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Biographies of Speakers

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John Beirne has been a Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute since March 2019. His research interests are centered on international finance and macroeconomics. Previously, he worked at the European Central Bank for over ten years mainly on research and analysis of global financial market developments, commodities, and financial stability, as well as global governance issues. He has also worked for a shorter period at the IMF, in academia, and as an economic consultant in the private sector. He holds a PhD in Economics from Brunel University in the United Kingdom, and has published over 20 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals.

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Professor Dave Fernandez joined Singapore Management University in 2018. He has a joint appointment as Director of the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics and as Professor of the Practice of Finance at the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. Prior to returning to academia, Prof Dave worked in the private sector for 20 years as chief economist and market strategist covering Asia for JPMorgan and then Barclays. Earlier, he was an Assistant Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University’s international studies school (SAIS) in Washington DC. Dr Fernandez started his career in the public sector, serving as an economist in the administration of President George H.W. Bush and at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Prof Dave holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University where he completed his dissertation under the guidance of Ben S. Bernanke. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Pennsylvania where Robert S. Mariano was his mentor.
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Dr. Muhammad Zubair Mumtaz is Associate Professor of Finance at the School of Social Sciences & Humanities, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) in Pakistan. He has ten years of professional exposure in both public and private sector organizations. Besides, he has fifteen years of teaching experience in different institutions. His research interests include digitalization, artificial intelligence, green finance, and financial markets.

Tetsushi Sonobe

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries. Dean Sonobe has more than 20 years' experience analyzing the role of human capital, institutions, and management in industrial development in Asia and other regions. Notably, he and prominent agricultural and development economist, Keijiro Otsuka, applied their unique enterprise survey approach to a series of development process case studies in different industries in East Asia. They expanded the scope of their industry study to cover South Asia, Africa, and Central America and conducted randomized controlled trials of management training programs for business owners and managers. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He also previously served as a professor of economics at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.