



ECONOMISTS' FORUM

Embracing the NOM

17–19 January 2024, ADB Headquarters



PROGRAMME (as of 17 Jan)
(as of 22 December; G: for general audience; T: for technical audience)

17 January, Wednesday	18 January, Thursday	19 January, Friday
8:00 am–1:30 pm	8:30 am–9:15 am	8:30 am–10:30 am
<p><u>Economist Family Retreat:</u> Strengthening research collaboration between ERDI and other departments under the NOM (In person and by invitation ONLY)</p> <p>Facilitator: Camilla A. Brooks</p> <p>Hosts: Albert Park, Chief Economist and Director General, ERDI Joseph Zveglic, Deputy Chief Economist, ERDI Chia-Hsin Hu, Deputy Director General, ERDI</p> <p>Venue: MFH 1, 2 and 3 Registration 8:00 to 8:30 Retreat activities: 8:30-12:00 Activities over lunch: 12:00 -13:00 Wrap up: 13-13:30</p>	<p><u>Opening Session (MFH 1, 2 and 3)</u></p> <p>Moderator: Susann Roth, Advisor, DOCK</p> <p><u>Opening remark:</u> Woonchong Um, Managing Director General, ADB</p> <p><u>Panel discussion: Economists as Knowledge Leaders Under the NOM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albert Park, Chief Economist and Director General, ERDI Declan Magee, Principal Economist, CCSD Cindy Malvicini, Deputy Director General, SARD 	<p><u>Session 4A: Energy Economics</u> (Auditorium 1; T)</p> <p><u>Session 4B: Ecosystem Services Valuation</u> (Auditorium 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 4C: Fiscal Policy for Inclusive Growth</u> (Auditorium 3; T)</p> <p><u>Session 4D: ERDI Database 2</u> (Innovation Hub; G)</p> <p><u>Session 4E: Infrastructure Project Evaluations with Big Data</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p>
	9:30 am–11:00 am	10:45 am–12:15 pm
	<p><u>Session 1A: Greening Global Value Chains</u> (Auditorium 1; T)</p> <p><u>Session 1B: Digitalization 1</u> (Auditorium 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 1C: COVID-19 Pandemic and Digitalization</u> (Auditorium 3; T)</p> <p><u>Session 1D: Agriculture</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p> <p><u>Session 1E: Macroeconomy and Finance 1</u> (LRC 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 1F: Delivering impact through private sector operations</u> (Innovation Hub; G)</p>	<p><u>Session 5A: Healthy and Productive Aging in Asia</u> (Auditorium 1; T)</p> <p><u>Session 5B: Education</u> (Auditorium 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 5C: Health and Employment</u> (Auditorium 3; T)</p> <p><u>Session 5D: Poverty and Inclusiveness</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p> <p><u>Session 5E: Macroeconomy and Finance 3</u> (LRC 2; T)</p>
	11:15 am–12:30 pm	
	<p><u>Session 2A: What factors explain development projects' performance?</u> (Auditorium 1; G)</p> <p><u>Session 2B: Infrastructure and Governance</u> (Auditorium 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 2C: Labor and Employment</u> (Auditorium 3; T)</p>	





