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<td>Vice-Chair of Research/Sr Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</td>
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**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.

- Opening Remarks

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Short Bio

Seungju Baek joined ADBI as Deputy Dean (Capacity Building and Training and Special Activities) in March 2021.

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.

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.

His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.
### Keynote Speakers (based on chronological order)

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**Short Bio**

**Keijiro Otsuka** is a professor of development economics at the Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University in Japan. He was a visiting scientist at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) from 1986 to 1989, a visiting research fellow at IFPRI from 1993 to 1998, a professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies from 2001 to 2016, and a core member of the *World Development Report: Jobs* at the World Bank from 2011 to 2012. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IRRI from 2004 to 2007, President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists from 2009 to 2012, and President of the Japanese Association for Development Economics from 2019 to present. He is coauthor or coeditor of 27 books and 146 articles in internationally renowned journals. He is the fellow of International, American, and African Association of Agricultural Economists. He received Purple Ribbon Medal from the Japanese government in 2010, was selected as a member of the Japan Academy in 2018, and received the Orders of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star in 2021.

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<th>Qiao LIANG</th>
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**Short Bio**

**Qiao LIANG** has a background in agricultural economics and management at Zhejiang University. As the associate director of the Center for China Farmer Cooperatives (CCFC), she has contributed significantly to the field of agricultural economics and management, focusing on China's agricultural cooperative systems.
Qiao LIANG is a professor on Agricultural Economics & Management at Zhejiang University, and the associate director of the Center for China Farmer Cooperatives (CCFC). She finished double PhDs respectively at Zhejiang University (China) in March 2011 and at Erasmus University (The Netherlands) in March 2013. Her main research interests are farmer organizations, agricultural supply chains, and food safety. She has published more than 50 pieces of work in top and high quality journals and 5 monographs. Representative papers are published in the journals such as Management Science, Food Policy, Journal of Evolutionary Economics, Agricultural Systems, Agribusiness, and so on.

Richard J. Sexton

Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616, USA

Short Bio

Richard J. Sexton is distinguished professor in the Agricultural & Resource Economics (ARE) Department at UC Davis. He is also the Past President of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). Sexton served as chair of the ARE Department at Davis from 1994-98 from 2011-16 and as Director of the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics from 2000-03. He served as co-editor of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE) from 1998 – 2000.

Sexton’s teaching and research program at Davis has focused upon issues in applied microeconomics, industrial organization, and agricultural product marketing. His recent research focuses on the rapidly changing landscape of agricultural markets, with their increased emphasis on multifaceted dimensions of product quality, attempts by sellers at all market stages to differentiate their products, and close vertical coordination within the supply chain. He outlined his thinking on these topics for his colleagues in his 2012 AAEA Presidential Address, “Market Power, Misconceptions, and Modern Agricultural Markets,” published in the January 2013 issue of the AJAE, and continues to study these topics to this day.
Chairs (based on chronological order)

Alan William Renwick
Professor of Agricultural Economics
Lincoln University
New Zealand

Short Bio
Alan Renwick has been Professor of Agriculture Economics at Lincoln University since November 2015. Prior to moving to New Zealand, he worked in academic institutions in England, Scotland and Ireland. A main focus of his work has been the impact of agricultural, environmental and trade policies on the economics of land use. Recently a key focus of his work has been on the economics of existing and novel land uses and the processes involved in land-use transformation and adaptation to climate change.

Anita Wreford
Professor, Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit, Lincoln University, New Zealand

Short Bio
Professor Anita Wreford is an applied economist based at the AERU at Lincoln University, specialising in adaptation to climate change, with a particular focus on agriculture and the natural environment. She is an author on two Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports (Special Report on Climate Change and Land (2019) and the Australasia chapter of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. Anita has worked closely with policy makers both at national level and local
government, and conducted climate change adaptation research for both the public and private sectors in New Zealand, as well as the EU Commission and the OECD, the Scottish Government’s ClimateXChange programme, and the UK’s Committee on Climate Change. She leads New Zealand’s Deep South National Science Challenge’s Impacts and Implications Programme, shaping the adaptation research investment in New Zealand.

Arpita Mukherjee
Professor
Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, India

Short Bio

Dr. Arpita Mukherjee is a Professor at ICRIER. She has over 25 years of experience in policy-oriented research, working closely with the government in India and policymakers in the European Commission and its member states, United States (US), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and in East Asian countries. She has conducted studies for international organizations, Indian industry associations, non-government organisations and companies.

Her areas of expertise include trade and investment; trade agreements; services; special economic zones; economic corridors; retail and food supply chain; organic agriculture, start-ups, entrepreneurs; e-commerce and cross-border labour mobility. She specialises in sector and product-specific market trends, go-to market strategy, and government policies.

