

**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
POLICY CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT**





GDP CENTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the GDP Center,

Please allow us to share with you the highlights of our fourth academic year of activity. Founded in July of 2017, the Global Development Policy (GDP) Center is a Boston University-wide center that is a partnership between the Office of Research and the Pardee School of Global Studies here at BU. The mission of the GDP Center is to advance policy-oriented research for financial stability, human well-being and environmental sustainability across the globe.



Like all of you, we at the GDP Center has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the profound ramifications of COVID-19 crisis for the health and development prospects of people in the Global South, the GDP Center has risen to the occasion and has redoubled our efforts, albeit while working remotely.

Our priorities for the year were to mount a response to the COVID-19 crisis, develop a state-of-the art communications strategy, expand support for our Human Capital Initiative (HCI) and broaden the level of support for the GDP Center as a whole. I'm happy to report real progress on each front, as you will see in the pages of this year's annual report. The GDP Center's HCI, Global Economic Governance Initiative and Global China Initiative have focused in various ways on the COVID-19 virus and associated economic implications here in Boston and across the world. What is more, we have hired a top-notch communications staff and have devised an outreach and communications strategy that is already paying dividends.

For HCI, we were able to secure new grant funding for the Program on Women's Empowerment Research

(POWER) from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Relatedly, we are excited to report that HCI's Rachel Brulè won the American Political Science Association's best book in comparative politics prize. We are sad to report that HCI's Samuel Bazzi has moved on from BU to a new position at the University of California, but happy for him and his family and give best wishes for this new stage in life and career.

Finally, the GDP Center is excited to welcome Sidharth George to the HCI group, and features Professor George in a Faculty Spotlight later in this report.

In FY21, the GDP Center hosted 40 webinars with over 12,701 attendees, ranging from high-level policy discussions to weekly research seminars. Highlights of the year include: the second Paul Streeten Distinguished Lectureship given Ann E. Harrison, renowned economist and dean of the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, along with events featuring distinguished speakers such as Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Amor Mottley, former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, former Minister of Finance in Brazil Nelson Barbosa, Nobel Prize laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz, World



Bank Senior Economist Carmen Reinhart, Chairperson of the Pakistan Stock Exchange Shamshad Akhtar and Executive Director for China at the International Monetary fund, Zhongxia Jin, among others. Our webinars were live-streamed and watched all over the world via Zoom and the GDP Center YouTube channel. These events provided students, the research community and high-level officials the opportunity to engage in meaningful, policy- forward dialogue on a variety of important topics.

In FY21, the GDP Center published 68 journal articles, working papers and reports, as well as 11 policy briefs and nine databases and interactives. These publications and subsequent presentations were released at strategic times to targeted audiences to maximize policy impact. The GDP Center received 1,132 media mentions, an increase of 2,119 percent from FY20, from leading outlets, such as the *New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *CNBC*, *Forbes*, *BBC World News Service*, *NPR*, *Al Jazeera* and many others.

Our social media presence has also grown significantly over the last year, with Twitter followers increasing by 169 percent over FY20 gains. Our audiences also engaged with us via our website, which received over 182,000 views this year alone, an increase of 55 percent from FY20. The GDP Center also continues to manage and update BU's first ever website in Chinese, and recently launched a Chinese-language newsletter.

Researchers and faculty also partnered with 36 organizations in 29 different countries around the world for collaborative projects and research this year. Partner organizations include the Southern African Development Community, the United Nations Conference

on Trade and Development, United States Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the Reproductive Health Directorate of Malawi and the United Nations Economic and Social Mission for Asia and the Pacific, among many others.

The GDP Center also provided abounding opportunity for students to engage in experiential learning over the course of the year. The GDP Center supported 25 graduate research fellows, 15 pre- or post-doctoral fellows, and 11 communications fellows. Our Global China Fellows Program also saw 14 fellows conduct research with us on various aspects of China's global involvement, which included PhD Candidates and recent graduates from Princeton University, the University of Chicago, Yale University, the University of Southern California and many others. The GDP Center also continued our Summer in the Field program, which hosted five BU student awardees from across campus via stipends to conduct summer field research or take part in unpaid internships, which would otherwise have been financially unfeasible. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to help us achieve our mission.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Gallagher

Professor, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
Director, Global Development Policy Center



GDP CENTER

2020-2021 BY THE NUMBERS

\$3,290,000
TOTAL BUDGET

111

Fellows and Student Employees

11

Policy Briefs

182,640

Website Views

{ 55% increase from FY20 }

36

Journal Articles

2,301

New Twitter Followers

{ 169% increase from FY20 }

22

Working Papers

1,132

Media Mentions

{ 2,119% increase from FY20 }

9

Databases
and
Interactives

10

Reports

94

Blogs

40

Webinars

12,701

Webinar Attendees

{ 958% increase from FY20 }

37

Op-eds

GDP CENTER STRATEGY & MISSION

Our mission is to advance policy-relevant knowledge for financial stability, human well-being, and environmental sustainability.

