



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IZA/World Bank/NJD/UNU-WIDER Jobs and Development Conference: Better Jobs for Development

September 1-3, 2021

**Organizers:** IZA - Institute of Labor Economics - Gary Fields and Ahmed Elsayed

The World Bank - Ian Walker, Indhira Santos, and Javier Sánchez-Reaza

The Network on Jobs and Development (NJD)\* - Albert Park and Piotr Lewandowski

UNU-WIDER - Kunal Sen and Sam Jones

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Location: **online**

**Note: all times stated in CEST time zone**

**If you would like to attend the conference as a guest please register [here](#).**

# Program

+++ presentation plus Q&A: 10 minutes +++ discussion: 15 minutes

+++++ breaks 15 min & one break 45 min

## Wednesday, September 1

14:00 – 14:15 **Welcome Remarks**

**Gary Fields** (Cornell University, IZA), **Ian Walker** (The World Bank),  
**Kunal Sen** (UNU-WIDER), **Piotr Lewandowski** (IBS, NJD)

14:15 – 15:45 **Session 1A: Gender and Labor Markets**

*Chair: Sam Jones (UNU-WIDER)*

**Joshua Merfeld** (KDI School of Public Policy and Management and IZA), **David Newhouse** (The World Bank and IZA), **Michael Weber** (The World Bank), **Partha Lahiri** (Department of Mathematics and Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland)

**“Small Area Estimates of Gender-Disaggregated Labor Force Statistics in Urban Mexico using Geospatial Data”**

**Kanika Mahajan** (Ashoka University), **Sugat Chaturvedi** (Indian Statistical Institute), **Zahra Siddique** (University of Bristol)

**“Words Matter: Gender, Jobs and Applicant Behavior”**

**Manuel Santos Silva** (University of Münster), **Maria C. Lo Bue** (UNU-WIDER), **Tu Thi Ngoc Le** (Hoa Sen University), **Kunal Sen** (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester)

**“Gender and Vulnerable Employment in the Developing World: Evidence from Global Microdata”**

**Vasco Molini** (The World Bank), **Federica Alfani** (The World Bank), **Fabio Clementi** (University of Macerata), **Michele Fabiani** (University of Macerata), **Enzo Valentini** (University of Macerata)

**“Does Gender Equality in Labor Participation Bring Real Equality? Evidence from Developed and Developing Countries”**

**Gayatri Koolwal** (The World Bank), **Ardina Hasanbasr** (University of Michigan), **Talip Kilic** (The World Bank), **Heather Moylan** (The World Bank)

**“Individual Wealth and Time Allocation: Evidence Using Disaggregated Survey Data from Cambodia”**

**Khoa Vu** (University of Minnesota), **Paul Glewwe** (University of Minnesota),

**“Maternity Benefits Mandate and Women's Choice of Work in**

## Vietnam”

**Fan Wang** (University of Houston), **Sonia R. Bhalotra** (University of Essex), **Manuel Fernández** (Universidad de los Andes)

### “Women’s Labor Force Participation and the Distribution of the Gender Wage Gap”

15:45 – 16:00

**Break**

16:00 – 17:15

### **Session 1B: Migration from Latin America and the Caribbean: Drivers and Policy Responses**

*Chair: Michał Rutkowski (Global Director, Social Protection and Jobs, The World Bank)*

- Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) - **Jaime R. Díaz Palacios**, Executive Vice President
- USAID – **Eric Jacobstein**
- The World Bank – **Taimur Samad**, Program Leader from Sustainable Development and Infrastructure – Colombia and Venezuela
- KNOMAD - **Dilip Ratha**, Lead Economist and Head

17:15 – 18:00

**Break**

18:00 – 19:15

### **Session 1C: ILO – World Bank Special Session**

#### “Measuring Women’s and Men’s Work: Main Findings and Recommendations from World Bank and ILO Pilot Studies

**Kieran Walsh** (ILO), **Isis Gaddis** (World Bank), **Antonio Discenza** (ILO and Italian National Institute of Statistics), **Amparo Palacios-Lopez** (World Bank)