Dr Mukherjee has a PhD in Economics from the University of Portsmouth, UK, and prior to joining ICRIER she worked with the UK-based think tank - Policy Studies Institute and taught at the University of Portsmouth. She has over 80 publications including national and international referred journals, books and book chapters and government reports. Dr. Mukherjee is a member of various government committees and policy panels and is in the editorial board of 10 journals. She has presented her work in various conferences and seminar and is in the advisory board of industry associations and non-government organisations. She is a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines.
## Aya Suzuki

**Professor, the University of Tokyo, Japan**

### Short Bio

Aya Suzuki is a development economist and a professor at the University of Tokyo. Her primary research interests are on agricultural and aquacultural production and marketing, globalization of food systems, and industrial development. Based on field surveys and experiments in Africa and Asia, she has worked on understanding the production organizations, adoption of good practices, information dissemination among peers, and impacts of industrial jobs for unskilled workers. Her works have been published in journals including *World Development*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, and *Journal of Development Effectiveness*. She is a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics and an editorial board member of the *Asian Development Review*. She obtained her Ph.D. from the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the University of California, Davis.

## Christopher Gan

**Professor in Accounting and Finance**
**Head of Department**
**Department of Financial and Business System**
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### Short Bio

Professor Christopher Gan is Head of Department, Department of Financial and Business System, Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand. He is recognized internationally for research leadership in banking, microfinance, stock markets and Asian financial economics. His approach is quantitative in nature with an applied focus. He has an extensive publication record in well-ranked peer reviewed journals and is regularly cited by other researchers. He serves on editorial boards of several distinguished international journals and a chief editor of the Review of Applied Economics.
He has won several awards for excellence in teaching including the National Teaching Excellence Award in 2003.

Kodikarage Nirosha Nadeeshani Silva

Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna. Matara, Sri Lanka.

Short Bio

I have obtained my bachelor degree in Agriculture Science and Master degree in Agribusiness Management from University of Ruhuna in Sri Lanka. Further, I have obtained MSc in Agricultural Economics from Humboldt University of Berlin in Germany and PhD in Economics Geography in Agriculture from Hannover University in Germany. I have nearly 15 years of experiences in teaching and research in the field of Agricultural Economics and Extension. My expertise areas are in the Micro Economics, Agricultural Policy analysis, Rural development and Gender issues, Knowledge and information management in Agriculture extension system. I was awarded by OKP-NFP-fellowship for the programme on Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security” Wageningen, the Netherlands in 2018, Freie Universität Berlin Alumni fellowship for the international workshop on Tearing Down Walls to Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in the Global South. Berlin, Germany, 2021, Mentoring programm award by International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), the International Committee for Women in Agricultural Economics (ICWAE) and African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) in 2022 and Australia Awards for Short Courses offered to South Asia & Mongolia on Promoting Value Chain Improvements, Market Integration, and Trade in Agribusiness conducted by the University of Queensland, Australia, 2022.
Puja Sawhney
Associate Director, People-Public-Private Partnerships, Habitat for Humanity, Philippines

Short Bio
Puja has more than two decades of experience from research, policy analysis, program and project implementation, policy research, to coalition building. She has served as an expert on various development concerns, from climate change, to disaster management, and sustainable development and has established and led many networks and platforms. Her work has covered the breadth of the Asia Pacific Region, as her various engagements has spanned 48 countries.

Puja has extensive experience of working for international organizations including the UN, International organizations and NGOs.

Puja holds a Ph.D. in Natural Science, a double Masters of Arts degree in Environment and Development and Geography, and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography.

Ranjitha Puskur
International Rice Research Institute
IRRI Representative - India
Research Lead - Gender and Livelihoods
Module Leader-Evidence, CGIAR GENDER Platform
Based in New Delhi, India

Short Bio
Dr. Ranjitha Puskur leads the research program on ‘Gender and Livelihoods' at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and is IRRI’s Representative to India. She has been part of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) since 2002, working at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) where she led the research team working on ‘Innovation in livestock systems’ and, WorldFish where she led the programs on gender and impact at scale. Her work focuses on generating
knowledge, learning and evidence that can translate into technical and institutional innovation and lead to more equitable outcomes for women and other vulnerable social groups engaged in agriculture.

Ranjitha also leads the Evidence Module in the CGIAR GENDER (Generating Evidence and New Directions for Equitable Results) Platform. The Evidence Module of the GENDER Platform aims to deliver new evidence to fill key gaps in the gender and food systems domain to inform research, development practice and policy to facilitate design and implementation of solutions and trajectories to reduce gender and social inequalities.

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**Wuyang Hu**

Professor

Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, USA

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**Short Bio**

Professor Wuyang Hu is a professor in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at the Ohio State University. He earned his PhD in 2004 in rural and resource economics from the University of Alberta, Canada. His research focuses on human decision making related to food and the environment. He has published extensively in journals such as the American Journal of Agricultural Economics and the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management. He currently serves as editor of the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics.
### Closing Remarks

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**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.