The Boston University Global Development Policy (GDP) Center is a university-wide research center in partnership with the Frederick S. Pardee School for Global Studies and the Office of Research at Boston University.

The ambition of the GDP Center is to be recognized for its intellectual leadership and global engagement. The GDP Center's strategic plan is outlined into five pillars, which are segmented by color and reflected in the color tabs marked throughout this report.

There are two aspects that make the GDP Center unique among development-oriented centers across other academic institutions. First and foremost, the GDP Center recognizes that the development process is complex and thus, we are accordingly interdisciplinary in our approach. To that end, we have assembled a faculty steering committee from the schools of law, engineering, business, public health, earth and environmental studies, economics, and global studies at Boston University.

Second, the GDP Center puts a premium on global engagement—generating concrete policy lessons from rigorous research and advancing such lessons into the global discourse.

The GDP Center strives to not only be a university-based think tank, but also a *do* tank.

5 STRATEGIC PILLARS

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1. Foster a global development policy **community at Boston University.**
 2. Advance **scholarly knowledge** of global development policy.
 3. Engage in global **policy dialogue.**
 4. Support student research & experiential learning.
 5. Build a **global support base.**



GDP CENTER LEADERSHIP



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Gloria Waters



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Relations and Earth & Environment**

Adil Najam



**Director, Global Development
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Global Development Policy**

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FOSTERING **COMMUNITY AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY**

In our fourth year, we are again proud to expand our team. We have built a core constituency that works collaboratively to research, engage and envision solutions to the most pressing issues facing our world.

Our faculty come to us from a wide array of disciplines spanning 17 schools and departments across BU, including the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Communications, Metropolitan College, School of Social Work, School of Public Health, the School of Law, Questrom School of Business, the College of Engineering, the Pardee School of Global Studies and the Earth and Environment Department.



27 Core Faculty

28 Affiliated Faculty

17 Schools & Departments

7 Faculty Steering Committee Members

YEAR FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH IMPACT

In May 2021, Patricia Cortés was **awarded a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation** to study whether and how the pandemic is changing worker preferences for workplace flexibility, as well as the longer-term effects of changes in workplaces and work arrangements.

KEY EVENT

Hosted the second annual **Paul Streeten Distinguished Lecture in Global Development Policy**, with keynote speaker Ann E. Harrison, renowned economist and dean of the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, March 2021.

DATA ANALYSIS

In March 2021, it was announced that the **Chinese Loans to Africa Database** would be moving from SAIS-CARI to the GDP Center for managing and future updates. The news and latest data was reported in the *Financial Times*.

KEY EVENT

In June 2021, hosted **a webinar as part of the T20** with nearly 500 registrants, featuring:

- **Carmen Reinhart**, Chief Economist of the World Bank
- **Avinash Persaud**, Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Barbados
- **Shamshad Akhtar**, Chairperson of the Pakistan Stock Exchange
- **Rakesh Mohan**, President of the Centre for Social and Economic Progress,
- **Franco Bruni**, President of ISPI Italy

RESEARCH IMPACT

In FY21, the GDP Center was a founding partner of the **Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery (DRGR) Initiative**, along with the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Centre for Sustainable Finance at SOAS, University of London. The DRGR Initiative has so far produced two reports, the latest of which premiered in *Reuters*, and has hosted two webinars, featuring Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley and former Prime Minister of the UK, Gordon Brown.

DATA ANALYSIS

Launched the **China's Overseas Development Finance Database** in December 2020, which was featured on the front page of the *Financial Times*, twice in one week.



**RESEARCH
IMPACT**

In collaboration with Innovation for Poverty Action, HCI Associate Director Mahesh Karra and coauthors published a policy brief outlining the **impact of family planning on fertility, birth spacing and child development** in urban Malawi.



**RESEARCH
IMPACT**

Beginning in October 2020, the GDP Center began convening **a series of workshops with the Southern African Development Community** on expanding access to renewable energy for development in the Southern African region. The workshops have so far yielded a report and webinar, with more research products and engagements planned into FY22.



