

CALL FOR PAPERS

KDIS-3ie-ADB-ADBI Conference on Impact Evaluation

Challenges and Promise for Human Capital Development in Asia

17 November 2020, Online

Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management (KDIS), International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Asian Development Bank (ADB), and ADB Institute (ADBI) are delighted to invite policy makers, academics, and experts to submit papers related to the field of impact evaluation on human capital development. Selected papers will be presented during the joint online conference, which will take place on November 17, 2020.

Background:

Design and implementation of effective development policies on human capital development is a complex task, which requires reliable evidence and a solid understanding of economic and social conditions which often interact with each other. Indeed, the effectiveness of human capital investment programs, such as education, health, or skills enhancement programs, have been increasingly questioned by experts and academic researchers. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic-induced social restrictions have taken a significant toll on human capital development, thereby raising the importance of sound, evidence-based policymaking. In this regard, the pandemic has demonstrated the usefulness of Big Data for visualizing and assessing the social restrictions and has shown significant potential for use in impact evaluation studies.

The KDIS-3ie-ADB-ADBI Conference on Impact Evaluation aims to share empirical research findings on development policy in the context of international development cooperation. In these unprecedented times of a global pandemic, evidence-based approaches and use of big data are more important than ever in policymaking. This event will provide a platform not only to explore the complex processes of the global development, but also to debate and evaluate the impact of human capital development policies.

Suggested Topics:

We welcome submissions of high-quality original research papers in the areas of impact evaluation of human capital development. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, impact evaluation studies, in various forms, on human capital development in Asia. We especially encourage submissions of impact evaluation studies on human capital development under the COVID-19 pandemic, and impact evaluation using big data.

Keynote Speaker

Albert Park (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Submission Details:

All papers must be written and presented in English. An extended abstract or original full paper should be submitted to the conference organizer through email (ieconference2020@adb.org) by 15th Oct 2020. Papers selected for presentation will be notified based on committee decision. The selection decisions will be made on the basis of 1) relevance with the conference themes and 2) academic quality of the research. Maximum of nine authors will be selected, and those who present the paper at the conference will be awarded with an honorarium of USD 500.

When submitting an extended abstract or a manuscript, please email the following information:

Name/ Email Address/ Institutional affiliation / Position / Phone number (incl. country code) / Names and

affiliation of coauthors (if applicable)

Number of selected papers: maximum 9 papers

Important Dates:

Initial Submission of an extended abstract or a full paper: 15th Oct 2020

Result Notification date of Submitted Papers: 22nd Oct 2020

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 10th Nov 2020

(Sequentially notified based on committee decision after 10th Nov 2020)

Date of the Event: 17th November 2020

Conference Organizers:

- **Heesun Kim**, Head, Research Planning Division, Office of Development Research and International Cooperation, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- **Takashi Yamano**, Senior Economist, Economics Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank
- **Hyuncheol Bryant Kim**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- **Linda Arthur**, Senior Capacity Building and Training Specialist, Asian Development Bank Institute