### Presenters and Discussants (based on chronological order)

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**Short Bio**

Amar K.J.R. Nayak is a Professor of Strategy and General Management at Xavier Institute of Management, XIM University, Bhubaneswar, India.
Dr. Nayak is a tenured full time Professor of Strategic Management at the Xavier Institute of Management, XIM University Bhubaneswar. He has been the Chair Professor, NABARD (National bank for Agriculture & Rural Development) for two terms and now the Chairperson of the Centre for Sustainable Ecological Systems at XIMB. [https://xub.edu.in/cses/](https://xub.edu.in/cses/)

He uses different research methodologies including action research in different ecosystems from the paradigm of ‘All Interacting Evolving Systems Science’ based on the natural phenomenon of interconnections, interdependence, and interactions to test his hypothesis and theories on specific ecosystems, viz., in industrial, urban, rural, indigenous, and natural ecosystems. He has published six books, ten monographs, and over 100 research articles, cases, academic proceedings, and reports.

He has widely travelled to and lived in different parts of the world including Asia (including Kobe University, Japan), Europe, North America and South America for studies, lectures, seminars, and conferences. He has been an advisor to various organizations and institutions such as Government of India, various State Governments, FAO-UN, UNDP, World Bank, NABARD, BIRD, NIAM, DMI, IRMA, North-Eastern University, Shillong, various Corporations, Foundations, and Not for Profit Organizations. He can be reached at amar@xim.edu.in or aiess.2021@yahoo.com

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**Ankit Mahapatra**  
Ph.D. Research Scholar (Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Junior Research Fellow)  
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**Short Bio**

Ankit Mahapatra is a Ph.D. research scholar at National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, India. He completed his masters in Agricultural Extension (2019-2021) from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi where he worked on assessing the impact of Farmer Producer Organization on tribal farmers under the guidance of Dr. Vinayak Nikam. Prior to that he pursued B.Sc. Agriculture (2015-19) from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Uttarakhand which is regarded as the harbinger of green revolution in India. Apart from taking a keen interest in agricultural research, he is also active in various literary and cultural activities of the university.
has represented the university in several national level debates and essay writing competitions and received accolades. His goal is to create a positive impact on the farming community through his research and extension work.

Bidur Paria

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

Short Bio

I am a PhD research scholar in agricultural economics in the department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, under the guidance of Prof. Pulak Mishra and Prof. Bhagirath Behera. My areas of research interest are agricultural intensification, climate change, food and nutritional security, agriculture and groundwater, and collective farming. At present, I am a research assistant in the Department of Industrial and System Engineering at IIT Kharagpur, working on a project funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to study the effects of climate change and COVID-19 on migration. During my PhD and MPhil courses, I have served as a lab assistant and worked as a guest lecturer, respectively. Through my experience, I have become well versed in conducting research and analyzing data through software packages like STATA, SPSS, and EVIEWS for econometric analysis; QGIS for geo-spatial analysis; and Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping for data modelling and policy implications. I also have ample experience of working in a collaborative environment, as in my previous project, where I collaboratively worked with resource people from Bangladesh, Australia, and New Zealand on a project on sustainable agricultural intensification funded by ACIAR.

Chen JI

Associate Professor, China Academy for Rural China (CARD)/ Department of Agricultural Economics and Management, Zhejiang University, China
**Short Bio**

Professor JI focuses on doing agricultural and development economics studies in 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*.

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**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 biological sciences from Nanjing University. Her current research interests are food and health economics, human capital, and genoeconomics. Dr. Zhu was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Institute for Population and Labor Economics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and a visiting scholar at University of California, Davis. Her publications appear in refereed journals such as American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Food Policy, Economics Letters, China CDC Weekly, Frontiers in Genetics, Royal Society Open Science. Dr. Zhu is also a research fellow at the Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP) and the Beijing Food Safety Policy & Strategy Research Base (FSP). Personal website: [http://zhuchen.org.cn/](http://zhuchen.org.cn/).
Cristian Armando Yepes Lugo

Business and International Relations Academic Program Director, La Salle University, Bogotá, Colombia.

Short Bio

Cristian Yepes-Lugo earned a Ph.D. degree in Industry and Organizations at Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He was a Doctoral Visiting Research at HEC-Montreal, Canada and he got a Master's degree in International Relations and Business at Universidad Militar Nueva Granada. He is also a Public Administrator with experience in the area of Social and Economic Sciences, Quality Management, and research in the field of public administration, organizational and international knowledge, and a Degree in Philology and Languages, managing different skills in the area of intercultural management from the perspective of communication and language.

He has been a consultant for the Transformative Policy Innovation Consortium and for the Higher School of Public Administration on issues regarding Public Policy, Innovation, and Management. He is currently the director of the Business and International Relations academic program at La Salle University, Colombia.

Dan Yang

Professor, Southwest University, China

Short Bio
Dan Yang is professor and dean of Department of Agro-forestry Economics and Management, College of Economics and Management, Southwest University. She is a visiting scholar at Toulouse School of Economics, Moore Business School of University of South Carolina, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI, Beijing), China Academy for Rural Development of Zhejiang University. She is selected as “Chongqing Talent (Leading Innovation Talent)”, “Bayu Scholar (Youth Scholar)”, “Chongqing Academy and Technology Leader (Backup Candidate)”. Her research field includes agricultural industrial organizations, rural poverty, rural resources and environment. She published more than 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals, 2 monographs, and made several presentations at the international academic conferences held in USA, Germany, France and other countries. She has conducted many academic projects includes 2 projects supported by Asian Development Bank, 5 projects supported by National Social Science Funds of China, and more than 10 projects supported by Chongqing Education Commission. She won several awards, including the first Annual Scholar Honor of Chinese Youth Agricultural Economists Forum, Development Research Award of Chongqing Municipal Government, Excellent Education and Scientific Research Achievement Award, Social Science Excellent Achievement Award of Chongqing Education Commission etc.