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	<p><u>Session 2D: Trade and Regional Cooperation 1</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p> <p><u>Session 2E: Health and Food Security</u> (LRC 2; T)</p>	
	12:30 pm–1:30 pm	12:30 pm–1:30 pm
	<p><u>Special Talk 1</u> Women in the Economics Profession Multifunction Hall 1-3 (G) * [Light lunch to be served]</p>	<p><u>Special Talk 2</u> Publishing working papers in peer reviewed journals Multifunction Hall 1-3 (G) * [Light lunch to be served]</p>
1:45 pm–5:00 pm	1:45 pm–3:15 pm	1:45 pm–3:15 pm
<p>Regional Economic Workshops</p> <p><u>Closed door session A: Pacific</u> (Auditorium 1)</p> <p><u>Subregional session B: Central and West Asia</u> (Auditorium 2- only open to ADB staff)</p> <p><u>Closed door session C: South Asia</u> (Auditorium 3)</p> <p><u>Closed door session D: Southeast Asia</u> (Auditorium 4)</p> <p><u>Closed door session E: East Asia</u> (LRC 2)</p>	<p><u>Session 3A: ERDI Database 1</u> (Innovation Hub; G; <i>participants shall bring laptops</i>)</p> <p><u>Session 3B: Climate change 1</u> (Auditorium 1; T)</p> <p><u>Session 3C: Digitalization 2</u> (Auditorium 2: T)</p> <p><u>Session 3D: Big Data Analysis 1</u> (Auditorium 3: T)</p> <p><u>Session 3E: Macroeconomy and Finance 2</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p>	<p><u>Session 6A: Climate Change 2</u> (Auditorium 1; T)</p> <p><u>Session 6B: Big Data Analysis 2</u> (Auditorium 2; T)</p> <p><u>Session 6C: Trade and Regional Cooperation 2</u> (Auditorium 3; T)</p> <p><u>Session 6D: Gender</u> (Auditorium 4; T)</p> <p><u>Session 6E: Climate Change and Fiscal Policy</u> (LRC 2; T)</p>
	3:30 pm–4:30 pm	3:30 pm–4:30 pm
	<p><u>Special Session</u> Pacific Economic Monitor December 2023 (Multifunction Hall 1-3; G)</p>	<p><u>Coffee Talk for Women Economists</u> (Innovation Hub; G)</p>
	5:00 pm–6:30 pm	
	<p>Outstanding Research Bravo Awards & Economists' Happy Hour (ADB Courtyard) Moderator: Joseph Zveglich, Deputy Chief Economist, ERDI</p>	





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17 January Wednesday (1:45 pm–5:00 pm), Auditorium 1

Closed Door Subregional Session A: Pacific

Moderator: Kaukab Naqvi

Presentations:

1. General plans for supporting Pacific economics work
 - a. Changes to the Pacific Economics Team (departures and arrivals)
 - b. HQ Team country assignments
2. Knowledge work and operational pipelines
 - a. *ADO April 2024* policy challenges
 - b. *Pacific Economic Monitor*: themes, proposed changes to procedures
 - c. Country Performance Assessment 2024 exercise
3. Other matters

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Subregional Session B: Central and West Asia

The event is open to all ADB staff, who may wish to attend either in person or online.
For virtual participation or further details, contact Kenji Takamiya, CWRD

Moderator: Kiyoshi Taniguchi

Presentations:

1. Policy challenges for ADO 2024
2. CPS and CDS preparation
3. Impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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17 January Wednesday (1:45 pm–5:00 pm), Auditorium 3

Closed Door Subregional Session C: South Asia

Moderator: Rana Hasan

Presentations:

1. *Prospects and policy challenges for ADO 2024*
2. Economic diagnostics for BHU, MAL, NEP, and SRI
3. Planned economics knowledge work
4. Ideas on strengthening RM economics team including possible cross-learning exercises/events

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17 January Wednesday (1:45 pm–5:00 pm), Auditorium 4

Closed Door Subregional Session D: Southeast Asia

Moderator: James Villafuerte

Presentations:

1. Green economy
2. Team building activity

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17 January Wednesday (1:45 pm–3:45 pm), LRC2

Closed Door Subregional Session E: East Asia [hybrid format]

Moderator: Akiko Terada-Hagiwara

Topics for discussion:

1. Hot topics common across East Asia region (with ERDI and EAOD colleagues) - suggest debt issue.
2. CPS preparation
3. RM economic work (Quarterly Update, ADO dissemination, Data update, MIN, etc.)
4. Client's demand for economic work
5. Knowledge sharing work

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Session 1A: Greening Global Value Chains

Moderator: Jong Woo Kang

Presentations:

1. Global Value Chain integration and carbon intensities
2. Understanding the role of MNE activity in CO2 emissions
3. On the impact of environmental provisions in Preferential Trade Agreements on CO2 emissions in Global Value Chains

Focal: [Neil Foster-McGregor](#)

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Session 1B: Digitalization 1

Moderator: Martino Pelli (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Smart ports for green growth in developing Asia
[Yesim Elhan-Kayalar \(Advisor, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Donghyun Park
2. Digitalization and Income Gap
[Shu Tian \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Yesim Elhan-Kayalar
3. What drives digital transformation?
[Donghyun Park \(Economic Advisor – Strategic Knowledge Initiatives, ERDI\)](#); [Willem Smit \(Fulbright University Vietnam\)](#)
Discussant: Shu Tian

