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	<p>Andy McKay</p>
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<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Andy McKay is a professor of Development Economics (Economics) at the University of Sussex Business School. He researches on development economics, especially in relation to poverty/inequality and how these are impacted by policy (trade, fiscal etc.); on labour issues including female employment and informality; on inclusive growth; on agriculture; and on international trade. In terms of geographic focus, he work predominantly on Africa, especially East and West Africa, and Viet Nam. He was recently successful in obtaining funding in an IDRC/DFID/Hewlett supported programme on growth opportunities for women. Andy was an associate director of the DFID-funded Chronic Poverty Research Centre from 2005-11, and an active researcher from 2000-2011. Andy has extensive experience of giving policy advice to bilateral donors including DFID, international organisations and governments of developing countries. He also has significant experience of giving short courses, especially for government employees, in the north and south. He has previously worked at the Universities of Nottingham (1992 to 2003) and Bath (2003 to 2006); as well as the Overseas Development Institute (2001 to 2005). He has also worked on many consultancy assignments.</p>	



Bhagirath Behera

Professor of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

Short Bio

Prof. Bhagirath Behera works as a professor of environmental and resource economics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He has more than twenty years of research and teaching experience in the area of environmental and natural resource economics, specifically on the issue of sustainable use and management of natural resources and climate change and their economic and livelihood implications on local people in the context of India and South Asian and African countries. In addition, he has deep interest in issues relating to rural development, sustainable agriculture practices and local livelihoods.




Bilal Mehmood

Associate Professor/Director (CEBR), School of Economics/Center for Economics and Business Research, Lahore, Pakistan.

Short Bio

Dr Bilal Mehmood holds MPhil Economics and PhD Economics from Government College University, Pakistan. He has served Government College University for 13 years. Later he joined University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. In addition to being an Associate Professor, he is also the Director of Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) at School of Economics in the said University. Moreover, He also holds Diploma in Information Technology from Punjab Information Technology Board, Pakistan. He is an awardee of The Gold Standard of International Award for Young People, The Duke of Edinburgh Award. He is a participant of International Growth Centre (IGC) Pakistan, a policy consortium set up by the London School of Economics (LSE) and Oxford University. He has conducted and edited Survey projects with Punjab Small Industries Corporation under Government of The Punjab, Pakistan. He is the author of more than 116 articles and a couple of books in the fields of ICT and social economics, among others. He is a part of Editorial Committees of well-established journals like Pakistan Economic & Social Review and Public Finance Quarterly (Published by State Audit Office of Hungary).

	Chen Chen
	PhD candidate, Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce, Lincoln University, New Zealand

Short Bio

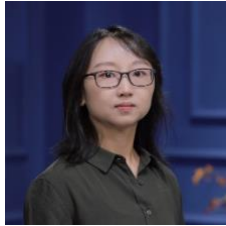
Chen Chen is a PhD student at the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce, Lincoln University, New Zealand. She has been dedicated to contributing the rural development in People’s Republic of China. So, she focuses on poverty alleviation and rural development in People’s Republic of China since 2016 when she studied master's degree. She has explored poverty alleviation from the perspective of the bottom of the pyramid and social capital. She will continue to explore the related themes in rural development from different organisations' perspectives in the future.

	Chen Ji
	Associate Professor, China Academy for Rural China (CARD)/ Department of Agricultural Economics and Management, Zhejiang University, People’s Republic of China

Short Bio

Professor Chen Ji received her Ph.D degree (European Doctorate) from Department of Agricultural Economics and Management in Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) in 2012, and she was a visiting scholar in Wageningen University. She started her academic career from serving as an Assistant Professor in Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics in Michigan State University. She joined Department of Agricultural Economics and Management in Zhejiang University in 2014, and she was promoted as an Associate Professor in 2018.

Professor Ji focuses on doing agricultural and development economics studies in People’s Republic of China. Her research topics include: agri-food supply chain and industrial organizations development, green and sustainable agriculture, inter-generational mobility and poverty reduction in rural areas. She is dedicated in econometrically evaluating the impacts of agricultural policies, technologies and industrial organizations on rural economy and farmers’ welfare. She published her scholarly research papers in leading peer-reviewed journals such as, *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Food Policy*, *Applied Economics*, *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, and *Journal of Integrative Agriculture*. She also has been invited to review articles for journals such as *Review of Development Economics*, *China Agricultural Economics Review*, *Agribusiness and Applied Economics*.



Chen Zhu

Associate professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University, Beijing, People’s Republic of China.