Devi Sekhar R
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Short Bio
Dr. Devi Sekhar is now serving as Assistant Professor in the Department of Management Studies, Sree Narayana Gurukulam College of Engineering, Ernakulam. She has been awarded PhD in Management from Amrita Viswa Vidyapeetham University in March, 2022. She has also completed CAIB from Indian Institute of Banking & Finance. Her areas of expertise are Finance, Banking and Cooperative Management.

She has started her career in the banking sector and held the positions of Assistant Manager in ING Vysya Bank and Manager in Axis Bank. She has got four years of experience in banking sector & got 5 years of research & teaching experience. She has published several papers in international & Scopus indexed journals and presented papers in international conferences.
| **Dheeraj Singh**  
**Principal Scientist and Head**  
Krishi Vigyan Kendra  
ICAR-Central arid zone research Institute, India |

**Short Bio**

Dr. Dheeraj Singh is working as Principal Scientist and Head at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CAZRI, Pali which is a public sector organization under Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. His primary job is to provide training to the farmers for capacity building and design standards for trainers as well as trainees. As Extension agent he had focused on technology transfer, with the extension worker transferring knowledge from research stations to farmers by using individual, group, and mass media methods. His one of main achievement is to provide blueprint structures for farmer organizations (FO) in the form of cooperatives and commodity organizations in order to provide various input, marketing, and educational services to the farmers. Under his leadership and guidance, a large number of farmers were fine tuned into a success stories having viable and profitable enterprises which served as role model for other farmers also. His work on associating farmers with farmers organization/producer companies has been valuable in guiding the farmers and entrepreneurs adopting agriculture for food security and livelihood. To his credit are 156 research papers, 5 books, 45 bulletins, 87 popular articles and many other documentaries. He has been awarded for his outstanding contribution many times by Indian government and international organizations.
ELENA MELIÁ-MARTÍ

Tenured professor. CEGEA. Universitat Politècnica de València. SPAIN

Short Bio

Doctor in Agricultural Engineering. Tenured Professor of Agricultural Economics. Responsible for the research group on Social Economy and cooperativism of CEGEA (Business Management Research Center) at the Universitat Politècnica de València. (www.cegea.upv.es)

Director of the Chair of Business Integration of Agrifood Cooperatives of the Department of Agriculture of the Generalitat Valenciana. Co-director of the Master in Management of Agrifood Cooperatives (MBA) and the Master in Management and Marketing of Agrifood Companies (MBA) of the Universitat Politècnica de València. Vice-President of OIBESCOOP (Ibero-American Observatory of Employment and the Social and Cooperative Economy) (www.oibescoop.org)

Previously Director of CEGEA Centro de Investigación en Gestión de Empresas (Business Management Research Center) of the Universitat Politècnica de València. (www.cegea.upv.es)

He develops his research work in the area of social economy and agricultural associations, especially in the field of cooperatives, and specifically in their integration processes. She is the author of several monographs (9) and publications in scientific and specialized journals (more than 40).

In the business field, he has carried out transfer projects for some of the largest Spanish cooperative organizations, especially in the field of business integration processes (ALIMER, ANECOOP, Grupo Pastores, VICASOL, among others).
Emmanuel Donkor
Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

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<td>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.</td>
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Gamze Yakar-Pritchard
Research Fellow in Knowledge Exchange for Sustainability, at the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment (ADBE) at Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom

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<td>Gamze Yakar-Pritchard is a Research Fellow in Knowledge Exchange for Sustainability, at the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment (ADBE) at Nottingham Trent University. Gamze received her PhD on the subject of “A Sustainability Report Proposal for Cooperatives in Turkey”, at Trakya University, Turkey. Before joining NTU, she worked as a lecturer for five years at the Cooperative Management Department in Tekirdag Namik Kemal University, Turkey. She was also visiting PhD Researcher at Business School, Sheffield Hallam University in the 2018-2019</td>
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academic year. Besides the academic career, she worked for over one year as a bid coordinator for a SMEs construction & consulting company in the UK. She also worked in the Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution on the IPARD programme in order to help agricultural holdings to reach EU standards and help development of rural areas in Turkey.

Gamze’s research interest is in sustainability reporting, sustainable development, SDGs, CSR and cooperatives.