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Session 1C: COVID-19 Pandemic and Digitalization

Moderator: Shigehiro Shinozaki (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. COVID-19 Pandemic and Digitalization: Case Studies from Indonesia
Keita Oikawa (ERIA), Fusanori Iwasaki (ERIA), Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo, ADBI), and Shigehiro Shinozaki (ADB)
2. COVID-19 Containment Policies, Digitalization and Sustainable Development Goals: Evidence from Alibaba's Administrative Data
Xiaolan Zhou (Shandong University), Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo, ADBI), Matthew Shum (California Institute of Technology), **Elaine Tan (ADB)**
3. Digital tool adoption of firms in ASEAN before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic
Keita Oikawa (ERIA), Fusanori Iwasaki (ERIA), Yasushi Ueki (IDE-JETRO, ERIA), Shujiro Urata (Waseda University, ERIA)

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18 January Thursday (9:30 am–11:00 am), Auditorium 4

Session 1D: Agriculture

Moderator: Manisha Pradhananga (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Improving the Livelihood of Poultry Farmers in India through Contract Farming: How Effective?
[Christian Abeleda](#) (Associate Economics Officer, PSOD)
Discussant: Raja Timilsina
2. Information provision and risk attitudes of subsistence tribal farmers in Eastern India: Evidence from field experiments
[Raja Timilsina](#) (Consultant, ADBI)
Discussant: David Raitzer
3. Persistence of impacts of support to commercialization of small farmers under covid and climate shocks
[David Raitzer](#) (Economist, ERDI)
Discussant: Christian Abeleda

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Session 1E: Macroeconomy and Finance 1

Moderator: Matteo Lanzafame (Principal Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Manufacturing and Structural Transformation in India: Evidence and Prospects
[Rana Hasan \(Regional Lead Economist, ERDI\)](#) and [Chinmaya Goyal \(Senior Economics Officer, INRM\)](#)
Discussant: Pradeep Panthi
2. Exchange Rate Pass-through in Emerging Asia and Exposure to External Shocks
[John Beirne \(Principal Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Rana Hasan
3. Financial Development and the Net Capital Flows Allocation Puzzle in Developing Asia
[Pradeep Panthi \(ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Trang T. Vu

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Session 1F: Delivering impact through private sector operations

Moderator: Annabelle C. Giorgetti (Senior Economist, PSOD)

Presentations:

1. Deal Economics and Development Impacts, presented by Annabelle Giorgetti
2. Ex-ante Framework, presented by Christine Caranto
3. MSME Development Impact, presented Junray Bautista
4. Health Development Impact, presented by Jhiedon Florentino
5. Infrastructure Development Impact, presented by Justine Padiernos
6. Development Effectiveness Flag, presented by Uzein Corcuera

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18 January Thursday (11:15 am–12:30 pm), Auditorium 1

Session 2A: What factors explain development projects' performance?

Rationale: Development partners like ADB adapt their development assistance to country- and project-specific contexts to enhance the achievement of results. Underpinning tailored solutions to address country and project barriers requires constant and continuous learning that takes stock of challenges and lessons when preparing, designing, implementing, and monitoring development assistance. This session will examine country and project factors that affect the performance of development projects. It will draw on the insights and perspectives from research, government, operations, and evaluation stakeholders to identify country and project factors that drive the achievement of development results.

Moderator/Presenter: Hyun H. Son (Principal Evaluation Specialist, IED)

Panelists:

- Joseph J. Capuno, Undersecretary for Investment Programming, Philippine's National Economic and Development Authority
- Begzod M. Djalilov, Senior Economist, Uzbekistan Resident Mission/ADB
- Takashi Yamano, Principal Economist, ERDI/ADB
- Eoghan Molloy, Senior Evaluation Specialist, IED/ADB

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18 January Thursday (11:15 am-12:30 pm), Auditorium 2

