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Melissa Adelman is a senior economist in the World Bank Education Global Practice where she leads analytical and operational engagements in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. She has experience across the region in supporting countries with the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policies to improve access and quality in pre-primary, primary, and secondary education. She is also a Thematic Lead for Management Capacity and Service Delivery for the Education Global Practice, in which role she supports Bank teams across the world. Melissa holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard University.



Noam Angrist is the co-founder of Young 1ove, an NGO based in Botswana dedicated to scaling-up programmes backed by rigorous academic evidence that enable youth to thrive. His interests centre on bridging the gap between evidence on 'what works' and translation into scaled intervention and policy. To date, the organisation has reached over 60,000 youth in Southern Africa, run randomised evaluations in partnership with J-PAL, and signed a MOU with the Botswana government to scale-up nationally. He has conducted research at the University of Botswana, the Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), and the World Bank, where he was part of the core team that built the Human Capital Index. He has a BS in mathematics and economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is completing a PhD at the University of Oxford. He was recognised by Forbes 30Under30, is a Global Shaper with the World Economic Forum, and was a Fulbright and Rhodes scholar.



Minahil Asim is a PhD candidate in the education policy programme at the University of California, Davis. Her dissertation work evaluates the impact of information on school and student outcomes in two different contexts: Her work with the Government of Punjab in Pakistan examines the role of information in strengthening local governance of schools by informing and mobilizing school councils, comprising of parents, the head-teacher and community members about their roles and responsibilities. Her work with the California Department of Education examines how course-taking and post-secondary outcomes are impacted by an information signal students receive about their college-readiness status in an 11th grade assessment. She has a master's degree in international and comparative education from Stanford University and an undergraduate degree in economics, with a minor in philosophy from Lahore University of Management Sciences.



Felipe Barrera-Osorio is an economist working on the economics of education. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Maryland, United States and a BA in economics from Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia. Between 2004 and 2006, he was the Deputy Director of the Colombian think-tank Fedesarrollo. He moved to the US in 2006 to work as a senior economist at the World Bank in Washington, DC. In 2011, he joined the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education as an assistant professor of education and economics. He was promoted to associate professor in 2015. He is part of the policy committee of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and affiliated with the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard. Since 2007, he has been part of the executive committee of LACEA's Impact Evaluation Network, which he helped to create. In 2008, he was awarded the Juan Luis Londoño Medal for research in education. The recognition is given every other year to a Colombian economist under the age of 40.



Alebel Bayrau Weldesilassie is a researcher at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) and member of the RISE Ethiopia team. He has also served as member of the national technical committee in different sectoral policy formulation. He has served as a lecturer on development economics and managerial economics at Addis Ababa University. He holds a PhD in economics from Hohenheim University, Germany and was a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, United States in 2014. His research interest broadly focuses on micro-development economics, and in particular on policy and institution economics. In addition to many sole and co-authored research reports, he has published in internationally peer reviewed economics journals. He is also member of national and international professional associations.

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Sabrin Beg is an assistant professor of economics at the Lerner College of Business and Economics at the University of Delaware. She is a development economist specialising in the economics of human capital and in political economy. She focuses on vulnerable populations in the developing world, including students and farmers. Her work includes randomised controlled trials in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Ghana. Her research also uses rich administrative data to understand behaviour of politicians in developing countries and the subsequent effect on economic outcomes. She received her PhD and MA in economics from Yale University and her BA in economics and mathematics from Wellesley College.



Emilie Berkhout is a researcher at the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD) and member of the RISE Indonesia team. She has a background in development economics, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in this field. Her research focuses on the effect of policy reforms in basic education on learning outcomes in Indonesia and on the effect of early child development interventions in rural China.



Jacobus Cilliers is an assistant teaching professor at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy and member of the RISE Tanzania team. Prior to joining McCourt he worked for the Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund at the World Bank, and was also a visiting post-doctoral fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford. His research is in the area of applied micro-econometrics for development, with a focus on basic education service delivery. Current research projects are in Kenya, South Africa and Tanzania. He has published in top academic journals such as *Science*, the *Journal of Public Economics*, and the *Journal of Human Resources*.



Jullian Cristia is a lead economist in the research department at the Inter-American Development Bank. His current research analyses how governments can promote skills development cost-effectively. He has evaluated programs that introduced technology into schools and expanded access to pre-primary education. Additionally, he has produced systematic reviews on early childhood development, the use of technology in education, and how to improve learning in primary schools. His work has appeared in the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, and *Journal of Health Economics*. His research has been covered by several media outlets including *The Economist*, NPR, and Associated Press. Prior to joining the IDB, he worked as an Associate Analyst in the Health and Human Resources Division of the Congressional Budget Office. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Maryland.