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**Gopi Sankar Gopikuttan**

**Doctoral student**

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

India

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**Short Bio**

I am a PhD candidate at the Centre for Public Policy in the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. Broadly, I am interested in issues concerning rural livelihoods, particularly that of smallholder farmers. In my doctoral work, I theoretically and empirically examine institutional design that enables farmers to gain from market participation and that simultaneously ensures their livelihood security. Articles drawn out of my work have appeared in Economic and Political Weekly. I have also presented academic works in national and international conferences. My co-authored teaching cases have been published by Harvard Business Publishing. Last year, I was a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow at Cornell University.

Before joining the doctoral program, I worked with government, non-govt, and private sector organizations. I have co-founded a not-for-profit organization which facilitates support for elderly. I hold a master’s degree from Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), India.
## HANG THI THU NGO

**Head of Department of Management Accounting & Auditing**  
Faculty of Accounting and Business Management  
Vietnam National University of Agriculture  
Trauquy - Gialam – Hanoi  
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### Short Bio

Ms. Ngo Thi Thu Hang holds a PhD in Agricultural Science, majoring in Economics & Rural Development from the University of Liege, Belgium, and a Master in Professional Accounting from the University of New South Wales, Australia. She has worked for 20 years at Vietnam National University of Agriculture as a lecturer and researcher. Her current research interests focus on: (1) Cooperatives Development; (2) Accounting, Audit & Finance; (3) Internal control system & Risk management. Her recent publications:


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## Hongyun Zheng

**Associate Professor, College of Economics and Management,**  
Huazhong Agricultural University, China

### Short Bio
I am currently an Associate Professor at College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University, 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.

**Huma Neupane**

Director, Directorate of Research and Publication, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Nepal

**Short Bio**

Huma Neupane is currently working as a director at directorate of Research and Publication in Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS). She is an assistant professor at IAAS for more than 11 years. She is responsible to teach the courses of Agriculture Economics to undergraduate and postgraduate students along with providing them guidance as supervisor in their thesis works. She completed her Ph.D in Agriculture Economic Management form South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou in 2022.

She has been involved in many research and development activities and has made about a dozen of publications including national and international journals and proceedings. She has worked with provincial level government to prepare for agriculture model for Madi Faat of Lumbini province, Nepal. Currently she is working in a development project of integrated agriculture in Syangja district of Gandaki Province in Nepal.

Her major area of interest include production economics, livestock economics and climate change.
**Julio, (Cesar), Botero-R**

PhD candidate in Global Value Chains and Trade at Lincoln University, New Zealand

**Short Bio**

I have more than ten years of experience as a lecturer and researcher of international business. I have been involved in internationalisation projects since 2009, when I started my professional career studying and working in business schools in my home country, Colombia, and abroad. Later, I co-founded a consulting company; we trained local farmers in international business to properly market their products on global markets, and we successfully oriented some foreign firms into the domestic market. I have extensive business-related experience in internationalisation, firm strategy, marketing, logistics, and entrepreneurship. At the end of 2019, I moved to New Zealand to continue developing my academic career. Currently, I am a PhD candidate in Global Value Chains and Trade at Lincoln University, where I have been working as a lecturer and researcher for the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce.

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**Junying, Lin**

Assistant research fellow, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, China

**Short Bio**

Lin Junying, born in April 1990, is an assistant research fellow at the Institute of Applied Economics, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. In September 2019, she obtained a doctorate degree in management from Zhejiang University, from October 2016 to November 2017, she was a visiting scholar at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt University, Germany, and from December 2019 to June 2020, she was a senior visiting scholar at the Eurasian Branch of the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations. Her research interests are rural industrial organization, regional economy and rural development.
Dr Kathryn (Blackman) Bicknell

Senior Lecturer in Economics, Lincoln University, New Zealand.

Short Bio

I am an agricultural economist by training with more than 20 years of research and teaching experience that focuses on policy issues in the agricultural sector, primarily in the areas of production economics, consumer behaviour, farm systems, and natural resource management. I was appointed by the New Zealand Minister of Agriculture to serve two terms on the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC), at which time my research centred heavily on the economics and distributional impacts of improving farm animal welfare. Since stepping down from NAWAC I have been involved in a wider range of projects through collaborative links with other institutions as well as the supervision of postgraduate students. These projects involve a variety of research methods, and a range of empirical issues, including technical efficiency and profitability on NZ dairy farms, on-farm environmental compliance, value chain performance in transitional economies and the demand for food in both developed and developing countries.

Kendisha Soekardjo Hintz

Doctoral researcher and project coordinator
Technical University Dresden, Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products, Chair of Tropical and International Forestry, Germany

Short Bio
Kendisha Soekardjo Hintz, from Indonesia, is a doctoral researcher and project coordinator at the Chair of Tropical and International Forestry, Technical University Dresden, Germany. Her doctoral research focuses on smallholder forest farmers’ organizations in Ethiopia and Tanzania, and their potential role in upgrading wood value chain and catalyzing sustainable rural landscapes. Her research is part of the “WoodCluster” project that seeks to tackle the wood supply gap in Eastern Africa. As a spokesperson of the “Socio-economics in Forestry” research group in the institute, her interest lies in the forestry and rural development nexus. Prior to the doctoral research, she pursued her MSc degree in Sustainable Development at the Faculty of Economics of Leipzig University, and BSc in Environmental and Resources Management.