Session 2B: Infrastructure and Governance

Moderator: Lennart O. Reiners (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Road Quality and Poverty: The Philippine Case
[Joseph Albert Nino M. Bulan \(Statistics Analyst, ERDI\)](#), [Lawrence Dacuycuy \(DLSU\)](#), [Oshean Garonita \(ADB consultant\)](#)
Discussant: Yohan Iddawela
2. The Synergy Between Ports and Road Networks in Promotion of Trade
[Yesim Elhan-Kayalar \(Advisor, ERDI\)](#); [Ruo Shangguan \(Jinan University\)](#)
Discussant: Arturo Jr M. Martinez (pre-recorded discussion)
3. Examining the Drivers of Sub-National Government Quality in African Regions: The Role of Armed Conflict
[Yohan Iddawela \(ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Yesim Elhan-Kayalar

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Session 2C: Labor and Employment

Moderator: Paul Vandenberg (Principal Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Barriers to entry: Decomposing the gender gap in job search in urban Pakistan
Elisabetta Gentile (Senior Economist, SARD)
Discussant: Raja Timilsina
2. Job Preference Signaling and Matching Efficiency: Experimental Evidence from an Online Job Board
Ryotaro Hayashi (Social Sector Economist, SG); Norihiko Matsuda (Florida International University)
Discussant: Elisabetta Gentile
3. From Side Hustle to Burn Out: Understanding the Downside of Platform-work on Physical and Psychological Distress
Raja Timilsina (Consultant, ADBI)
Discussant: Ryotaro Hayashi

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Session 2D: Trade and Regional Cooperation 1

Moderator: Aiko Kikkawa (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. The Role of Tourism in Malaysia's Economy
[Mahinthan Mariasingham \(Senior Statistician, ERDI\)](#); [Danileen Parel \(Consultant, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Jules Hugot
2. Estimating the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on (re-)exports from the Caucasus and Central Asia
[Jules Hugot \(Economist, ERDI\)](#); [Roman Mogilevskii \(Senior Economist, CWRD\)](#)
Discussant: Kiyoshi Taniguchi
3. The Russian invasion of Ukraine and its implications for developing Asia
[Kiyoshi Taniguchi](#), [Marcel Schroeder](#), [Hal Hill](#), and [Sothea Oum](#)
Discussant: Mahinthan Mariasingham

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Session 2E: Health and Food Security

Moderator: Aimee Hampel-Milagrosa (Urban Development Specialist, SG WUD)

Presentations:

1. Mitigating Risk Factors of Noncommunicable Diseases Through Mobile Health Interventions: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Daniel Boller (Statistician, ERDI)
Discussant: Panharoth Chhay
2. Food Security Inequality between Indigenous and Non-indigenous Communities in Nepal
Panharoth Chhay (Research Associate, ADBI)
Discussant: Daniel Boller

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18 January Thursday (12:30 – 1:30 pm) Multifunction Hall 1-3

Special Talk 1: Women in the Economics Profession

Moderator: Joseph Ernest Zveglich Jr.

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth King

12:30-12:35 transition to MFH

12:35-13:05 Presentation

13:05-13:25 Q&A and snack over chat

13:25-13:30 transition to session rooms

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18 January Thursday (1:45 pm–3:15 pm) Innovation Hub

Session 3A: ERDI Database 1 (Participants shall bring own laptops)

Moderator: Elaine Tan (Advisor, ERDI and Head, SDIU)

Presentations:

1. Asia Regional Integration Center (ARIC) databases
[Mara Tayag \(Senior Economics Officer, ERDI\)](#)
2. Key Indicators Database
[Stefan Schipper \(Senior Statistician, ERDI\)](#)
3. Asia Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Monitor (ASM) database
[Shigehiro Shinozaki \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#)

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18 January Thursday (1:45pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 1

Session 3B: Climate Change 1

Moderator: David Raitzer (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Climate-Smart Agriculture Practices and its impacts on farm income and yield: Evidence from Eastern India
[Raja Timilsina \(Consultant, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Manfred Kiefer
2. Examining the Nexus of Urbanization, Green Trade, and Ecological Footprint: A Panel Threshold Approach
[Dorothea M. Ramizo \(Associate Economics Officer, EARD\)](#)
Discussant: Raja Timilsina
3. Measuring the Economic Impacts of a Wind Power Project in Viet Nam
[Manfred Kiefer \(Principal Economist, PSOD\)](#), [Nguyen Tuan \(Consultant\)](#)
Discussant: Dorothea M. Ramizo