19:15 – 19:30

**Break**

19:30 – 20:45

### **Session 1D: COVID-19, Pandemic, Jobs and Development (I)**

*Chair: Eliana Carranza (The World Bank)*

**Diana Kruger** (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez), **Matias Berthelon**, (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez), **Bernardo Lara** (University of Talca)

#### “Employment Characteristics and the Spread of COVID-19 in Chile”

**David Newhouse** (The World Bank and IZA), **Maurice Kugler** (George Mason University), **Mariana Viollaz** (Universidad Nacional

de La Plata), Daniel Duque (Norwegian School of Economics), Isis Gaddis (The World Bank and IZA), Amparo Palacios-Lopez (The World Bank), Michael Weber (The World Bank)

**“How Did the COVID-19 Crisis Affect Different Types of Workers in the Developing World”**

**Hernan Winkler** (The World Bank), Lelys Dinarte (The World Bank), David Jaume (Central Bank of Mexico, Eduardo Medina-Cortina (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.)

**“Not by Land nor by Sea: The Rise of Formal Remittances during COVID-19”**

**Jesica Torres (The World Bank)** Franklin Maduko (Central European University and The World Bank) Isis Gaddis (The World Bank and IZA), Leonardo Iacovone (The World Bank and Hertie School), and Kathleen Beegle (The World Bank)

**“The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women-Led Businesses”**

**Tebkieta Tapsoba** (Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population and Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo)

**“Remittances and Households' Livelihood in The Context of COVID-19: Evidence from Burkina Faso”**

**Al-mouksit Akim** (AIRESS, FGSES, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University), Firmin Ayivodji (Université de Montréal), Jeffrey Kouton (Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée)

**“Do Remittances Unexpectedly Insure against COVID-19 Employment Shock on Food Insecurity? Evidence from Nigeria”**

**Thursday, September 2**

**13:30 – 14:45    Session 2A: COVID-19, Pandemic, Jobs and Development (II)**

*Chair: Ahmed Elsayed (IZA)*

**Daniel Prinz** (The World Bank and Harvard University), Melanie Khamis (The World Bank, Wesleyan University and IZA), David Newhouse (The World Bank and IZA), Amparo Palacios-Lopez (The World Bank), Utz Pape (The World Bank), Michael Weber (The World Bank)

**“The Early Labor Market Impacts of COVID-19 in Developing Countries: Evidence from High-Frequency Phone Surveys”**

**Livia Alfonsi** (UC Berkeley), **Mary Namubiru** (BRAC Uganda), **Sara Spaziani** (Brown University)  
**“The Gendered Impact of COVID-19 on Young Workers: Evidence from the Ugandan Shecession”**

**Robert Hill** (DPRU, University of Cape Town), **Tim Köhler** (DPRU, University of Cape Town)  
**“Mind the Gap: The Distributional Effects of South Africa's National Lockdown on Gender Wage Inequality”**

**Sam Jones** (UNU-WIDER), **Ivan Manhique** (UNU-WIDER)  
**“Informal Freelancers in the Time of COVID-19: Insights from a Digital Matching Platform in Mozambique”**

**Souleima El Achkar** (Asian Development Bank), **Sameer Khatiwada** (Asian Development Bank), **Ian Nicole A. Generalao** (University of the Philippines), **Rosa Mia Arao** (Asian Development Bank)  
**“COVID-19 and Labor Markets in Southeast Asia: Who Has Been Hurt and What Policies Have Mitigated the Impact?”**

**Simone Schotte** (UNU-WIDER), **Michael Danquah** (UNU-WIDER), **Robert Darko Osei** (University of Ghana), **Kunal Sen** (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester)  
**“The Labor Market Impact of COVID-19 Lockdowns: Evidence from Ghana”**

