



Webinar on Rethinking Social Protection Reform in Post-Pandemic Recovery

A side event of Task Force 5 T20 (Inequality, Human Capital, and Well-being)

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Speaker Biographies

Opening and Welcome Remarks



Tetsushi Sonobe

Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the [Asian Development Bank Institute](#) (ADBI), 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 ADBI 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](#).

Keynote Address



Stefano Scarpetta

Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Stefano Scarpetta is Director for [Employment, Labour and Social Affairs](#) at the [OECD](#) since 2013. As director of ELS, he is responsible for the design and the implementation of the medium-term strategy of the Organisation on labour market and social policy issues as well as international migration and health issues. He represents the OECD in High-Level fora and academic conferences; liaises with key senior stakeholders and provides effective communication with the media. As a member of the Senior Management team of the Organisation, he also contributes to support and advance the strategic orientations of the OECD.

Special Talk



Vivi Yulaswati

Senior Advisor to Minister of National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction

Vivi Yulaswati is a Senior Advisor to the Minister of [National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction](#). Her main responsibility is to do analysis and advise the minister on social and poverty reduction-related issues and strategies. She also leads the National Secretariate for Sustainable Development Goals. She has long experiences in designing major poverty reduction programs in Indonesia, including Conditional Cash Transfer and subsidy.

Speaker



Tomoko Hayashi

Director-General of Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office, Japan

Tomoko Hayashi holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and graduated from the University of Tokyo. She is Director-General of [Gender Equality Bureau in the Cabinet Office](#). She reports to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Gender Equality as the head of the national machinery for promoting gender equality in Japan. She was Director-General for Economic and Fiscal Affairs until August 2020, serving as Vice Chair of the OECD Economic Policy Committee and supporting the Prime Minister at the G7/G20 Summit meetings as the chief representative of the Cabinet Office.

Panel Discussion (Moderator followed by panelists)



Elan Satriawan

Chief of Policy Working Group, the National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Indonesia and Co-chair T20-Task Force5

Elan Satriawan is an economist with significant experience in both academic and policy making areas. In academics, he has done extensive research covering topics in development microeconomics areas particularly in impact evaluation and effectiveness of anti-poverty and social programs, poverty related issues including health, education, and inter-linkages between the two involving frontiers empirical techniques including randomized experiments. In policy areas, he leads a high-profile government policy think tank to advise the Vice President in taking strategic policy decisions on poverty alleviation and social development. He has extensive knowledge in conducting monitoring and evaluation as well as using the knowledge generated from the research for policy advocacy, capacity building and knowledge management.



Paola Subacchi

Professor and Chair Advisory Board of the Global Policy Institute at Queen Mary, University of London

Paola Subacchi is Professor of International Economics and Chair of the Advisory Board, [Global Policy Institute, Queen Mary University of London](#), and adjunct professor at the University of Bologna. She is a non-executive director of two public companies listed on the London Stock Exchange and a member of the board of the [Istituto Affari Internazionali](#) in Rome. From 2004 to 2019 she was director of economic research and senior fellow at [Chatham House](#) (The Royal Institute of International Affairs) in London. She has published extensively on international economics and finance, currencies, and the international monetary system. Her latest book, [The Cost of Free Money. How Unfettered Capital Threatens our Economic Future](#), was published in 2020 by Yale University Press.



Amir Hamza

Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, Southeast Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank

Amir Jilani is a social sector specialist and economist [at the Asian Development Bank](#), where he leads social policy dialogue, lending, and non-lending technical assistance projects in social protection across Southeast Asia. He has extensive experience working on the design, development and evaluation of social protection, economic inclusion, human development, and women's empowerment projects. Prior to joining the ADB, Amir worked at the [International Food Policy Research Institute](#) (IFPRI) as an applied microeconomist on a series of social protection, health and education initiatives designed to address poverty, vulnerability, food and nutritional security, and human development.



Sudarno Sumarto

Senior Research Fellow and Policy Adviser, the SMERU Research Institute and The National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K)

Sudarno Sumarto is an economist and the first director of [the SMERU Research Institute](#). His current position as a policy adviser at [National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction \(TNP2K\)](#), Office of the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia shows his strong linkages to Indonesian policymakers. He holds a Ph.D. and an MA from Vanderbilt University, all in economics. He is a former head of Statistic Society Forum in Indonesia and was a visiting fellow at the Southeast Asia Forum (SEAF) at Stanford University. He has extensive experience in leading large-scale research projects, including A Study on Teacher Absenteeism. His works have been published in international peer-reviewed journals, such as Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Development Economics, and Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization.



John Piggott

Scientia Professor of Economics, Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), University of New South Wales

John Piggott AO FASSA is Director of [the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research](#) the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) at the University of New South Wales, where he is Scientia Professor of Economics. A former Australian Professorial Fellow, he has published widely on issues in retirement and pension economics and finance, and in public finance more generally; his research has appeared in the leading international economics and actuarial academic journals. From 2008-2010 he was Visiting Scholar at the Wharton School of Business, and in 2018 was awarded a Rockefeller Residency to undertake research into ageing and inequality in Asia. In 2019, he was appointed co-chair of the Think20 (T20) Task Force on Aging Populations during Japan's G20 Presidency, and is currently a Commissioner on [the US National Academy of Medicine's International Commission on Healthy Longevity](#). He jointly led the establishment of the [International Pension Research Association](#) (IPRA) which was launched at the OECD in Paris in 2019. In 2020, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for contributions to population ageing research and public policy development.



Taesuk Lee

Head of Unit of Policy Responses to Demographic Changes, the Korea Development Institute (KDI)

Taesuk Lee is Head of Unit of Policy Responses to Demographic Changes at [Korea Development Institute](#). His research interests are demographic change, debt sustainability, and effectiveness of fiscal and social policy. He serves as a planning director of the Korean Pension Association and an editorial member of the Korean Social Security Association. Prior to his

work at KDI, he was a lecturer in the department of economics at the University of Auckland and holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from the University of Rochester.

Closing Remarks



Asep Suryahadi

Lead Co-chair of Task Force 5

Asep Suryahadi is a Senior Research Fellow at the [SMERU Research Institute](#) in Jakarta, Indonesia. Previously, he was the director of the institute from 2009 to 2019 and the deputy director of research from 2003 to 2009. He is a visiting researcher at the [Bank Indonesia Institute](#) since 2020. He currently serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies and the Advisory Board of Indonesia Project, both at the Australian National University. He is a member of the Statistical Society Forum (Forum Masyarakat Statistik), the advisory body of Statistics Indonesia (Badan Pusat Statistik), since 2019. Asep has published widely on various economic development issues in Indonesia. He holds a PhD in economics from the Australian National University.

Event Moderator



Pitchaya Sirivunnabood

Capacity Building and Training Economist, ADBI

Pitchaya Sirivunnabood is a Capacity Building and Training Economist at ADBI. Her expertise is international economics and finance, specializing in regional economic integration and financial cooperation as well as bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements, development of financial markets, and international/ transnational investment.

Prior to joining ADBI, she was an assistant director and the head of finance integration division at the [ASEAN Secretariat](#) in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was senior researcher and policy consultant for a Thai government think tank, the UNDP's Asia Pacific Regional Center, and the European Association for Business and Commerce. She was also an assistant director and macroeconomist at the [ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office](#), in charge of surveillance and monitoring process for the ASEAN Economic Community. She has a PhD in international economics (trade and finance) from the University of Utah, United States.