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18 January Thursday (1:45pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 2

Session 3C: Digitalization 2

Moderator: Pramila Crivelli (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Effect of Digital Regulations on E-Commerce Trade
[Daniel Boller \(Statistician, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Peter Morgan
2. Financial literacy and fintech use in family business: evidence from developing Asia
[Wataru Kodama](#), [Peter Morgan](#), [Dina Azhgaliyeva](#), and [Long Trinh](#)
Discussant: Daniel Boller
3. Factors Affecting Fintech Payment Use in Bangladesh and Indonesia
[Peter Morgan \(Senior Consulting Economist and Advisor to the Dean, ADBI\)](#); [Panharoth Chhay \(Research Associate, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Dina Azhgaliyeva

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18 January Thursday (1:45pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 3

Session 3D: Big Data Analysis 1

Moderator: Yesim Elhan-Kayalar (Advisor, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Development of a Computer Vision-Based Road Physical Feature Extraction towards Assessing Walkability, Bikeability and Driveability of Urban Roads
[Macario Cordel II \(Statistics Officer – Data Science, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Renzo Tan
2. Impact of Mobility Restriction on Port Activities Using High-frequency Indicators Based on the Automatic Identification System Data
[Kijin Kim \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Macario Cordel I
3. Twitter-Derived Measures of Economy and Uncertainty for the Philippines
[Madhavi Pundit \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#), [Priscille Villanueva \(Senior Economics Officer, ERDI\)](#) and [Renzo Tan](#)
Discussant: Kijin Kim

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Session 3E: Macroeconomy and Finance 2

Moderator: John Beirne (Principal Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Remittances and Economic Growth: The Role of Financial Development in Nepal
[Pradeep Panthi \(Research Associate, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Lilia Aleksanyan
2. Estimating the Elasticity of Substitution Between Capital and Labor in India
[Elisabetta Gentile \(Senior Economist, SARD\)](#)
Discussant: Pradeep Panth
3. Debt stock and flow dynamics in the CCA region
[Lilia Aleksanyan \(Economist, CWRD\)](#)
Discussant: Elisabetta Gentile

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Special Session

Dissemination event: Pacific Economic Monitor December 2023

Moderator: Anna Jennifer Umlas, Economic Analyst (consultant), Pacific Economic Management Technical Assistance Project
Opening Remarks: Leah C. Gutierrez, Director General, PARD

Presentations:

- Overview on the Pacific economic outlook
- Touch on overall risk/challenges
- Overview of domestic resource mobilization in the Pacific

Presenters:

Isoa Wainiqolo, Senior Economics Officer, PARD
Prince Cruz, National Advisor (consultant), Pacific Economic Management Technical Assistance Project

Panel discussion: Domestic resource mobilization for economic recovery and resilience

Panel Moderator: Kaukab Naqvi, Principal Economist, PARD

Panelists:

Lily-Anne Homasi, Senior Economics Officer, PARD
Katherine Passmore, Senior Economics Officer, PARD
Marcel Schroder, Country Economist, PARD
Maria Carina A. Tinio, Associate Economics Officer, ERDI

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19 January Friday (8:30 am–10:30 am) Auditorium 1

Session 4A: Energy Economics

Moderator: Tetsushi Sonobe (Dean, ADBI)

Presentations:

1. Measuring Energy Poverty: Empirical Evidence from Kazakhstan
[Sandugash Juatova](#), [Dina Azhgaliyeva \(ADBI\)](#), [Aiyngul Kerimray](#), [Zhanna Kapsalyamova](#)
Discussant: Altynay Arapova, Economist, CWRD, ADB
2. Perceptions and adoption of clean fuels in Central Asian household
[Wataru Kodama](#), [Dina Azhgaliyeva](#)
Discussant: Martin Sommerseth Jaer, Finance Specialist (Energy), Energy Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
3. Energy-Ethnicity Nexus: Econometric Analysis of Cooking Fuel Choices Across Social Groups in India (2004– 2018)
[Dil B. Rahut \(ADBI\)](#), [Jeetendra P Aryal](#), [Tetsushi Sonobe \(ADBI\)](#), [Navneet Manchanda](#)
Discussant: Manisha Pradhananga, Economist, ERDI, ADB
4. A Divine Coincidence? Do Renewables Shield Inflation from Fossil Fuel-price Fluctuations?
[Laurent Millischer](#), [Chenxu Fu](#), [Ulrich Volz](#), [John Beirne \(ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Asif Razzaq, Senior Research Specialist, CAREC Institute