Le Canh Bich Tho

Lecturer, FPT University – Can Tho Campus, Vietnam

My name is Tho. I am a lecturer at the FPT University – Can Tho Campus. My research interests include environmental economics and sustainable agriculture in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta. I focus on how the production efficiency of the rice sector could be improved by input management and climate smart agriculture application in this region.

Md. Aminul Karim

Organization- Consultant at International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

Country : Bangladesh

Short Bio
I am Aminul from Bangladesh.

My ambition and career goals regard being a part of the work of the research and development organizations connected, especially in the field of human rights and human development. Therefore, I chose to study Economics at the Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), where I graduated with a specialization in development economics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics analysis.

Currently, I am working as Consultant at International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). I have worked as a Research Associate at Innovision Consulting Private Limited. I have also worked as a Program Officer in Knowledge Management & Program Development cell in a local NGO of Bangladesh; Community Development Centre (CODEC).

I have a keen interest in designing different projects and research activities connected to broader economic development. My research interests are focused on economic development, especially agriculture, labor force, education, and public policy.

Md. Mizanur Rahman Sarker
Professor, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Short Bio
Md. Mizanur Rahman Sarker is a professor of the department of agricultural statistics at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka. He worked as a Visiting Researcher at Graduate School of Frontier Sciences of the University of Tokyo and as a Foreign Visiting Scholar at Institute of Economic Research of the University of Hitotsubashi, Tokyo. He worked as a JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow at Hitotsubashi University. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University. He published his research papers at different international and nation reputed journals. He has written many book chapters which have been published by Springer and ADBI. He served as a Team Leader, Principal and Co-principal Investigator at different projects. He has several years’ consultancy experiences in the different national and international organizations.
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<td>Associate Professor / College of Humanities and Development Studies (COHD), China Agricultural University / China</td>
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**Short Bio**

Mei Li, female, is an associate professor in the College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, with research interests in agricultural and rural legal systems and farmer cooperatives. Other information is as follows:

**EDUCATION**

- **College of Humanities and Development Studies of China Agriculture University**
  (supervised by professor Dapeng Ren)
  PhD Rural Management
- **Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana**
  (supervised by professor Nancy Abelmann)
  *Scholarship Committee project*  Labor Mobility and Planning
- **College of Humanities and Development Studies of China Agriculture University**
  (supervised by professor Qizhen Zhu)
  Master Law
- **College of Xiyu, Heilongjiang University**
  Bachelor Literature

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **Institute for Rural and Agricultural Legislation of CAU**
  *Researcher*, 2015–present
- **Mentougou Research Base on Beijing Cooperatives Studies of CAU**
  *Director*, 2021–present
- **Association of Rural and Agricultural Legislation Research**
  *Council member*, 2018 – present
- **Association of China Agricultural Cooperation Economic Research**
  *Council member*, 2018 – present
- **East Asia Center, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, USA**
  *Co-researcher*, 2013 – 2014
- **Asian Development Bank**
  *Land Management Specialist*, 2017 – 2019
- **Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Strategic Framework**
  *Consultant expert on Cooperative Law*, 2020-2021
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<td>Muhammad Arfan has a Ph.D. in Integrated Water Resources Management from US-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water, Jamshoro. He has completed his master’s in Engineering Hydrology from the UET Lahore with a background in Agriculture Engineering from the University of Agriculture Faisalabad. Muhammad Arfan cultivates an interdisciplinary research experience while working with the World Wide Fund for Nature Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) and the International Institute of Social History (IISH). His research interest covers subjects related to water governance, integrated water resource management, common pool resource management, climate change adaptation, and quantitative &amp; qualitative research designs. Mr. Arfan received a competitive research grant for an interdisciplinary research project from the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). During this research project, he demonstrated strength in linking across disciplines. His technical work quantifying irrigation canal network flows and his engagement of stakeholders integrated physical science, engineering, and social science. He published in national and international journals and occasionally writes on climate and water issues for different newspapers.</td>
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Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat. He has completed his PhD from JMI New Delhi, and MSc. in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His work and research is mainly focused on collective livelihoods, social protection, poverty and dignity, political economy, and Minorities in South Asia.

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**Short Bio**

Dr. Ni Zhuo is an assistant research fellow at Institute of Rural Development, Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences. She obtained her PhD in agricultural economics and management from Zhejiang University in 2022. Her current research interests are agricultural economics, rural development, and farmers’ organizations. Her work has been published in journals including Journal of Integrative Agriculture, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies.

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**Short Bio**

Prerna Terway is an independent consultant based in New Delhi, India. She specializes in rural development and sustainability. Her work focuses on improving the lives of communities through innovative strategies and research-driven solutions.
Prerna Terway is an Independent Consultant and founder of an organic food company. With close to eight years of work experience in a leading think tank based in New Delhi, she has authored and co-authored several research studies on various topics in Indian agriculture including public expenditure on input subsidies and investments; analysis of policies related to crop insurance, credit policies, extension services and subsidies in Indian agriculture, etc. She has published papers in reputed national journals and media articles in widely circulated daily newspapers. She holds a doctorate in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

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.