Short Bio

Dr. Chen Zhu is an associate professor at China Agricultural University, College of Economics and Management. She holds a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from University of Connecticut and a BS in biology from Nanjing University. Her current research interests are food and health economics, human capital, and geno-economics. Dr. Zhu is a research fellow at the Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP) and the Beijing Food Safety Policy & Strategy Research Base (FSP).



Deepak Kumar Behera

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Short Bio

Dr. Behera has received his Ph.D. degree in January 2019 in Economics from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai. He did his M.Phil. Degree in Economics in 2014 from the Central University of Gujarat, India. He is currently as a fellow of the India-Health Policy System Research (HPSR) program, funded by Health System Transformation Platform (HSTP), New Delhi, and funded by TATA Trust, and Access Health International. His research interest includes – Development Economics; Health Economics; Public Economics. He has published in reputed journal – Lancet Global Health, BMC Public Health, International Review of Economics, Journal of Asian Public Policy, Socio-Economics Planning Sciences. He served as a reviewer in many international journals – The LANCET Infectious Disease; BMJ Public Health; Health System; Journal of Asian Public Policy; Environment, Development, and Sustainability; Journal of Public Affairs; Indian Economic Journal.



Dewi Lestari Amaliah

Statistician, BPS Statistics Indonesia, Indonesia

Short Bio

Dewi Amaliah is a statistician at BPS Statistics Indonesia. At BPS, she is a part of the Statistical Development and Big Data Team. As part of this team, she works to analyze big data and other alternative data (aside from surveys and census), including the data from E-commerce, to support the provision of official statistics. Besides, she is directly involved in developing the Quality Assurance Framework of big data. She also spends considerable time developing open-source software (R packages) and is interested in reproducible practices in research. She holds a master's degree in Business Analytics from Monash University, Australia, and a BSc in Economic Statistics from Politeknik Statistika STIS, Indonesia.



Dhiar Niken Larasati

Statistician, Statistics Indonesia, Indonesia


Short Bio

I am a statistician at Statistics Indonesia. My knowledge and experiences in statistics, computer science, and public policy allow me to apply methods either from statistics or machine learning to gain insights regarding socioeconomic fields. Currently, I am responsible to do big data analytics which aims to support official statistics.

	Dil B. Rahut
	Vice-Chair of Research/Sr Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Short Bio

Dil Rahut is Vice-Chair (Research) and Senior Research Fellow at Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). He was a global program manager for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre’s (CIMMYT) socioeconomics and sustainable intensification programs. He also served as chair of the staffs’ committee at CIMMYT. 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. He has a Ph.D. 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, an MBA specializing in finance, and a bachelor of science degree from India. He has over 135 publications (H Index 26) in Scopus indexed journals focusing on development issues across Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

	Edward B. Barbier
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Short Bio

Edward B. Barbier is a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics, Colorado State University and a Senior Scholar in the School of Global Environmental Sustainability. His main expertise is environmental and resource economics as well as international environmental policy. He has consulted for a variety of national, international and non-governmental agencies, including many UN organizations, the World Bank and the OECD. He has authored over 300 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, written or edited 27 books, and published in popular journals and social media. Barbier is a Fellow of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists and is a [highly cited scholar](#) on global environmental and sustainability issues. His latest book is [Economics for a Fragile Planet](#), Cambridge University Press.



Emmanuel Donkor

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Short Bio

Emmanuel Donkor holds a PhD in Commerce (Food Business and Development) from University College Cork, a PhD in Rural Development Project Planning and Sustainable Management from the Technical University of Madrid, an Mphil Agricultural Economics from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, an MSc Agricultural Economics from the University of the Free State and a Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education from University College Cork. He has about 10 years of experience as an agricultural economist with diverse interests in food value chains and market development, food security and livelihood improvement, climate change economics and adaptation strategies, adoption of agricultural innovations and bio-circular agrifood systems with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. He is currently working as a researcher in the Agrifood Chain Management Group at the Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. Previously, he was a researcher at Rhein-Waal University of Applied Sciences, Germany, and University College Cork, Ireland. He has authored or co-authored more than 30 articles, including book chapters, in international journals and is also a reviewer for many international journals.



Fanlue Li

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Short Bio

Mr. Li Fanliu is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University. His research focus on are climate change and low carbon economy in agriculture, and rural energy transition. He has published several papers in international or Chinese journals such as the Energy Economics, China Rural Survey, and Resources and Environment in the Yangtze Basin.



