

## Biographies of Speakers and Panelists

### ***ADBI-BMGF Partnership: Roundtable Discussion on Sanitation and Development***

***Organized by: Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), UK***

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#### ***Session 1 (20 April; 09:00-10:30 JST):***

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Shrestha</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Roshan
	<i>Institution</i>	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Roshan Shrestha is associated with Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation as a Deputy Director, Global Growth and Opportunity Division, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSH) team in Seattle, US. Dr. Shrestha is leading the Urban Sanitation Market initiatives, which is investing to contribute SDG 6.2 - in scaling inclusive safely managed sanitation services in South and South-East Asia and Sub Saharan Africa. He is associated with the foundation for since 2012.</p> <p>Before joining the Gates Foundation, Dr. Shrestha was associated with UN-Habitat working with different disciplines like Regional Technical Advisor – South Asia and Settlement Improvement Advisor. He has more than three decades of working experience in the water and sanitation sector with long field experience in planning, designing, and execution of decentralized water and wastewater water management, and sustainable sanitation programs in South Asia. Dr. Shrestha holds a Doctoral degree in Applied Natural Science from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, in 1999.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>McCusker</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Erin
	<i>Institution</i>	SATO, a part of LIXIL		
	<i>Position</i>	Leader, SATO Chair, Toilet Board Coalition		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Erin McCusker is the Leader, SATO, joining LIXIL in 2018. Erin brings not only her passion for the role of the private sector in solving global challenges, but also her rigor and commitment to creating value for customers and having a broader impact in the sector. Her previous roles spanned management consulting, social enterprises, philanthropies, and other bilateral and multilateral organizations. Ms. McCusker is based in Seattle, WA USA and holds a BS, Bioengineering from FW Olin College of Engineering, a MBA from Duke University, and a certificate in Social Sector Leadership.</p> <p>SATO is bringing innovative and affordable solutions to over 2 billion people across the world without access to basic sanitation and hygiene. Erin is responsible for orienting the business for the next phase of growth, and delivering on SATO's dual mandate of demonstrating breakeven in their unique business and reaching 100 million people with improved sanitation and hygiene by 2025. (<i>Learn more about SATO at <a href="http://www.sato.lixil.com">www.sato.lixil.com</a></i>)</p> <p>Erin further serves as the Toilet Board Coalition (TBC) Chair. The Toilet Board Coalition is a unique business-led partnership with the ambition to address the global sanitation crisis by accelerating the Sanitation Economy. (<a href="http://www.toiletboard.org">www.toiletboard.org</a>)</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Schrecongost</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Alyse
	<i>Institution</i>	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation		
	<i>Position</i>	WSH Senior Program Officer		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Alyse is an institutional economics and policy professional with experience in global and domestic water, sanitation, agriculture, and health sectors. She is currently collaborating with regulators, utilities, international finance institutions, and research organizations to strengthen public sanitation services in low income urban areas. She has a master's degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Michigan State University.</p> <p><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/alyse-schrecongost-6244ba9">https://www.linkedin.com/in/alyse-schrecongost-6244ba9</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Rahut</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Dil
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow/Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Prior to joining ADBI, he was a global program manager for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre’s (CIMMYT) socioeconomic and sustainable intensification programs. He also served as chair of the staffs’ committee at CIMMYT.</p> <p>He previously worked for the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan’s Research and Statistics Department. He also served as a research fellow at the WorldFish Centre; senior fellow and Japan chair at the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations; chief of research, planning, and monitoring and Visa/Mastercard director at the Bank of Bhutan Ltd; and assistant professor of development economics at South Asian University.</p> <p>He has a PhD in development economics from the University of Bonn’s Center for Development Research, a master’s degree in economic policy management from the University of Tsukuba, and an MBA specializing in finance and bachelor of science degree from India.</p> <p>He has over 100 publications in Scopus indexed journals focusing on development issues across Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p><a href="https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dil-rahut">https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dil-rahut</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Attanasio</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Orazio
	<i>Institution</i>	Yale University Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Cowles Professor of Economics at Yale University; Research Fellow and one of the Directors of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy and co-director of the Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies at the Institute for Fiscal Studies		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Orazio Attanasio is the Cowles Professor of Economics at Yale University, Research Fellow and one of the Directors of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy and co-director of the Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies (EDePo@IFS) at the Institute for Fiscal Studies.</p> <p>He is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a Senior Fellow at the Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic and Policy Research. In 2001 he was elected Fellow of the Econometric Society and in 2004 Fellow of the British Academy. In 2014 he was President of the European Economic Association. He was in the executive committee of the Econometric Society and of LACEA and a member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society.</p> <p>After obtaining a PhD at the London School of Economics, Orazio taught at Stanford University and the University of Bologna and was the Jeremy Bentham Research Professor at University College London. He was also a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford and visiting professor at the University of Chicago. He has been Managing Editor of the <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>, the <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> and <i>Quantitative Economics</i>.</p> <p><a href="http://www.orazioattanasio.org/biography/">http://www.orazioattanasio.org/biography/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ifs.org.uk/people/profile/13">https://www.ifs.org.uk/people/profile/13</a></p> <p><a href="https://economics.yale.edu/people/faculty/orazio-attanasio">https://economics.yale.edu/people/faculty/orazio-attanasio</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Chase</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Claire
	<i>Institution</i>	The World Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Water Global Practice, East and Southern Africa Region		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Claire Chase is a Senior Economist in the World Bank’s Water Global Practice in the Africa region where she supports research, policy and investment lending at the intersection of water and human development. She is the practice focal point for health and nutrition, leading efforts to integrate water and nutrition in World Bank lending and scale up investments for WASH in schools and health care facilities globally. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2008, she was a Visiting Researcher with the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research in Mozambique where she worked on economic analysis of malaria treatment and prevention. She holds a master’s degree in Population and International Health Economics from Harvard University School of Public Health.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sonobe</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Tetsushi
	<i>Institution</i>	ADB I		
	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean		

