kong as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Before that, he was Chief Japan Economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he worked as a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, Massachusetts, US, specializing in energy and environmental areas, including energy policy issues in Asian countries, and at International Business Information KK in Tokyo, specializing in financial sector consulting.

Peter's research areas are macroeconomic policy, financial sector regulation and reform, financial inclusion, financial literacy and financial education. Recent publications include "Financial Inclusion, Regulation and Education: Asian Perspectives" and "Central and Local Government Relations in Asia: Achieving Fiscal Sustainability". He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University.

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I teach and supervise students on Development Economics and South/Southeast Asian Studies at University of Tsukuba. By training I am an agriculture and development economist and mostly use experimental approach in my researches. My research projects got funding from JSPS, 3ie, IGC, Gates Foundation, DFAT, etc. In recent years I published in Journal of Development Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Technology in Society, etc. Due to professional reason, I am linked with a number of professional societies and have been nominated as one of the Executive Committee Members for Asian Society for Agricultural Economists (2017-2020).

Dr. Monzur Hossain is a Research Director at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) with expertise and interests in macroeconomics, development economics and energy economics. He obtained a Ph.D. in International Economics and an M.A. in Public Policy (Economics) from the National Graduate Institute for Policy studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan. He has participated and served as team leader in numerous professional research projects. He served as consultant for the UNDP, ADB, World Bank, UNCTAD, EU, International Growth Center, London School of Economics etc. He has published extensively in both nationally and internationally accredited journals and he has also to his credit numerous other publications in the form of research reports, and contribution to various edited volumes.

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Session V: Wider Implications of COVID-19 in the Digital Age

Chair

Yasuyuki Sawada
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Presenter 2

Georgios Petropoulos
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Georgios is a Marie Skłodowska Curie research affiliate at MIT, research fellow at Bruegel and digital fellow at Stanford’s Digital Economy Lab. His research focuses on the implications of digital technologies on innovation, competition policy and labour markets. He is currently studying how we should regulate digital platforms, what the relationship between big data and market competition is as well as how the adoption of robots and machine learning technologies affect labour markets. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Physics, master’s degrees in mathematical economics and econometrics and a PhD degree in Economics.

Discussant 2

Sumit Agarwal
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Sumit Agarwal is Low Tuck Kwong Distinguished Professor of Finance at the Business School and a Professor of Economics and Real Estate at the National University of Singapore. In the past, he has held positions as a Professor of Finance at the Business School, Georgetown University. Before that he was a senior financial economist in the research department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and prior to joining the Chicago Fed, he was a senior vice president and credit risk management executive in the Small Business Risk Solutions Group of Bank of America.
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Session VI: Macroeconomic Policy Options and Issues

Chair

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Dr. Ostry is Acting Director, Asia Pacific department, IMF, in Washington, DC and Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London, UK. His recent responsibilities include leading regional surveillance on Asia, and staff teams on IMF-FSB early warning exercises, multilateral exchange rate surveillance, international financial architecture and capital flow management. He previously led the team that produces the IMF’s flagship World Economic Outlook. His recent books include Taming the Tide of Capital Flows (MIT Press, 2017); Confronting Inequality (Columbia University Press, 2019); and (with Nobel Laureate Robert Shiller) Sovereign GDP-Linked Bonds (CEPR Press, 2019). His research has featured prominently in the print and electronic media, including the Economist, the Financial Times, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, BBC, CNBC, and NPR. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago, and graduate/undergraduate degrees from the London School of Economics and Oxford University.


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Discussant 2

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Shin-ichi Fukuda is affiliated with the Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo, where he has been Associate Professor (1996-2001) and Professor of Economics (2001-present). His numerous professional appointments have included: Associate Professor, Yokohama National University (1989-92); Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University (1992-96); Visiting Professor of Economics, Yale University (2002-03), and Visiting Fellow (part-time) at the ADB Institute (2007-2012). He specializes in macroeconomics and international finance. His recent works have dealt with issues related to exchange rate policy, monetary policy, foreign exchange reserve accumulation, and banking problems under crises. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University.

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Professor McKibbin is internationally renowned for his contributions to global economic modeling and the theory of monetary policy and economic modeling of pandemics.
Session VII:
COVID-19 and Progress toward Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Chair

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**Discussant 2**

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**Panelists**

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Mario Pezini is Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development. In his current position, he also served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate. Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mario Pezzini held several senior management positions in the OECD, where he has been working since 1995. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. Also, Mr. Pezzini served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy). Mr. Pezzini started his career in the Government office of the Emilia-Romagna Region.