

KDI School–World Bank DECDI 7th Development Impact Conference

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About

The 7th Development Impact Conference invites students, researchers, policymakers, development practitioners and professionals to join a global platform designed to foster knowledge exchange and strengthen evidence-based approaches for advancing development outcomes.



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- ⚙ No registration fee is required.
- ⚙ Pre-registration is mandatory.
(On-site registration will NOT be available on the day of the event.)
- ⚙ Registration deadline: Monday, August 31
- ⚙ Please note that submitting the RSVP form does not guarantee a place, as seating is limited. Participation status will be confirmed separately.
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Time	Agenda
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:10	⚙ Welcoming Remarks – Joon-Kyung Kim, Dean, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
09:10–9:40	⚙ Opening Remarks – Arianna Legovini, Director, Development Impact Group, World Bank
09:40–09:45	Group Photo
09:45–10:00	Coffee Break
10:00–11:00	Session 1: Gender, Inequality & Social Inclusion (Chair: Trinh Pham) ⚙ Assessing Whether Policies Scale: A Randomized Method Applied to Delhi's Free Bus Scheme – Girija Borker, World Bank DECDI ⚙ Foreign Aid Cuts, Fertility, and Women's Labor Supply: Evidence from the Mexico City Policy – Dongil Lee, KDI School ⚙ At the Right Time: Eliminating Mismatch between Cash and Credit Flows in Microcredit – Hisaki Kono, Kyoto University
11:00–11:10	Break
11:10–12:10	Session 2: Education & Human Capital (Chair: Dongil Lee) ⚙ Turning Information into Action: Bridging the Policy-Practice Gap through a Low-Cost School-Level Intervention – Carlos Alfredo Schmidt Padilla, UC Berkeley ⚙ Cognitive Enrichment and Human Capital Formation: Experimental Evidence from Developing Countries – Uyanga Byambaa, UC Berkeley ⚙ Impacts of School Feeding on Children: Evidence from Four Countries – Benedetta Lerva, World Bank DECDI
12:10–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:10	⚙ Keynote Speech – Johannes Haushofer, Professor at Cornell University
14:10–14:30	Coffee Break
14:30–15:50	Lightning Session ⚙ Household-level Impacts of Strengthening Women's Financial Control: Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire – Rajdev Kaur Brar, UC Berkeley ⚙ Can AI Career Guidance Substitute for Human Counselors? Information, Persuasion, and Match Quality in a Kenyan Youth Labor Market – Jasmin Baier, University of Oxford ⚙ Disruptive Power: The Spatial Diffusion of Distributed Solar in South Africa – Weijian Zou, London School of Economics and Political Science ⚙ Bundling Industrial Policy with Education: Evidence from Korea's Heavy and Chemical Industry Drive – Hyunju Jeong, UC Davis ⚙ Extinguishing the Blaze: Impact of Crop Residue Management on Stubble Burning in India – Piyush Gandhi, UC Santa Cruz ⚙ Self-Command and Screen-Time: Evidence from an Educational Intervention – Mridul Joshi, Stanford University ⚙ Services In, Profits Out! Does Tax Treaty Reform in Technical Services Reduce Profit Shifting? Evidence from Transaction-Level Tax Data – Bendi Devi, National University of Singapore ⚙ Role of (Mis)Information in Sectarian Conflict: A Social Media Experiment – Saqib Hussain, KDI School
15:50–16:10	Coffee Break
16:10–17:30	Session 3: Climate, Agriculture & Environment (Chair: Chunggeun Yoon) ⚙ Expanding the Planning Horizon: Behavioral Training and the Adoption of Drought-Tolerant Maize and Index Insurance in Tanzania – Raghav Raghunathan, Wageningen ⚙ Compounded Climate Shocks and Food Security: Evidence from Back-to-Back Cyclones in Madagascar – David Sungho Park, KDI School ⚙ Can Insurance Crowd-In Climate Adaptation? – Xavier Gine, World Bank DECRG ⚙ The Environmental Cost of Place-Based Industrial Policy: Evidence from Industrial Zones in Vietnam – Trinh Pham, KDI School

9. 11. (Fri)

08:40–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:00	Session 4: Migration & Remittances (Chair: David Sungho Park) ⚙ Vocational Training to Improve Labor Market Integration of Young Refugees – Till Nico Wicker, Academia Sinica ⚙ Development Effects of Social Eligibility Criteria for Temporary Migration – Daliah Al-Shakhshir, Stanford University ⚙ Remitting Against Poverty – Saravana Ravindran, National University of Singapore
10:00–10:20	Coffee Break
10:20–11:40	Session 5: Labor Markets & Work (Chair: Dahyeon Jeong) ⚙ In and Out: How Do Food Delivery Riders Work – Jinseong Park, KDI School ⚙ The Early-Career Effects of Anxiety and Depression – Arlen Guarin, World Bank DECDI ⚙ Vintage Capital, Labor Market Dynamics, and Optimal Acceleration of Coal Transitions – Hee Kwon (Samuel) Seo, World Bank DECDI ⚙ Parental Influence on Youth Employment Decisions in Rural Egypt: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial – Abdelrahman Nagy, UNU-MERIT & 3ie
11:40–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:00	Session 6: Governance, Conflict & Political Economy (Chair: Samuel Seo) ⚙ Terrorism and Voting: Evidence from the Death of Osama bin Laden – Chunggeun Yoon, KDI School ⚙ Social Incentives of Non-Elected Leaders in Village Economies – Minji Kwak, KDI School ⚙ Not Faster, but Better: Generative AI and Teacher Skill in Peru – Carolina Lopez, World Bank DECRG
14:00–14:20	Coffee Break
14:20–15:20	Session 7: Social Protection & Poverty (Chair: Jinseong Park) ⚙ “We're All in This Together”: Experimental Evidence from a Universal Livelihoods Program – Mahreen Mahmud, University of Exeter ⚙ Designing Social Protection: Evidence from Cash, Public Works, and Economic Inclusion in Tanzania – Dahyeon Jeong, World Bank DECDI ⚙ The Sisyphus Pursuit of Evidence for Poverty Traps – Amol Singh Raswan, UC Berkeley
15:20–15:30	Closing Remarks