### Short Bio

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB I), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building.

Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries.

Dean Sonobe has more than 20 years' experience analyzing the role of human capital, institutions, and management in industrial development in Asia and other regions. Notably, he and prominent agricultural and development economist, Keijiro Otsuka, applied their unique enterprise survey approach to a series of development process case studies in different industries in East Asia. They expanded the scope of their industry study to cover South Asia, Africa, and Central America and conducted randomized controlled trials of management training programs for business owners and managers.

Before joining ADB I in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He also previously served as a professor of economics at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Pakhtigian</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Emily
	<i>Institution</i>	Pennsylvania State University		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Public Policy		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Emily Pakhtigian is an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Policy at Penn State University. Her research examines human-environmental interactions at the intersection of environmental and development economics. Her research interests include environmental health, water and sanitation, air pollution, human capital accumulation, and water resource management. Dr. Pakhtigian’s recent research includes work to understand the processes by which households adopt and use environmental health technologies, the health and educational consequences of ambient air pollution exposure, and the economic implications of water resource management. Dr. Pakhtigian holds a Ph.D. in public policy, with a concentration in economics, from the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She has an M.A. in economics from Duke University and B.A.s in economics and political science from Moravian College.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mobarak</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Ahmed Mushfiq
	<i>Institution</i>	Yale University		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Management and Department of Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Economics		

### Short Bio

Mobarak is the founder and faculty director of the [Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale \(Y-RISE\)](#). He holds other appointments at *Innovations for Poverty Action*, the *Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)* at MIT, the *International Growth Centre (IGC)* at LSE.

Mobarak has several ongoing research projects in Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Kenya, Malawi and Sierra Leone. He conducts field experiments exploring ways to induce people in developing countries to adopt technologies or behaviors that are likely to be welfare improving. He also examines the complexities of scaling up development interventions that are proven effective in such trials. For example, he is scaling and testing strategies to address seasonal poverty using [migration subsidies](#) or consumption loans in Bangladesh, Nepal and Indonesia. His research has been published in journals across disciplines, including *Econometrica*, *Science*, *The Review of Economic Studies*, *the American Political Science Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and *Demography*, and covered by the New York Times, The Economist, Science, NPR, BBC, Wall Street Journal, the Times of London, and other media outlets around the world. He received a [Carnegie Fellowship](#) in 2017.