Hang Xiong

Professor of Economics at College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, People’s Republic of China

Depute Dean of Macro Agriculture Research Institute, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, People’s Republic of China

Short Bio

Dr Hang Xiong obtained his PhD degree at University College Dublin. His PhD dissertation was awarded 2016 Distinguished Dissertation Award of European Social Simulation Association. Prior to joining Huazhong Agricultural University, his was a research fellow at Agricultural Economics and Policy Group in ETH Zurich and Department of Geography in King’s College London.

His research interest focuses on the use of agricultural technologies, particularly farmers’ decision-making and behavior of adopting technologies, economic and environmental impacts of using digital technologies in farming, and effectiveness of digital agricultural extension.

He has published over 20 papers in journals in the field of agricultural economics and computational social science. He also serves as a member of the editorial boards of three journals.

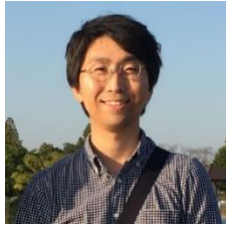


Hina Amber

Junior Researcher, Center for Development Research (ZEF),
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Short Bio

Hina Amber is a junior researcher (Ph.D. candidate) at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany. She has worked as an instructor in two educational institutions in Lahore (Pakistan), where she taught Economics to undergraduate students. For her Ph.D. research, she is primarily focusing on low female labor force participation in Pakistan.



Hiroyuki Egami

Assistant Professor, Nihon University /Japan

Short Bio

Hiroyuki Egami is a researcher of applied econometrics. His interest lies in public health, fertility, migration, digital technology, and video games. He currently manages two long-term surveys. For example, he runs a mobile phone-based panel survey covering rural-urban migrants in Bangladesh. He also runs an online panel survey about well-being and video games in Japan.



Hongyun Zheng

Associate Professor in Applied Economics, College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University, People's Republic of China


Short Bio

I am currently an Associate Professor at College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University, People's Republic of China. My research focuses on Agricultural Economics and Development Economics. My research topic covers agricultural productivity and efficiency, information technology adoption, rural welfare, and farmer subjective well-being. I have published papers on journals such as Food Policy, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Applied Economics.

	Jikun Huang
	Professor, School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University, People's Republic of China

Short Bio

He is founding director of China Center for Agricultural Policy, Director of New Rural Development Institute and Professor at School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University; Fellow of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Honorary Life Member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, Fellow of Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, and the Past President of Asian Society of Agricultural Economists. His research covers a wide range of issues on agricultural policy, food security and rural development. He has been in several policy advisory committee of the central and local governments, including the Expert Advisory Committee Member of the Rural Leading Group Office of the Central Committee of CPC and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. He received his PhD in agricultural economics from University of the Philippines at Los Banos (UPLB) in 1990. He has published 24 books and about 600 journal papers, including the papers published in Science, Nature and many leading journals in development economics, and received several awards from People's Republic of China and abroad.

	Junpeng Li
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Short Bio

I specialize in Agricultural Economics, with a focus on Agricultural Infrastructure, Rural Environment Management, Rural Informatization, and Rural Development. My research outputs have covered a wide range of topics, such as agricultural labor supply, water use efficiency, food production, livelihood diversity, rural energy poverty, farmer subjective well-being, financial inclusion, ICTs adoption, and the "China Toilet Revolution." I have been regularly invited to review articles for several international journals, such as Review of Development Economics, China Agricultural Economic Review, and Applied Economics. As a young researcher, I am doing my best to contribute to the literature in my research fields.



Lei Sun

Distinguished professor, School of International Trade and Economics, Shandong University of Finance and Economics, People's Republic of China

Short Bio

Dr. Lei Sun is a distinguished professor at School of International Trade and Economics in Shandong University of Finance and Economics, People's Republic of China. She was an invited expert at the ad hoc high level experts group meeting from the United Nations Economics Commission for the theme of "rethinking Africa's Agriculture and Rural Transformation in the New Global Context: Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Options" in Ethiopia. She was invited an expert by the United Nations Development Program in New York for the theme of "China's Agricultural Investment in Africa and Sustainable Development".

Dr. Lei Sun was consultant for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the theme of "Analysis of Market Participation and Value Chain Development in China".

As expert and consultant, Dr. Lei Sun was invited by the Asian Development Bank for "Regional High Level Workshop on Sustainable Urbanization" at Shanghai.

Dr. Lei Sun managed the project "Building up Government Capacity for Rural Migrant Family into Cities in China" sponsored by United Nations Development Program in Beijing Office.