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Session 4B: Ecosystem Services Valuation

Moderator: Lei Lei Song (Director, EREA/ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Mongolian Grassland and the Tragedy of the Commons
Avralt-Od Purevjav (University of Bern), **Martino Pelli (ADB)**, Jeanne Tschopp (University of Bern), and Yazhen Gong (Renmin University)
Discussant: Asa Jose Sajise
2. ADB Ecosystem Services Value Tool (AESVT)
Sayed Iftekhar (Griffith University), Jindra Samson (ADB), Le Lan (ADB), Martino Pelli (ADB), Dayani Gunathilaka (Griffith University) and Jianjun Jin (University of Normal Beijing)
Discussant: Le Lan
3. Integrating non-market values into economic analysis of an environmental protection project in China: A multi-bounded discrete choice contingent valuation approach
Le Lan (ADB), Jianjun Jin (University of Normal Beijing), **Jindra Samson (ADB)**, Xueliang Cai (ADB)
Discussant: Sayed Iftekhar
4. Using Choice Experiment to inform price of non-market ecosystem services for natural capital accounting
Le Lan (ADB), **Johannes Sauer (University of Munich)**, Philipp Mennig (University of Munich), Shingo Kimura (ADB), Jindra Samson (ADB)
Discussant: Martino Pelli

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19 January Friday (8:30 am–10:00 am) Auditorium 3

Session 4C: Fiscal Policy for Inclusive Growth

Moderator: Jaqueson Galimberti (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Health spending efficiency in developing Asia

Donna Faye Bajaro, Yothin Jinjarak, **Yuho Myoda**, Donghyun Park, and Pilipinas Quising

Discussant: David Keith De Padua

2. The resource project lifecycle and macroeconomic stability

Marcel Schroeder, Marting Davies, and Camillo Alvarez

Discussant: Yuho Myoda

3. Growth-enhancing taxes

Mae Hyacinth Kiocho, **David Keith De Padua**, and Donghyun Park

Discussant: Marcel Schroeder

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19 January Friday (8:30 am–10:30 am) Innovation Hub

Session 4D: ERDI Database 2

Moderator: Mara Tayag

Presentations:

1. AsianBondsOnline platform:
 - a. AsianBondsOnline database
[Mai Lin Villaruel](#)
 - b. Green Bonds webpage
[Kosintr Puongsophol](#); [Richard D Supangan](#)
 - c. Macroeconomic Tracker
[Arief Ramayandi](#)
2. Multiregional Input-Output for the Asia and the Pacific database
[Mahinthan J. Mariasingham](#)

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19 January Friday (8:30 am–10:30 am) Auditorium 4

Session 4E: Infrastructure Project Evaluations with Big Data

Moderator: Takashi Yamano (Principal Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Long-Term Impacts of Greater Mekong Subregion Program Using Innovative Data Based on Spatial General Equilibrium Framework
Konstantin Kucheryavyy (University of Tokyo), **Manabu Nose (IMF)**, **Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo/ADBI)**, and **Ruo Shangguan (Jinan University)**
Discussant: Kiyoshi Taniguchi
2. From Battlefield to Marketplace: Connectivity, Industrialization, and Spatial Convergence in Northern Vietnam.
Manabu Nose (IMF), **Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo/ADBI)**, and **Nguyen Thanh Tung (National Economics University)**
Discussant: Yating Ru (Economist, ERDI)
3. Unleashing Development Potential by River Crossings: Evidence Based on Satellite Imagery from Shanghai
Myoung-Jae Lee (Korea University), **Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo)**, and **Akiko Terada Hagiwara (ADB)**
Discussant: Kiyoshi Taniguchi
4. On the Use of Satellite-Based Vehicle Flows Data to Assess Local Economic Activity: The Case of Mactan-Cebu International Airport
Eugenia C. Go (World Bank), **Kentaro Nakajima (Hitotsubashi University)**, **Yasuyuki Sawada (University of Tokyo/ADBI)**, and **Kiyoshi Taniguchi (ADB)**
Discussant: Takashi Yamano