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Orgill Meyer</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Jennifer
	<i>Institution</i>	Franklin and Marshall College		
	<i>Department</i>	Public Health and Public Policy		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Jennifer Meyer is an Assistant Professor of Public Health and Public Policy at Franklin and Marshall College. Her research focuses on the intersection of environment and development examines, and examines the contributors to and impacts of environmental-health issues. Specifically, she studies why households often show low demand for seemingly cost-effective technologies, what behaviors households use to cope with poor environmental quality, and how environmental health related illnesses affect long-run human capital development. Her research to-date primarily focuses on water and sanitation but also explores topics such as water supply, energy access, climate change mitigation and adaptation, poverty, and gender. Dr. Meyer has a PhD in Environmental Economics and Policy and a Masters of Public Policy from Duke University.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Gautam</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Sanghmitra
	<i>Institution</i>	Washington University in St Louis		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor of Economics		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Sanghmitra Gautam is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Washington University in St Louis.</p> <p>Her research focuses on the role of imperfect credit markets and externalities in shaping household demand for basic healthcare technologies in the developing world.</p> <p>In her approach, she combines dynamic household demand models of technology adoption with strategic interaction models that she identifies and estimates on unique micro-data using novel econometric methods.</p> <p><a href="https://sanghmitragautam.github.io">https://sanghmitragautam.github.io</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Adukia</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Anjali
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Chicago		
	<i>Department</i>	Harris School of Public Policy		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		

### Short Bio

Anjali Adukia is an assistant professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and the College. In her work, she is interested in understanding how to reduce inequalities such that children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds have equal opportunities to fully develop their potential. Her research is focused on understanding factors that motivate and shape behavior, preferences, attitudes, and educational decision-making, with a particular focus on early-life influences. She examines how the provision of basic needs—such as safety, health, justice, and representation—can increase school participation and improve child outcomes in developing contexts.

Dr. Adukia completed her doctoral degree at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, with an academic focus on the economics of education. Her work has been funded from organizations such as the William T. Grant Foundation, the National Academy of Education, the Spencer Foundation, and the Institute of Education Sciences. She completed her masters of education degrees in international education policy and higher education (administration, planning, and social policy) from Harvard University and her bachelor of science degree in molecular and integrative physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a faculty research fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a faculty affiliate of the University of Chicago Education Lab. She is on the editorial boards of *Education Finance and Policy* and *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Vairavamoorthy</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Kalanithy
	<i>Institution</i>	International Water Association		
	<i>Position</i>	Executive Director		

### Short Bio

Kala Vairavamoorthy is an internationally recognised water resource management expert, with particular expertise in urban water issues. He combines a strong engineering background with practical international experience. He has published extensively and has a strong international profile working closely with the World Bank, UN-Habitat, UNESCO, GWP, SIWI and the EU. This includes leading several urban water management projects for the World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and DFID.

Prior to joining the International Water Association, he was the Deputy Director General for Research at the International Water Management Institute. Kala was also the Founding Dean of the Patel College of Global Sustainability and a tenured Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, at the University of South Florida (USA). Prior to that he was a full professor and Chair of Water Engineering at the University of Birmingham (UK), and Professor and Head of Core of Sustainable Urban Water Infrastructure Systems at UNESCO-IHE (Netherlands). He is currently Professor (adjunct) at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM).

Kala has a PhD and MSc in Environmental Engineering from Imperial College, University of London, UK and a BSc (Hons) from King's College, London.