**14:45 – 15:00**    **Break**

**15:00 – 16:00**    **Session 2B: Keynote I**

+++ keynote: 45 minutes +++ floor discussion: 15 minutes +++

*Chair: Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)*

**Dani Rodrik** (John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University)

**“Good Jobs and Development Strategy”**

**16:00 – 16:45**    **Break**

**16:45 – 17:45**    **Session 2C: Migration & Skills**

*Chair: David Newhouse (The World Bank and IZA)*

**Jeremy Lebow** (Duke University)  
**“Immigration and Occupational Downgrading in Colombia”**

**Nancy Chau** (Cornell University and IZA), Filiz Garip (Princeton University), Ariel Oritz-Bobea (Cornell University)

**“On the Triggers of Hazardous Border Crossings: Evidence from the US-Mexican Border”**

**Carlo Lombardo** (Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Leonardo Peñaloza-Pacheco (Universidad Nacional de La Plata)

**“Exports “Brother-boost”: the Trade-creation and Skill-upgrading Effect of Venezuelan Forced Migration on Colombian Manufacturing Firms”**

**Laurent Bossavie** (The World Bank), Joseph-Simon Görlach (Bocconi University, CReAM, IGIER and LEAP), Çağlar Özden (The World Bank), He Wang (The World Bank)

**“Temporary Migration for Long-term Investment”**

**Christina Langer** (KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, ifo Institute Munich and Harvard Kennedy School), Simon Wiederhold (KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and ifo Institute Munich)

**“The Economic Impact of Skills: New Evidence From Apprenticeship Plans”**

17:45– 18:00 **Break**

18:00 – 19:15 **Session 2D: Trade & Globalization**

*Chair: Piotr Lewandowski (IBS)*

**Hoang Pham** (Oregon State University)

**“Trade Reform, Oligopsony and Labor Market Distortions: Theory and Evidence”**

**Beyza Ural Marchand** (University of Alberta), Devashish Mitra (Syracuse University), Hoang Pham (Oregon State University)

**“Trade, Labor Markets, and Intergenerational Mobility in Vietnam”**

**Raymond Robertson** (Texas A&M University), Mexico Vergara (The World Bank), Deeksha Kokas (The World Bank), Gladys Lopez-Acevedo (The World Bank)

**“International Trade and Labor Markets: Evidence from Egypt”**

**Bilge Erten** (Northeastern University), Pinar Keskin (Wellesley College)

**“Trade-Offs? The Impact of WTO Accession on Intimate Partner Violence in Cambodia”**

**Romina Safojan** (Tilburg University)

**“The Effect of Exports on Labor Informality: Evidence from Argentina”**

**Mahamat Moustapha** (Paris Dauphine University-LEDa and UMR

Dial)

**“Oil Boom, Job Prospects and Schooling Decisions : Evidence from Chad”**

**Friday, September 3**

**14:15 – 15:45    Session 3A: Labor market programs and regulations**

*Chair: Nancy Chau (Cornell University and IZA)*

**Gonzalo Garcia-Trujillo** (Central Bank of Chile), Nathalie Gonzalez (University of Maryland), Alvaro Silva (University of Maryland)

**“Earnings Effect of Startup Employment”**

**Lukas Hensel** (University of Oxford), Tsegay Gebrekidan Tekleselassie (Policy Studies Institute), Marc Witte (IZA)

**“Formalized Employee Search and Labor Demand”**

**Eliana Carranza** (The World Bank), Martin Abel (Middlebury College), Kimberly Geronimo (LaMP), Maria Elena Ortega (The World Bank)

**“Can Temporary Wage Incentives Increase Formal Employment? Experimental Evidence from Mexico”**

**Yogita Shamdasani** (National University of Singapore), Emily Breza (Harvard University), Supreet Kaur (UC Berkeley)

**“Labor Rationing”**

**Hannah Liepmann** (ILO), Clemente Pignatti (ILO and University of Geneva)

**“Welfare Effects of Unemployment Benefits when Informality is High”**

**Stefano Caria** (University of Warwick), Grant Gordon (International Rescue Committee), Maximilian Kasy (University of Oxford), Simon Quinn (University of Oxford), Soha Shami (Danish Refugee Council), Alexander Teytelboym (University of Oxford)

