



BIOGRAPHIES

Keynote Speakers



GUANGZHE CHEN
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Guangzhe Chen is the Global Director for Transport and Regional Director for Infrastructure in South Asia at the World Bank. Mr. Chen oversees the formulation and implementation of World Bank strategy and programs for sustainable road, urban, rail, logistics, water and air transport, and as well as key cross-cutting agendas such as road safety, climate adaptation/mitigation, gender, human capital development, disruptive technologies and financing. He leads a team of some 300 specialists from over 80 nationalities, based in more than 40 countries, and manages a portfolio of roughly US\$38 billion in over 200 projects in more than 100 countries. As of July 1, 2019, Mr. Chen is also the World Bank's Regional Director for infrastructure in South Asia Infrastructure. This includes the formulation and implementation of both the Transport and Energy programs in the region. Prior to his current positions, Mr. Chen was the Senior Director for the World Bank's Water Global Practice, from October 2016 to October 2018. Before that he served as World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia, in Addis Ababa, and subsequently for Southern Africa, covering Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, based in Pretoria.



ARIANNA LEGOVINI
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Arianna Legovini built and leads the Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) group of the World Bank. The purpose of this unit is to use research to improve development practice and policy outcomes. Since joining the Bank in 2004, she has worked to understand and develop the institutions (incentives and processes) required to engage researchers, operational staff and policymakers in improving the quality in the design and implementation of development projects. The idea was, first, to use problem-based research to generate useful data and evidence that would guide policy decisions and improve outcomes. Second, it was to leverage the billions of dollars in international assistance to test out solutions to development problems in specific contexts and help countries learn for themselves how to reach and expand their production frontiers. In 2004-2008, working with like-minded partners, the ideas were put in action with the creation of the Africa Impact Evaluation initiative and its programs in education, HIV, malaria, community development, agriculture and private sector. In 2009, she imported Africa-grown lessons, processes and programs into the global impact evaluation program. By 2013, with core funding from UK Aid, she designed i2i (impact evaluation to development impact) to support the expansion of the approach across many institutional partners and across under-evaluated sectors representing the majority of development aid, including infrastructure, fragility and conflict, public sector governance, and natural resource management sectors. i2i was critical in developing Bank-wide governance structures for this work and formalizing working relationships through an improved system of incentives. Arianna is currently responsible for a \$145 million dollar research program, leveraging about \$3 billion in WB, DFID and other partners lending, in 60 countries across the globe.



NANCY VANDYCKE
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Nancy Vandycke is Economic Advisor of the Transport Global Practice in the World Bank. Currently, Nancy leads the Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative, which is a global coalition that unites 55 international organizations worldwide to transform the future of mobility. She also leads the strategic and global analytical portfolio of the World Bank in transport, including impact evaluation, global tracking framework and the Knowledge Note series. In recognition of her thought leadership on the topic of the transport-energy nexus, Nancy was invited to serve as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Advanced Energy Technologies. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked at the International Monetary Fund and at the Center for Economic Policy. She was Adjunct Professor of Economics at Georgetown University and the London School of Economics, where she obtained her doctorate in economics. Furthermore, she was one of the top global influencers selected by the German-led Transforming Urban Mobility initiative (TUMI) for a new flagship project showcasing remarkable women in Transport.

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Girija Borker is an Economist in the Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) group at the World Bank. She works primarily in the areas of development economics, with a focus on gender, violence, education, and transport. Her ongoing projects study the economic consequences of sexual harassment in public spaces, assess how the structure of the marriage market in India contributes to sex selection, and examine the effects of teacher identity on student performance along with the underlying mechanisms. Her work has been featured by [Quartz](#), [The Hindustan Times](#), [Le Monde](#), [The World Bank](#), [BBC Radio](#) and [The New Statesman](#).



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Théophile Bougna is an Economist in the Development Impact Evaluation Department of the World Bank. His current research focuses on transport, urban and spatial economics with a particular interest in estimating the impact of transport infrastructure on local economic development, measuring and explaining changes in the spatial distribution of economic activity. His research has been published in refereed journals such as *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Regional Sciences and Urban Economics*, *The Journal of Regional Science*, and featured in VoxEU. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked as Consultant at Statistics Canada, Analyst and Statistician at the Cameroon National Office of Statistics (INS), and Consultant for the Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare (CAMNAFAW-IPPF). Theophile received his Ph.D. degree in Economics from Université du Québec a Montreal (UQAM), where he taught several economics courses and was a research assistant for the Canada Research Chair in Regional Impacts of Globalization. He also holds a Masters degree in Economics from the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche sur le Développement International (CERDI - France), an Engineering Degree in Statistics from E.N.S.E.A (Côte d'Ivoire), and a Bachelor Degree in Economics and Management from Université de Dschang (Cameroon).



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Kenzo Asahi's research interests lie in the intersection of urban economics, labour economics, and program evaluation. His most recent research explores the impacts of investments in urban transport networks on human and economic development. He has previous work experience in local governments and non-profits in Chile. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, a Master in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard Kennedy School, a Master in Research in Economics from University College London and a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Chile's Catholic University.



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Cecilia Briceño-Garmendia is a Lead Economist at the World Bank. For more than 20 years, Cecilia has dedicated her professional career to work and research on economic and policy issues pertaining to service provision and optimal functioning of infrastructure sectors. She has worked extensively on issues in the area of public financing of infrastructure, particularly on links between institutions and regulatory frameworks, and the efficiency of spending. She has spearheaded the use of spatial tools to help policymakers with infrastructure investment prioritization and with coordination of interventions across sectors and stakeholders. Her work at the World Bank involves both analytical and advisory services and economic input into the design and supervision of projects, with a focus on the financing of public infrastructure. Before joining the World Bank, she worked in software engineering and the design of information and organizational systems for both private and public sector enterprises in Venezuela. She holds a PhD in economics from Georgetown University and an MBA from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores en Administración.



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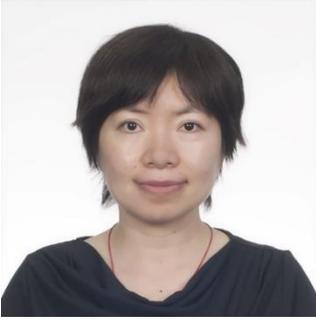
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