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19 January Friday (10:45 am–12:15 pm) Auditorium 1

Session 5A: Healthy and Productive Aging in Asia

Moderator: Ryotaro Hayashi (Social Sector Economist, SG)

Presentations:

1. Supporting Healthy and Active Aging in Malaysia and Viet Nam
[Yana van der Meulen Rodgers \(Rutgers University\)](#), [Hanna Xue \(Rutgers University\)](#), [Joseph E. Zveglich Jr. \(ADB\)](#), and [Khadija Ali \(ADB\)](#)
Discussant: Donghyun Park
2. Healthy aging and health status of older Asians: Implications for policy
[Minhaj Mahmud \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Khadija Ali
3. Health Capacity to Work among Older Malaysians
[Donghyun Park \(Economic Advisor \(Strategic Knowledge Initiatives\), ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Minhaj Mahmud

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19 January Friday (10:45 am–12:15 pm) Auditorium 2

Session 5B: Education

Moderator: Dina Azhgaliyeva (Senior Research Fellow, ADBI)

Presentations:

1. Evaluating the Learning Impacts of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Policy in the Philippines
[Daniel Suryadarma \(Research Fellow, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Rhea Molato
2. Lead exposure from toxic sites and cognitive ability in Indonesia
[Emilie Berkhout](#), [Rhea Molato \(Associate Economics Officer, ERDI\)](#), [Albert Park](#), [Daniel Suryadarma](#)
Discussant: Md Shamsul A.K. Mamun
3. Does Access to Improved Sanitation Improve Schooling: Evidence from Demographic and Health Survey Data 2019 in Bangladesh
[Md Shamsul A.K. Mamun \(Senior Education Officer, SG\)](#)
Discussant: Daniel Suryadarma

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19 January Friday (10:45 am–12:15 pm) Auditorium 3

Session 5C: Health and Employment

Moderator: Alexander Raabe (Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. How Urbanization Affects Child Nutritional Outcomes: Quasi-Natural Experimental Evidence from African Countries Over 15-25 years
[Yating Ru \(Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Panharoth Chhay
2. Labor Supply and Migration as Household Coping Strategies: A Meta-Analysis
[Ari Perdana \(Senior Evaluation Specialist, IED\)](#)
Discussant: *Yating Ru*
3. Livelihood diversification strategies of indigenous communities in Nepal
[Panharoth Chhay \(Research Associate, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: *Ari Perdana*

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19 January Friday (10:45 am–12:15 pm) Auditorium 4

Session 5D: Poverty and Inclusiveness

Moderator: Inyoung Hwang (Regional Cooperation Specialist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. An Examination of Poverty Trends among Elderly in Asia and the Pacific
[Joseph Albert Nino M. Bulan \(Statistics Analyst, ERDI\)](#), [Mar Umali](#)
Discussant: Hyun Son
2. Poverty and Extreme Poverty: A Multidimensional Comparative Approach to Wellbeing
[Priasto Aji \(Senior Economics Officer, SERD\)](#)
Discussant: Arturo Jr M. Martinez (pre-recorded discussion)
3. Shared Prosperity and Development Goals: Concepts and Measurement
[Hyun Son \(Principal Evaluation Specialist, IED\)](#)
Discussant: Arief Anshory Yusuf, Professor, Padjadjaran University, Indonesia

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19 January Friday (10:45 am–12:15 pm) LRC 2

Session 5E: Macroeconomy and Finance 3

Moderator: Madhavi Pundit (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Green preference in individual investment behavior
[Shu Tian \(Senior Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Matteo Lanzafame
2. 'What's your shape?' A data-driven approach to estimating the Environmental Kuznets Curve
[Matteo Lanzafame \(Principal Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: John Beirne
3. Remittances, exchange rates, and the role of financial development
[John Beirne \(Principal Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Shu Tian

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19 January Friday (12:30 pm–1:30 pm) Multifunction Hall 3

Special Talk 2 Publishing working papers in peer reviewed journals

Moderator: Shu Tian, Senior Economist ERDI

Panelists:

1. Donghyun Park, Economic Advisor (Strategic Knowledge Initiatives), ERDI
2. Albert Park, Chief Economist, ERDI
3. John Gibson, ADR
4. Yi Jiang, Principal Economist, ERDI
5. Elaine Tan, Advisor, ERDI

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19 January Friday (1:45 pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 1

Session 6A: Climate Change 2

Moderator: Sabah Abdulla (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Confined to Stay: Natural Disasters and Indonesia's Migration Ban
[Lennart Reiners \(Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Panharoth Chhay
2. Fossil Fuel Subsidy and GHG Emissions: Firm-level Empirical Evidence from Developing Asia
[Dina Azhgaliyeva \(Senior Research Fellow, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Lennart Reiners
3. Gender differentiated impact of clean energy transition: Evidence from rural Viet Nam using panel data
[Panharoth Chhay \(Research Associate, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Dina Azhgaliyeva

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19 January Friday (1:45 pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 2

Session 6B: Big Data Analysis 2

Moderator: Stefan Schipper (Senior Statistician, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Global Citizenship Competencies of Filipino Students: Using Machine Learning to Explore the Structure of Global Competencies in the 2018 OECD Programme for International Student Assessment
[Macario Cordel II \(Statistics Officer \(Data Science\), ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Yating Ru
2. Impact of Road Quality on Thailand's Socioeconomic Development: A Machine Learning Perspective
[Joseph Albert Nino M. Bulan \(Statistics Analyst, ERDI\)](#); [Nattapong Puttanapong \(Thammasat University\)](#); [Jayzon Mag-atas, Transport Specialist \(consultant\), ADB](#)
Discussant: Macario Cordel II
3. Spatial Heterogeneity in Machine Learning-Based Poverty Mapping: Where Do the Models Underperform?
[Yating Ru \(Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Arturo Jr M. Martinez (pre-recorded discussion)

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19 January Friday (1:45 pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 3

Session 6C: Trade and Regional Cooperation 2

Moderator: Kijin Kim (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Fostering Export Diversification in Bangladesh: Options and Scope of Further Work
[Barun Kumar Dey \(Senior Economics Officer, SARD\)](#); [Rana Hasan \(Regional Lead Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Pramila Crivelli
2. Services Sector Interlinkages with Merchandise Exports of Pacific Economies: A Gravity Analysis
[Sanchita Basu Das \(Economist, ERDI\)](#); [Pralok Gupta \(Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Delhi\)](#)
Discussant: Barun Kumar Dey
3. The Determinants of Product-Specific Rules of Origin: An Econometric Analysis in the Regional Comprehensive Partnership
[Pramila Crivelli \(Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Sanchita Basu Das

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19 January Friday (1:45 pm–3:15 pm) Auditorium 4

Session 6D: Gender

Moderator: Hema Swaminathan (Senior Economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Male migration and Women empowerment: The case of Samoa
[Vu Thu Trang \(Research Associate, ADBI\)](#)
Discussant: Joseph E. Zveglic Jr.
2. What's behind gender pay differences at ADB?
[Joseph E. Zveglic Jr. \(Deputy Chief Economist, ERDI\)](#)
Discussant: Vu Thu Trang

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19 January Thursday (1:45pm–3:15 pm), LRC 2

Session 6E: Climate Change and Fiscal Policy

Moderator: Yi Jiang (Principal economist, ERDI)

Presentations:

1. Evaluating the Relocation of Indonesia's Capital: A Quantitative Spatial Model Approach
Yi Jiang (Principal Economist, ERDI)
Discussant: Alexander Raabe
2. Toward Financial Sustainability of Urban Service Delivery: Case Study on Revenue Improvement for Honiara City Council, Solomon Islands
Aimee Hampel-Milagrosa (Urban Development Specialist, SG WUD, ADB and Parimal Joshi, Infrastructure, Policy, and Governance Lead, Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program (SIIP))
Discussant: Yi Jiang
3. Paying for climate change: how climatological disasters drive sovereign spreads
Alexander Raabe (Economist, ERDI)
Discussant: Aimee Hampel-Milagrosa

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19 January Friday (3:30 pm–4:30pm) (Innovation Hub)

Coffee Talk for Women Economists

Host: Elizabeth King

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