Luis Crouch is a senior economist (International Development Group) with RTI International and a member of the RISE Intellectual Leadership Team. He is a recognised international leader in providing high-level advice to governments involved in complex educational systems change. From 2011 to 2013, he served with the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat as head of the Global Good Practices Team. He currently leads work addressing important challenges in education, workforce and youth, and *Data Revolution for Development*. He provides input and oversight to key areas of work in related themes of work in the International Development Group.

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Jishnu Das is a lead economist at the World Bank's Development Research Group, where his research focuses on the delivery of quality education and health services, and member of the RISE Pakistan team. He has authored numerous education-related works, including *India Shining and Bharat Drowning: Comparing Two Indian States to the Worldwide Distribution in Mathematics Achievement* (Journal of Development Economics), and *Teacher Shocks and Student Learning: Evidence from Zambia* (Journal of Human Resources), in addition to work co-authored with Tahir Andrabi and Asim I. Khwaja. He was awarded a PhD in economics from Harvard University and a BA from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, India. He was an author of the Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools (LEAPS) report, an extensive study of the schooling environment more than 100 villages in rural Pakistan.



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Alex Eble is an assistant professor of economics and education at Teachers College, Columbia University. His research focuses on two main themes: one, understanding how children form beliefs about their own ability, and how this affects their human capital development; and two, identifying, evaluating, and studying the scalability of potentially high-leverage policy options to raise learning levels in the developing world. He holds a PhD in economics from Brown University, an MSc in development studies from the London School of Economics, and a BA in economics and East Asian languages and cultures from Indiana University, Bloomington, where he learned to read, write, and speak Mandarin Chinese.



Melanie Ehren is a professor in the governance of schools and education systems, director of research institute LEARN!, and honorary professor at University College, Institute of Education. Her academic work focuses on the effectiveness of accountability and evaluation systems and aims to contribute to a greater understanding of the interplay between accountability and the broader education system in tackling inequality and improving student outcomes. Some of her key projects are: an ESRC funded study on 'Accountability, capacity and trust to improve learning outcomes in South Africa'; an EU Erasmus+/KA2 comparative study on polycentric inspections of networks of schools across four countries; an EU-funded comparative study on the impact of school inspections in six European countries; and a Nuffield funded project on the nature, prevalence and effectiveness of strategies used to prepare pupils for Key Stage 2 maths tests.

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Paul Glewwe is one of the most widely published and cited economists working on the determinants of student learning, including household, social input, and pedagogical approach. He has been at the forefront of both the "education production function" approach and in using experimental methods (RCTs) to study the impact of education interventions. In addition, he has done extensive work on childhood nutrition and impact of early childhood factors on child development. He is a member of the RISE Intellectual Leadership Team and member of the RISE Vietnam team.



Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg is the chief economist of the World Bank Group. In this position, she aims to strengthen the institution's connection to state-of-the-art academic research and help shape a vision of how to achieve the World Bank Group's goals of sustainable growth, shared prosperity, and a world free of extreme poverty. She brings decades of experience as an applied microeconomist drawn to policy-relevant questions in trade and development. She has exploited a broad set of methodological approaches—ranging from estimation of structural industry equilibrium models typical of the Industrial Organization literature to reduced form techniques—to provide insights into such diverse topics as the determinants and effects of trade policies, trade and inequality, intellectual property rights protection in developing countries, exchange rate passthrough, pricing to market, and international price discrimination. She is President-Elect of the Econometric Society (for 2021) and has previously served as Vice President of the American Economic Association.

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Sarah Kabay is a PhD candidate in international development education at NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. As an interdisciplinary researcher, she focuses on early childhood and primary education in both domestic and global contexts. Before beginning her doctoral program, she worked in Uganda for five years with the organisation Innovations for Poverty Action. Her current research projects include a qualitative study of social emotional learning in Niger, cost analysis of Boston's public pre-kindergarten programme, a mixed methods evaluation of a school scorecard intervention in Uganda, and a book on the Global Learning Crisis. She is a research affiliate at the Global TIES Research Center, a 2018 National Academy for Education Spencer Fellow, and a fellow in NYU's IES-sponsored Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in Causal Inference.



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