Dr. Sun Lei is the author for the Book entitled with Economic Growth and Development--Chinese Agribusiness Enterprises Development. publisher: Palgrave Macmillan.

Dr. Lei Sun was reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan Publisher in 2022.



Leslie Wu

Research Assistant, Academy of Politics and Business Studies of Guangzhou Nanfang College, People's Republic of China

Short Bio

He has been working as a research assistant (part-time) at the Academy of Politics and Business Studies of Guangzhou Nanfang College since 2017 and received his bachelor's degree in Economics in 2020. Meanwhile, he is preparing to apply for graduate school.

He has published one paper on intellectual property protection and has three articles under review. He also had the experience of reviewing manuscripts.



Michael Robert Kremer

Professor in Economics, University of Chicago, United States

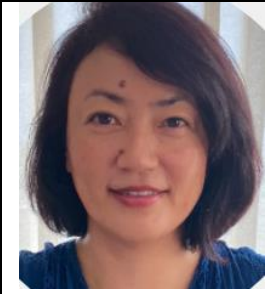
Short Bio

Michael Kremer directs the Development Innovation Lab at the University of Chicago, where he is a University Professor. He is the joint winner of Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (Economics Nobel Prize) 2019, for the “experimental approach to alleviating global poverty”.

Kremer’s work focuses on innovation, including in education, health, water, finance, agriculture. He has also worked extensively on how to design institutions to accelerate innovation.

Kremer actively translates his academic work into real-world programs. He helped to design an AMC for a pneumococcal vaccine. Subsequently three vaccines have been approved, and rolled out in 60 countries, saving an estimated 700,000 lives. As part of the Accelerating Health Technologies group, he conducted research and advised governments and international organizations on how to accelerate vaccination against COVID-19. His work on safe drinking water led to the Dispensers for Safe Water Program, which reaches 4 million people via the NGO Evidence Action. He is a co-founder of Precision Agriculture for Development, which leverages digital technology to improve productivity and incomes for small-holder farmers in developing countries.

Kremer is a co-founder and serves as Scientific Director of USAID's Development Innovation Ventures (DIV), an open, tiered, evidenced-based fund that supports innovation for development.



Michiko Katagami

Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Short Bio

Michiko has been working on food security, agriculture and rural development issues with sovereign and non-sovereign investment and research teams for more than 20 years in Asia and the Pacific. She currently works on projects to develop inclusive and resource-efficient agribusiness value chains, support sustainable protein value chain growth, deploy technology solutions for smallholder agriculture, upscale climate smart agriculture and leverage green finance in ADB's developing member countries. Prior to joining ADB she worked for UNDP, Mitsubishi Trust & Banking Co. and S.G. Warburg Securities. She holds a master's degree in development economics from the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague (Nuffic scholar).




Milan Thomas

Young Professional, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

Short Bio

Milan joined Asian Development Bank's Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department in 2020 and he is currently posted in ADB's resident mission in Bhutan. He has a decade of experience in design, implementation, and evaluation of development innovations from previous positions with USAID and Results for Development Institute (Washington D.C.). His research includes analysis of agriculture, development finance, education, health, nutrition, sanitation, and urbanization issues. Milan completed a Ph.D. in Economics at Georgetown University and a B.A. in Economics at the University of Cambridge.

	<p>Min Liu</p>
	<p>Professor, Lanzhou University, People’s Republic of China</p>
<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Professor Liu is working at Lanzhou University. She finished her postdoctoral research at Peking University, People’s Republic of China, during 2017-2019. She had her PhD at Wageningen University, the Netherlands, during 2012-2017. She is working on agricultural economics and environmental economics, interested in the fields of Information and communication technologies; Rural e-commerce; Social-ecological systems; Policy evaluation; Land tenure; Land use and investment; Grassland degradation; Livestock production; Rural household livelihoods; Rural transformation and so forth.</p>	

	<p>Mohsin Raza</p>
	<p>Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Agriculture, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis (AFEPA), (2022-24) Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden.</p> <p>MPhil Scholar, Business School, Beijing Normal University, People’s Republic of China.</p>
<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>I belong to Pakistan. I have been awarded Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) Scholarship to study Master's (Agriculture, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis) with focus on Agricultural and Food Economics. I am Master’s student at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden. I am also CGS (Chinese Government Scholarship) scholarship holder and doing a Master's in World Economics at Business School, Beijing Normal University (BNU), People’s Republic of China. I received my undergraduate degree in Economics from the School of Economics, University of the Punjab, Pakistan. During my undergrad, I worked on several research projects, research assistantships, internships, volunteer work, etc. I presented my thesis work titled "The Role of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) in Agricultural Production: Evidence from South Punjab, Pakistan" at the 35th AGM (Annual General Meeting) and conference of PIDE (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics). Furthermore, I presented my research work at different research conferences. My research interests include agricultural, Food, Environmental, Disaster Economics and Globalization. Due to my rural belongingness, I am passionate to bring technological innovations in agrarian economies in the digital age.</p>	