Qian Li
Assistant professor, College of Economics, Beijing Technology and Business University, Beijing China

Short Bio
Dr. Qian Li is an assistant professor and master supervisor of College of Economics, Beijing Technology and Business University. He received his Ph.D. degree in Management (Major field: Agriculture Economics) from China Agriculture University in 2020. His research interests include waste management, clean production, livestock economics, etc. He got more than 8 research project grants from China donors to work on agricultural economics. In recent years, he has published more than 25 academic papers, and relevant researches have been published in China Agricultural Economic Review, Waste Management, Science of the Total Environment, etc.

Racheal Nangobi

Student at Egerton University, Njoro, Nakuru County, Kenya.

Short Bio

Ranjana Roy
Research Fellow, Agriculture Policy Sustainability and Innovation, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) Core 6A, 4th Floor, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003

Short Bio
Ranjana Roy is working as a research fellow at ICRIER. She holds a doctoral degree from Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. Her area of research are agricultural economics, poverty, nutrition, and development economics. She has co-edited a book with Dr. Ashok Gulati and Shweta Saini titled “Revitalizing Indian Agriculture and Boosting Farmer Incomes published by Springer. She has also published papers in reputed national journals and widely circulated daily newspapers.

Ratna Reddy Vippala
Director, Livelihoods and Natural Resources Management Institute, Hyderabad, India.

Short Bio
An economist by training with experience in the fields of environmental economics and natural resource management, environmental impact assessment, climate change, livelihoods and institutions. He is an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at South Asian Institute, Germany. Visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex; the University of Leeds, UK; and the UN-University, Dresden, Germany. Served as consultant to organisations like: The World Bank and Independent Evaluation Group (IEG); The World Bank, Washington and India; ADB; UNDP; DFID; EC; WWF, IWMI, ICRAI, UNU, OPM, IFDC, etc. Served as a working group member in the preparation of 11th and 12th Plans for the Government of India. He has published 15 books and above 200 research papers in international and national peer reviewed journals.
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**Short Bio**

Rizki is a lecturer at Universitas Budi Luhur, Indonesia. He has been teaching economics and finance since 2013. Besides teaching, Rizki is a business practitioner. Currently, he is the CEO of NINEcloud, an IT company engaged in infrastructure and networking. He also serves as the chairman of Kibar Foundation, a social organization that empowers community development.

His activities in these institutions have awared his interest in the important role of cooperatives in improving the people's economy. He has conducted research on cooperatives in Indonesia for several years. Rizki holds a bachelor's degree in management from Universitas Gunadarma and an MBA from Universitas Budi Luhur. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at Universitas Indonesia.

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**Short Bio**

I am Sampriti Biswas, a PhD researcher in Political Sciences (Political Economy) of the University of Kassel, Germany. I am also a Fellow of the Future of Work Initiative of the Rutgers University, United States. I have completed Masters of Science in Economics with a first class from the University of Calcutta, India in the year 2014. A passionate researcher, I am deeply concerned about the various problems of the farmers in India. A background of Journalism, Teaching, Research and Activism has given me a strong understanding of their deep-rooted crises and also a hope that I will be able to create successful policy prescriptions in the long run which will indeed create some tangible difference in their lives. For me it is crucial to formulate policies that really work on the ground and are practical, time tested and intended for the greater masses. In this regard, my key interest area
is the electronic market place for Agriculture in India; the dynamics of the National Agriculture Market or the eNAM which is an electronic trading portal existing all over India.

Shemei Zhang
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Short Bio

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Skills and expertise
Agricultural Development Agricultural Extension Agribusiness Rural Economic and Development, Agricultural Development, Sustainable Agriculture, Agriculture Information and communication technology (ICT) Agricultural Cooperative.
### Simeng Zhang

PhD candidate, Shenyang Agricultural University, China

**Short Bio**

Simeng Zhang (1991.02-), PhD candidate of Shenyang Agricultural University, China, majoring in agricultural economy. Main research directions include cooperative economy, rural finance, etc. Participated in domestic and international academic conferences regarding cooperative economy. Attended in surveying and collecting the data of issues relating to agriculture, rural areas and rural people all the year around.

### Sonalee Chauhan

Doctoral Scholar, Centre for Management in Agriculture, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, India.

**Short Bio**

Sonalee Chauhan is currently a final year doctoral student at IIM-Ahmedabad. Her PhD thesis work is focused on smallholders’ engagement in the agricultural output markets in India. She holds an MBA in Agribusiness management from Institute of Agribusiness Management (IABM) and a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Sciences from **G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology (GBPUAT)**.

Her research interests lie in agricultural markets and food policy, food security, gender in agriculture and rural marketing.
Subash, Surendran-Padmaja

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**Affiliation 2:** Scientist, ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, India.