**Session 2 (21 April; 19:00-20:30 JST):**

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Baek</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Seungju
	<i>Institution</i>	ADB I		
	<i>Department</i>	CBT and Special Activities		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Dean (CBT and Special Activities)		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Seungju Baek joined ADBI as Deputy Dean (Capacity Building and Training and Special Activities) in March 2021.</p> <p>Prior to joining ADBI, he served as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>He has 30 years of economic and development policy experience. His other previous roles include serving as a senior policy analyst focused on developing countries for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as an international development expert at the World Bank Institute.</p> <p>His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Lipscomb</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Molly
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Virginia		
	<i>Department</i>	Batten School of Public Policy		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Lipscomb is an associate professor at the University of Virginia. Her research focuses primarily on environmental issues in developing countries and adaptation to lack of centralized health and sanitation services. She has analyzed the incentives to pollute near downstream borders, the impact of access to electricity on human development and poverty indicators, privatization and the effectiveness of auctions in reducing prices for sanitation services, and improving methods of targeting subsidies to households to increase take-up of improved sanitation services.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Tilley</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Elizabeth
	<i>Institution</i>	ETH Zurich		
	<i>Department</i>	Mechanical and Process Engineering		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>From 2015-2020 Elizabeth Tilley was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Environmental Health at the University of Malawi, the Polytechnic in Blantyre, Malawi, and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering at the ETH Zurich as well as being an Honorary Research Fellow at the SARCHI Chair in Waste and Climate Change at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. As an engineer and an economist, Elizabeth is interested in the technological, social financial drivers for sustainable urban services in low-income settings. Her current work is focused on the impacts of solid waste management on sanitation systems, air quality, and wellbeing in the growing cities of the Global South.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Bancalari</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Antonella
	<i>Institution</i>	University of St. Andrews and Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics and Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Antonella Bancalari is an Assistant Professor (Lecturer) at the School of Economics and Finance, University of St. Andrews and a Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).</p> <p>She is an applied microeconomist and her research sits at the intersection of Development, Health and Public Economics. She studies the principles underlying effective public good/service delivery in low- and middle-income countries and explores ways to induce people to adopt welfare-improving technologies and behaviours. She has ample experience in sanitation delivery and adoption in South-East Asia and Latin America.</p> <p>She holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, Department of Social Policy, a Master in Public Administration - International Development/Economic Policy from the LSE and a BSc in Economics from Universidad del Pacifico (Peru).</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Gupta</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Venugopal
	<i>Institution</i>	Toilet Board Coalition		
	<i>Department</i>	Leadership Team		
	<i>Position</i>	Director Accelerator Program & Investor Relations		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Venu has over twenty years of experience as an entrepreneur and senior executive in corporate sector driving critical initiatives across logistics, private equity and more recently in the venture incubation and acceleration space.</p> <p>In the last few years, he helped establish four acceleration programs where SME's received critical support including capital and mentorship. Prior to this, he was Country Manager for a private equity firm and Head of India Corporate Development for a global industrial real estate investment firm. His roles have spanned corporate development, joint ventures and building execution teams.</p> <p>Venu holds an MBA from INSEAD and his articles on business strategy are regularly featured by prominent global knowledge platforms.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Caro-Burnett</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Johann
	<i>Institution</i>	Hiroshima University		
	<i>Department</i>	International Economic Development Program		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Johann is an assistant professor at Hiroshima University and a research fellow at the Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability. He is interested in development economics and political economy, and has conducted several field experiments including topics related to sanitation, such as toilet usage in Kenya and hand-washing in Cambodia. Johann holds a PhD in economics from Yale University.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Bennon</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Michael
	<i>Institution</i>	Stanford University		
	<i>Department</i>	Freeman Spogli Institute, CDDRL		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Scholar		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Michael Bennon is a Research Scholar on Global Infrastructure Policy at the Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University. Michael's research interests include infrastructure policy, project finance, public-private partnerships and institutional design in the infrastructure sector. Michael also teaches Global Project Finance to graduate students at Stanford. Prior to Stanford, Michael served as a Captain in the US Army and US Army Corps of Engineers for five years, leading Engineer units, managing projects, and planning for infrastructure development in the United States, Iraq, Afghanistan and Thailand.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Malde</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Bansi