Muhammad Zubair Mumtaz

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Associate Professor, College of Business Administration, University of Bahrain, Sakhir, Bahrain

Short Bio

Dr. Muhammad Zubair Mumtaz is associated with the School of Social Sciences & Humanities, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) in Pakistan and College of Business Administration, University of Bahrain. He has ten years of professional exposure in both public and private sector organizations. Besides, he has over fifteen years of teaching experience. His research interests include digital finance, green finance, artificial intelligence and financial markets. During the last five years, he has published 40 research papers in international and local journals of repute. He also published eight book chapters and participated in different international conferences including Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI).



Niladri Sekhar Bagchi

PhD Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

Short Bio

Niladri Sekhar Bagchi holds a masters in Economics from Jadavpur University in Kolkata with specialization in econometrics. He is working in the broad area of agricultural economics for his PhD. He has done research on linking smallholders to markets, developing inclusive value chain and the scope and role of Information and communication Technology (ICT) in the development of efficient and profitable farming. Apart from quantitative methods, he has good expertise in qualitative methods of research. His works are mainly interdisciplinary and collaborative in nature. He has published his works in reputed journals like Land Use Policy, Agribusiness, and so on. He also has research interests in geospatial analysis, and labour migration.



Omphile Temoso

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Short Bio

Dr. Omphile Temoso is an *Adjunct Research Fellow* at the Business School, University of New England (Australia). He works as an economist with the NSW Government (Australia), where he leads research and econometric modelling on wider industry and policy issues related to economic development. Omphile has published research in the areas of agricultural technologies, efficiency and productivity growth, and food security in sub-Saharan Africa.



Pradyot Ranjan Jena

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Short Bio

Dr. Pradyot Ranjan Jena is Associate professor at School of Management, National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal. He has obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur in 2007. Before joining NITK, Surathkal in 2015, he worked as Agriculture and Development Economist at International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Nairobi and as Research Fellow at Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (IUW), Leibniz University of Hannover in Germany. Dr. Jena’s core research area of expertise is impact evaluation, food security and climate change.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN/ RESEARCH GRANT

He led 10 national and international research projects funded by IFAD, CGIAR, Government of Australia, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany and Poverty, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet).

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

He has published 40 research papers in SCI, Web of Science and SCOPUS indexed peer reviewed journals, international conference Proceedings and book chapters. Some of the journals in which he has published are World Development, Ecological Economics, Agricultural Economics, Food

Security, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Economic Analysis and Policy, Environment Development and Sustainability, Environmental Management and Asian Development Review

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Won ARER BEST ADVISER AWARD by Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association in 2016.

Journal Editor Associate editor of *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems* and *Frontiers in Climate Change*

Chaired conference sessions in Tropentag conference in Germany from 2010 to 2012

Reviewer of reputed journals like World Development, Ecological Economics, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economic Perspective and Policy, Journal of Cleaner Production, Agribusiness, Environment and Development Economics, Regional Environmental Change, Food Security, Development Policy Review and , Journal of Agricultural Economics

	Puneet Vatsa
	Lecturer of Economics, Lincoln University, New Zealand
Short Bio	
Puneet Vatsa is a lecturer of economics at Lincoln University in New Zealand, where he teaches quantitative methods, macroeconomics, and international economics. His research areas include applied time-series analysis, international commodity markets, agricultural and resource economics, energy economics, and macroeconomics.	



Qingfeng Zhang

Chief, Rural Development and Food Security Thematic Group

Concurrently Officer-in-Charge, Chief, Environment Thematic Group,
ADB, Philippines

Short Bio

As the Chief of Rural Development & Food Security Thematic Group, Mr. Zhang is providing leadership to the formulation and implementation of the Bank's strategy and knowledge in agriculture, natural resources and food, oversees the operationalization of the Bank's vision on agriculture, natural resources and food in regional and country programs. Each year the Rural Development, Natural Resources and Food has \$3-4 billion investment across the Bank (investments, results-based lending and policy-based lending). There are about 135 staffs in this sector across the Bank.