**Short Bio**

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SUKHPAL SINGH

**SUKHPAL SINGH,** Professor, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, INDIA

**Short Bio**

Dr. Sukhpal Singh is Professor and Former Chairperson, Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, Former Director General, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) Chandigarh, and Former Professor and Head, Agricultural Economic Research Unit (AERU), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi.

He has been conferred the title of the Fellow of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics for his contributions to the discipline and the Society in 2018. He is founding co-editor, Millennial Asia-an intl. journal of Asian studies. He was a visiting fellow at the IDS, Sussex (the UK), Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok (Thailand), the University of Manchester (the UK); and the Copenhagen Business School (Denmark).
He has 14 books, the latest ones include: Covid-19 Pandemic and Economic Development (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021, co-edited) and Reverse Subsidies in Global Monopsony Capitalism (CUP, 2022, co-authored). He has authored >150 research papers in international/national journals/edited books.

He has been a member of various committees/working groups of the Planning Commission of India/NITI Aayog, the National Development Council, the Food Safety Standards Authority, and the Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) besides the Boards of many non-profit, public and private companies in agri and rural domain.

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**Trung Thanh Nguyen**

Associate Professor, Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

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**Short Bio**

Dr. Nguyen is at the Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (www.iuw.uni-hannover.de), School of Economics and Management (www.wiwi.uni-hannover.de), Leibniz University Hannover (www.uni-hannover.de), Germany. His research and teaching focus on the interactions between environmental and development issues in the developing world.
Vinoj Abraham

Professor, Centre for Development Studies, India

Short Bio
Vinoj Abraham is Chair Professor, Ministry of Commerce at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India. He coordinates the National Research Programme on Plantation Development at CDS. His areas of research include Plantation Studies, Labour Economics, Development Economics, Technology and Innovation. Currently he is involved in four projects related to plantation studies, looking at collective formations in the sectors of Tea, Coffee and Rubber. He has published extensively in journals, contributed to reputed edited volumes, edited two books and has been appearing on print and electronic media. He has also worked on a number of research projects funded by both international agencies and national agencies, including the Planning Commission, Norwegian Research Council, ICSSR, IDRC, UNCTAD, European Union and UNICEF. He has been a consultant to The World Bank, ILO, and has been part of various expert committees set up by the Government of India and Government of Kerala. He was also recipient of the Sanjay Thakur Young Labour Economist award instituted by the Indian Society of Labour Economics.

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.
Wei Yang

Senior Lecturer, Lincoln University, New Zealand

Short Bio

I work in the area of agricultural and environmental economics. I apply econometric and statistical models to understand real world issues such as environmental and economic impact of increased agricultural production. My research areas include investigations of consumer willingness to pay for high-value added food products, farmers' decision-making on good environmental management practices and economic evaluation of agricultural project and research. The results are relevant to a range of stakeholders, including consumers, producers and the government. I have had a demonstrated history of working in the research industry with both domestic and international researchers from universities, research institutes, and private industries, on a variety of multi-discipline research projects. My current research projects focus on understanding how producers’ interactions affect their decision-making, with the application of spatial econometrics and social network theories, for instance how social interactions between farmers influence their decision-making of technology adoption.

Xia Guo

Lecturer, School of Economics, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan, China

Short Bio
Xia Guo is a lecturer at School of Economics, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law. Graduated from Wuhan University (BE, MA) in 2008, Trinity College Dublin & University College Dublin (Master of Development Practice) in 2013, Wuhan University (Ph.D) in 2014. His research covers a wide range of topics in agricultural economics, sustainability and climate change, development economics and aging. His work has been published in CSSCI (Chinese Social Sciences Citation Index) journals including Economic Perspectives, Journal of Huazhong Agricultural University (Social Sciences Edition), Finance & Economics, West Forum, etc.

Xiaobo He
Associate Professor, School of Business, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China

Short Bio

Xiaobo He is an Associate Professor at School of Business, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUDBE) 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 (×2), China Economic Review (×2), 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

Doctor of Economics

College of Economics and Management, Qingdao Agricultural University, People’s Republic of China

Short Bio

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Xu Tian

Professor in agricultural economics, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University, Beijing, People’s Republic of China.

Short Bio

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.
Yufeng Luo

Assistant Professor, Digital Economy Laboratory, University of International Business and Economics, China

Short Bio

Yufeng Luo is an Assistant Professor and Lecturer at the University of International Business and Economics in China. He is now working for the Digital Economy Laboratory, which is the first laboratory of social science in China.

Yufeng’s research interests lie primarily in the fields of Agricultural Economics, Health Economics, and Digital Economics. His current research focuses on the cooperatives development and energy use in rural China, together with the health issues of US consumers. He is the author of Farmers’ participation in cooperatives: Voluntary or compulsory (2016) and Why is Firewood Use so Persistent? The Role of Income Uncertainty (2022). His Ph.D. dissertation studies how restrictions on container size affect soda demand and further explores US citizens’ habitual consumption behavior towards soft drinks.

Yufeng received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Georgia, where he studied as an international student with full scholarship at Agricultural and Applied Economics Department. Prior to coming to UGA, he achieved his bachelor’s and master’s degree from the Nanjing Agricultural University in China.