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Kent and Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor)		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Bansi Malde is a Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Economics at the University of Kent, UK and a Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She is a development economist whose research studies the factors influencing household sanitation investments in developing countries; the role of social networks in shaping household outcomes and the determinants of child health in developing countries. She holds a PhD in economics from University College London.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Augsburg</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Britta
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Britta Augsburg is Associate Director at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She is an applied development economist, with a particular interest in environmental influences on child (health) outcomes, how they interact with other inputs - such as nutrition and stimulation -, and how policy can be used to target improvements in a child's environment. She has 15 years' experience in design and implementation of complex evaluations in LMIC's, including India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Mongolia. Recent studies have focused on understanding both demand and supply constraints for poor households to improve their sanitation environment.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ifs.org.uk/people/profile/417">https://www.ifs.org.uk/people/profile/417</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Abramovsky</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Laura
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Associate		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Laura Abramovsky is an independent economics consultant and researcher. She is a Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, where she formerly worked as a Senior Research Economist for almost 15 years. Her work centres on applied microeconomics with a particular interest on how government policy affects economic outcomes in developing countries. Her specific interests relate to the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector and tax and social protection policy and administration. Recent studies in the WASH sector have focused on understanding both demand and supply constraints for poor households to improve their sanitation environment and how policies can alleviate these, how WASH practices affect child health outcomes, and the distributional impact of piped water consumption subsidies in developing countries. She holds a PhD in Economics from University College London, an MSc. in Economics from the London School of Economics, and a BSc. in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Armand</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Alex
	<i>Institution</i>	Nova School of Business and Economics and Institute for Fiscal Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant professor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Alex Armand is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Nova School of Business and Economics, a research fellow at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (UK), and a research affiliate at CEPR. His current work focuses on the role of infrastructure in developing cities, on the effect of local community engagement on natural resource management, and on the role of ocean dependency for communities living in coastal areas. He has published his work in top academic journals, such as the American Economic Review and the Economic Journal. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University College London.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Jensen</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Olivia
	<i>Institution</i>	National University of Singapore		
	<i>Department</i>	Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk (IPUR); Lead Scientist, IPUR Senior Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy's Institute of Water Policy, LKYSPP, NUS		
	<i>Position</i>	Lead Scientist, IPUR Senior Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy's Institute of Water Policy		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr Olivia Jensen is a social scientist specialising in water and environmental policy with a focus on urban Asia. She joined IPUR in 2018 as Lead Scientist overseeing the Institute's work related to Environment and Climate. She holds a joint appointment as Senior Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy's Institute of Water Policy, where she has worked from 2014.</p> <p>Dr Jensen's research is concerned with the spectrum of urban environmental risks and the design and evaluation of policy interventions to strengthen the resilience of urban communities. Her current projects include water risk governance in Asian mega-cities; the role of citizen science in assessing and managing environmental risks; and the design of effective communication strategies for risk management in areas of high vulnerability and high exposure to flood risks.</p> <p>She holds a PhD (Development Economics) from the London School of Economics.</p> <p><a href="https://ipur.nus.edu.sg/about/people/olivia-jensen/">https://ipur.nus.edu.sg/about/people/olivia-jensen/</a></p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Seetha Ram</b>	<i>First Name</i>	KE
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute; University of Tokyo		
	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building and Training		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consulting Specialist for Capacity Building and Training Projects; Visiting Professor		

#### Short Bio

At ADBI, he is task manager for the partnership with the Bill&Melinda Gates Foundation; and advises JR East on human resources development for India's first high-speed rail.

At the University of Tokyo, he teaches and conducts research on policies and institutional mechanisms that attract philanthropy and private finance to build quality public infrastructure in Asia.

He obtained his Dr. Eng. from the University of Tokyo in 1990 where his thesis supervisor was Professor Hideo Nakamura, President emeritus of Tokyo City University; M. Eng. from the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand in 1986; and B. Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras in 1984. He is a fellow at the faculty of engineering of the University of Tokyo.

#### Work Experience:

2017: Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo

Visiting Professor University of Tokyo

Special Advisor to JREast on India High Speed Rail

2009: Founding director of NUS-Global Asia Institute, Singapore

2008: ADB visiting professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore

Founding director of the Institute of Water Policy

1997: International staff, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

1990: Staff, Nippon Koei Co Ltd, Japan

1984: Staff, Tata Motors Company, India

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Borromeo</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Myrna Elizabeth
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