As the head of Environment thematic group, he is also leading the Bank's initiatives in natural capital lab, ocean health action plan, air quality management, and East Asian Australasian Flyway.


Prior to serving as this role, Mr. Zhang was the Director for Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture in East Asia Department in the Bank (2014-2020). He successfully linked the agricultural production with natural resources management and environmental health, delivering the \$2 billion Yangtze river economic belt framework program, designing \$6 billion rural vitalization program in PRC, formulating multiple-phased air quality management and sustainable tourism programs in Mongolia across the various sectors. Prior to joining ADB, he was a Senior Environment Specialist at the World Bank in Washington; a Director at the State Environmental Protection Administration in Beijing; and a Research Fellow at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Mr. Zhang is a Chinese national. He holds a doctoral degree in environmental engineering from the Tsinghua University; and a master's degree in water resources management, and a bachelor's degree in hydrology from the Sichuan University. He was also trained at the Harvard Business School through its Executive Development Program.

	Rie Hiraoka
	Director of Social Sector Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB, Philippines

Short Bio

Ms. Rie Hiraoka joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2001. She is the first and currently the Director of the Social Sector Division for the Central and West Asia Department since it was established in 2016. From 2011–2016, she was the Country Director in Kyrgyz Resident Mission. Ms. Hiraoka holds a Ph.D. in Development (Faculties: Economics and Regional Science) from Cornell University, and a Bachelor’s degree in Earth and Planetary Science from Tokyo University. She has over 25 years of experience in international development in strategy and evidence-based policy development, public sector management, public finance, and service delivery. She has also worked with the World Bank, and UNICEF.

	Sujata Gupta
	Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Division, East Asia Department, ADB, Philippines

Short Bio

Ms. Sujata Gupta is the Director of the Sustainable Infrastructure Division, East Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She joined ADB in 2003 and has worked on the public and private sectors of ADB as well as for resource mobilization from development partners. Sujata has a PhD from the London Business School, University of London and Master’s and Bachelor’s from the University of Delhi. Before joining ADB, Sujata was Senior Fellow and Director of the Policy Analysis Division, at TERI (then the Tata Energy Research Institute), New Delhi. She has also worked as a visiting researcher at the International Institute of Applied System Analysis in Austria. She was a member of United Nations (UNFCCC) CDM Methodologies for Baselines and Monitoring Panel (2002–2005), and a co-coordinating lead author for the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

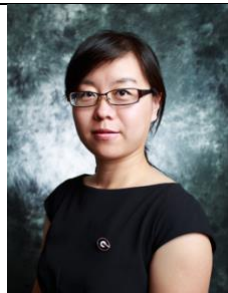


Tetsushi Sonobe

Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan

Short Bio

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 are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. 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 and taught economics for thirty years 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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Short Bio

Dr. Ting Meng is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University. She obtained her Ph.D. degree of Agricultural and Applied Economics from University of Georgia, the U.S. Before joining CAU, she worked as a Postdoctoral Associate in Environmental Economics and policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the U.S. Her research interests are agricultural economics and resource & environmental economics, including influence of climate change on agricultural production, green sustainable technology adoption and eco-friendly behavior, and eco-label agriproduct marketing and consumption. Many of her research works have been published in high-rank academic journals including Energy, Landscape and Urban Planning, China Agricultural Economics Review, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Waste Management, Resource,

Conservation & Recycling. She participated in scientific research projects from National Natural Science Foundation of China, National Social Science Foundation of China, National Bureau of Forestry and Grass, National Green Food Development Center.

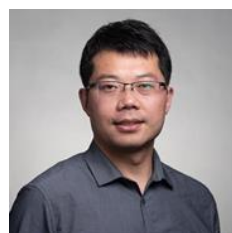


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Short Bio

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Wanglin Ma

Associate Professor, Lincoln University, New Zealand

Short Bio


Wanglin Ma specializes in Applied Economics, with a focus on Agricultural Economics and Development Economics. His research outputs have covered a wide range of topics, including sustainability and economies of agrifood systems, food production and marketing, farmer organization, agribusiness, rural development, rural-to-urban migration, climate change and adaptation, land transfer, agricultural technology adoption, information technology adoption, welfare and well-being, productivity and efficiency, income growth, farmer subjective well-being, and rural energy transition. He has published around 85 journal articles and served as a referee for 112 international journals.