**“An Adaptive Targeted Field Experiment: Job Search Assistance for Refugees in Jordan”**

**Swati Dhingra** (London School of Economics and CEPR), Stephen Machin (London School of Economics and CEPR)

**“The Crisis and Job Guarantees in Urban India”**

15:45 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:00 **Session 3B: Keynote II**

+++ keynote: 45 minutes +++ floor discussion: 15 minutes +++

*Chair: Gary Fields (Cornell University, IZA)*

**David Autor** (MIT)

**“Shaping the Future of Work: Lessons from the U.S. Experience.”**

17:00 – 17:45 **Break**

17:45 – 19:00 **Session 3C: Automation and ICT**

*Chair: Diana Kruger (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez)*

**Niharika Singh** (Columbia University), A. Nilesh Fernando (University of Notre Dame), Gabriel Tourek (MIT)

**“Hiring Frictions in Small Firms: Evidence from an Internet-Platform Based Experiment”**

**Maurice Kugler** (George Mason University), Adriana Kugler (Georgetown University), Laura Ripani (Inter-American Development Bank), Rodimiro Rodrigo (Georgetown University)

**“U.S. Robots and their Impacts in the Tropics: Evidence from Colombian Labor Markets”**

**Andrés César** (CEDLAS-Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Irene Brambilla (CEDLAS-Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Guillermo Falcone (CEDLAS-Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Leonardo Gasparini (CEDLAS-Universidad Nacional de La Plata)

**“The Impact of Robots in Latin America: Evidence from Local Labor Markets”**

**Akin A. Cilekoglu** (University of Barcelona), Rosina Moreno (University of Barcelona), Raul Ramos (University of Barcelona and IZA)

**“The Impact of Robot Adoption on Global Sourcing”**

**Piotr Lewandowski** (IBS - Institute for Structural Research and IZA), Ronald Bachmann (RWI, DICE/Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, and IZA), Myrielle Gonschor (RWI and RGS), Karol Madoń (IBS - Institute for Structural Research)

**“The Impact of Robots on Labor Market Transitions in Europe”**

**Carol Newman** (Trinity College Dublin), Mathias Allemand (University of Zurich), Martina Kirchberger (Trinity College Dublin), Sveta Milusheva (The World Bank), Brent Roberts (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Vincent Thorne (Trinity College Dublin)

**“Conscientiousness and Labor Market Returns: Evidence from a**



**Field Experiment in Senegal**

**19:00 – 19:15 Break**

**19:15 – 20:30 Session 3D: Structural Change**

*Chair: Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)*

**Gaaitzen de Vries** (University of Groningen), Hagen Kruse (University of Groningen), Emmanuel Mensah (University of Groningen), Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester)

**“A Manufacturing Renaissance? Industrialization Trends in The Developing World”**

**Hector Moreno** (University of Oxford)

**“Income Mobility in a Changing Macroeconomic Environment”**

**Dino Merotto** (The World Bank), Hanchen Jiang (University of North Texas)

**“Better Jobs for More People in China's Economic Transformation”**

**Margaret McMillan** (Tufts University, International Food Policy Research Institute), Xinshen Diao (International Food Policy Research Institute), Mia Ellis (IFPRI), Dani Rodrik (John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University)

**“Africa's Manufacturing Puzzle: Evidence from Tanzanian and Ethiopian Firms”**

**Nidhiya Menon** (Brandeis University), Amanda Guimbeau (Brandeis University), James Ji (Brandeis University), Yana van der Meulen Rodger (Rutgers University)

**“Mining and Women's Agency: Evidence on Acceptance of Domestic Violence and Shared Decision-Making in India”**

**Taryn Dinkelman** (University of Notre Dame), L. Rachel Ngai (London School of Economics)

**“Time Use and Gender in Africa in Times of Structural Transformation”**