	Wanqi Liang
	Ph.D. Student, Huazhong Agricultural University, People's Republic of China

Short Bio

Education
Ph.D. Student of Huazhong Agricultural University, Major in Agricultural Economics and Management

Research of Interest
For research, I'm targeting two areas. First, use large household and retail scanner data to evaluate household members' well-being. Second, using eye-tracking techniques to evaluate an individual's risk-taking behavior under a social context.

	Wenjin Long
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Short Bio

Dr. Wenjin Long is an Assistant Professor at College of Economics and Management China and a member of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy, China Agricultural University. His research interests focus on labor economics, rural development and food system transformation, particularly on rural labor, human capital, agricultural R&D and extension policies related topics. Before joining CAU, he worked as an Associate Research Fellow in a non-governmental think-tank. He holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK. He received his BAs in Agricultural Economics and Sociology and MA in Agricultural Economics from Renmin University of China. His works are published in China Economic Review, China & World Economy, Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, Journal of Integrative Agriculture and other journals. He has participated many research projects related to labor, education, poverty, health and nutrition. He serves as a reviewer for fifteen journals and two project funders, including Journal of Rural Studies, Review of Development Economics, Feminist Economics, ESRC UK, and NSFC- Peking University Data Centre of Management Science Think Tank Project. He also serves as a consultant for World Bank, UNDP, The National Rural Revitalization Administration of China, and Ministry of Science and Technology of China.



Wenshou Yan

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Short Bio

Wenshou Yan is an Associate Professor in the School of Business Administration at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law. He obtained both his Bachelor (2009) and Master's (2012) degrees in Finance from Northwest A&F University. He earned his PhD degree in Economics from the University of Adelaide in May 2017. His principal research interests are in the fields of international trade theory and policy, new political economy and agricultural development, and the interface between them. He joined Zhongnan University of Economics and Law at the beginning of 2017. He has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals such as *The World Economy*, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, *Economic Modelling*, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.




Xiaobo He

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Short Bio

Xiaobo He is an Associate Professor at School of Business, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE) and an adjunct researcher at the Centre for Global Food and Resources (CGFR), University of Adelaide. Before joining SUIBE, Xiaobo was a post-doctoral researcher at the CGFR. His publications appear in refereed journals such as *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Economics Letters* (x2), *China Economic Review* (x2), *Journal of Asian Economics*, and *Manchester School*, focusing on topics in labor economics and development economics. He received Ph.D. and Master in Economics from University of Adelaide and a B.A from East China Normal University.

	Xianghui Tian
	<p>Doctor of Economics</p> <p>College of Economics and Management, Qingdao Agricultural University, People's Republic of China</p>

Short Bio

Xianghui Tian was born in Linyi, Shandong, People's Republic of China. He received a Doctor degree from Wuhan University, People's Republic of China. Now, he works in the College of Economics and Management, Qingdao Agricultural University, His research interests include development economics, Agricultural economic management, and digital economy.

	Xiaoheng Zhang
	<p>Associate professor, College of Economics and Management, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing, Jiangsu province, People's Republic of China</p>

Short Bio

Xiaoheng Zhang is an Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics in the College of Economics and Management in Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, People's Republic of China. He obtained his Ph.D. from Nanjing Agricultural University in 2017. His research mainly focuses on agricultural production economics, applied econometrics, agricultural food supply chain, and international trade. He has published more than 20 papers on Journals indexed by SSCI or CSSCI, such as Journal of Productivity Analysis, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, China Economic Review, Economic Modelling, and so on.

	<p>Xiaohui Tian</p> <p>Associate Professor, Renmin University of China, Beijing, People’s Republic of China</p>
<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Xiaohui Tian is an associate professor at School of Agriculture Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China. She earned her PhD in agricultural economics from Ohio State University. Her research area is forest and climate change, sustainable agriculture. Her publications include <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>, <i>Land Economics</i>, <i>Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking</i>, <i>Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics</i>, <i>Forest Policy and Economics</i>. She has been the principle investigator of two projects funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China.</p>	

	<p>Xinghua Liu</p> <p>Postdoctoral research fellow, China Academy for Rural Development (CARD), Zhejiang University, People’s Republic of China</p>
<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Dr. Xinghua Liu is a postdoctoral research fellow at the China Academy for Rural Development (CARD) and the School of Public Affairs at Zhejiang University. She obtained a Ph.D in economics from the University of New South Wales in 2019. She has published several papers in peer-reviewed academic journals such as <i>Global Food Security</i>, <i>Nutrients</i> and <i>New Zealand Economic Papers</i>. Her research interests include food economics, child poverty and wellbeing, and rural development.</p>	

	Xin Yan
	PhD Candidate, Beijing University of Technology, People’s Republic of China

Short Bio

Xin Yan is a PhD Candidate in Beijing University of Technology, People’s Republic of China. He is also a joint-Phd student in National University of Singapore. His main research interests include supply chain, and blockchain. He has completed five academic papers during his PhD, and is currently contributing to high-level journals such as Economic Modelling, Review of Development Economics, Frontiers in Environmental Science, Frontiers Psychology, Operations Research and Management, and Journal of Systems Science and Information.


	Xinjie (Jeremy) Shi
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Short Bio

Xinjie Shi is an Assistant Professor/ Research Fellow at School of Public Affairs and Chinese Academy for Rural Development, Zhejiang University. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the Australian National University. His research interests are in agricultural economics and development economics, with a focus on a wide range of social and economic development issues in rural People’s Republic of China including rural human capital, inequality (of opportunity), rural-urban migration, land conversion and agricultural production. His work has been published in journals including Health Economics, World Development, Journal of Rural Studies, Population, Space and Place, Energy Policy, Global Food Security, China & World Economy and China Agricultural Economic Review.


	<p>Xu Tian</p>
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<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Xu Tian was born in 12th August, 1984, in Huanggang city, Hubei province. He did PhD program in agricultural economics from 2009 to 2013 in the University of Goettingen, Germany. He worked at the College of Economics and Management in Nanjing Agricultural University from 2013 to 2021. Currently he is a professor in agricultural economics at College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University (CAU). His research mainly focuses on food consumption and nutrition health, agricultural transformation, economic development and inequality. He is the principal investigator Co-PI of several projects granted by National Foundation of Sciences of China (NSFC). He has published more than 70 academic articles in both domestic and international high-ranked journals such as Nature Food, Food Policy, China Economic Review.</p>	

	<p>Yan Mei</p>
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<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Dr. Mei is a professor of School of Economics, Hangzhou Dianzi University. Her research interests include E-commerce and Rural Development, Digital technology and agricultural development, Development Economics, Applied Economics. Dr. Mei’s papers and academic books have been published in some international and Chinese academic journals. Before joining HDU, Dr. Mei got her PHD degree and M.S. in Zhejiang University in 2008 and 2006, and got her B.M. in Qingdao University in 2003. She worked in Tennessee University, Knoxville (UTK) as a visiting scholar from July 2014 to January 2016.</p>	

	Yasmin Siddiqi
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Short Bio

Ms. Yasmin Siddiqi is a chartered civil engineer (UK) and has a post graduate degree in irrigation engineering (UK). She has over 25 years of experience in natural resources management, including integrated water resources management, irrigation, knowledge solutions and leading teams at Asian Development Bank (ADB). She is currently the operational director for agriculture and natural resources in the Central and West Asia Department of ADB.

	Yurong, Quan
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Short Bio

Yurong Quan is a second year postgraduate student of Shaanxi Normal University. Her supervisor is Professor Lan Fang. Her main research interests are agricultural economy, digital economy, environmental regulation and economic growth. She graduated from Sichuan Agricultural University with a bachelor's degree in economics. She has won various scholarships for many times and has excellent performance in school. During her graduate study, she has participated in domestic and foreign academic conferences as a paper presenter for many times, such as the fifth "three rural" forum in the two journals of "China rural economy", "China Rural observation" and the 2022 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

	Yuventus Effendi
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Short Bio

Yuventus obtained his PhD degree from Australian National University (ANU) in 2022. Prior to joining ANU, he worked as a researcher at Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance of Indonesia, specialising in macroeconomic issues. His main interest is a policy impact evaluation using inter-regional computable general equilibrium modelling approach. Several selected publications are the implication of East Asia electricity market integration (2021), the socio-economic and environmental impacts of renewable electricity development in ASEAN countries (2021), and the implication of energy insecurity in the ASEAN region (2021).

	Yuwen Zhou
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Short Bio

I am currently a Ph.D. student at the College of Economics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology. My research mainly focuses on development economics and labor economics. I use causal inference methods and quantitative spatial equilibrium models to investigate the long-term effects of education public goods allocation on human capital and labor markets. My research also tries to understand how to reduce inequality, including gender inequality, income inequality, and urban-rural inequality, by investing in human capital. I have published several papers on Contemporary Finance & Economics, South China Journal of Economics, and Academic Monthly (In Chinese).