BOOK

In December 2020, Rachel Brulé's book **'Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India'** was published by Cambridge University Press.



RESEARCH **INITIATIVES**





RESEARCH INITIATIVES OVERVIEW

GLOBAL CHINA INITIATIVE

GCI

The Global China Initiative (GCI) examines the extent to which Chinese overseas development finance can help trigger a transformation toward a greener and more socially inclusive world.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

GEGI

The Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) examines the extent to which international economic institutions can foster financial stability and sustainable development.

HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVE

HCI

The Human Capital Initiative (HCI) advances interdisciplinary research on the role of human capital in human development to inform policy for global challenges such as poverty, gender equality, and sustainable economic growth.

LAND USE AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE

LULI

The Land Use and Livelihoods Initiative (LULI) works to advance policyrelevant, interdisciplinary research on the impacts of international institutions, domestic policies and local practices on ecosystem and human well-being in regions with commodity-based resource extraction.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Siddharth George

Siddharth George is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the College of Arts and Sciences and a Core Faculty member of the Human Capital Initiative.

He received his BSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics from the London School of Economics in 2011 and his PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2019. He was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College in 2019-20 before joining Boston University. He has also worked in the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Singapore (2011-12) and the Office of the Chief Economic Advisor of India (2015-16). His research interests focus on development economics, political economy and labor economics, with recent work exploring the economic effects of political dynasties in India since 1862.

GLOBAL CHINA INITIATIVE

The GDP Center's Global China Initiative (GCI) examines the extent to which Chinese overseas economic activity and engagement with international institutions fosters a more stable, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable world economy. The research at GCI is streamlined into four areas of focus: data analysis for transparency and accountability (DATA); forestry, agriculture and indigenous rights in the Belt and Road Initiative (FAIR-BARI); energy and climate; and China and international institutions.

DATABASES: GCI builds and maintains datasets on China's overseas economic activity, and in FY21 expanded from two to five datasets. In October 2020, GCI launched the China's Global Power Database, an interactive mapping all of China's overseas power projects and measuring them by CO2 emissions, lender, type of deal, technology, status and capacity. Then in December 2020, the GDP Center released the China's Overseas Development Finance (CODF) Database to much global recognition and discussion. The CODF Database is the first global, harmonized, validated and geolocated record of Chinese development finance, including all loans from the China Development Bank and Export-Import Bank of China to



Working at the GDP Center has given me the opportunity to engage with policy-oriented research early on in my Ph. D. and has instilled a lasting aspiration to collaborate across academia, government, and industry to address global development challenges.

— Zara C. Albright, Research Assistant

governments, inter- governmental bodies, and state-owned entities from 2008-2019. When it was released, the CODF Database was featured on the front page of the *Financial Times* twice in one week. Additionally, in March 2021, the GDP Center acquired the Chinese Loans to Africa Database from the China-Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University SAIS. The other datasets focus on China-Latin America finance and China's global energy finance, providing a comprehensive picture and much needed data on China's overseas economic activity.

FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Published two new interactive databases on China's overseas development and energy finance and acquired the Chinese Loans to Africa Database from SAIS-CARI.
- Research on the potential for debt-for-climate and nature swaps with China published in *Science*.
- Presented research on China's overseas development and energy finance to policymakers and prominent civil society groups in China, the US, Europe and Latin America
- Collaborated with the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) for the Green BRI and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Special Policy Study.
- Published research in the journals of *Energy Policy*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Energy Research & Social Science*, *One Earth* and *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*.



Senior Research Scholar, Yan Wang, speaks during the webinar launch of the Chinese Loans to Africa Database.




Global Development Policy Center
Central Finance, Governance & Digital


China and the International Monetary System

Thurs. November 12th, 9:00-10:00AM

Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/32ETO8k>



Dr. Zhongxia Jin
Executive Director for China,
International Monetary Fund



In November, the GDP Center hosted a webinar discussion with Dr. Zhongxia Jin, Executive Director for China to the International Monetary Fund.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: GCI also conducts collaborative research with institutes in China, South America, Southern Africa and South Asia. For example, in FY21, GCI published a report focused on the role of development finance institutions in expanding access to renewable energy in the Southern Africa Development Community with four partner institutions in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia.

GLOBAL CHINA FELLOWS: The GDP Center also hosts the Global China Fellows Program that brings pre- and post-doctoral students to the GDP Center for a semester or more to engage in policy-oriented research within the four GCI areas of focus. In FY21, the Global Fellows Program included 14 fellows, hailing from the US, China, South Africa and Peru. The fellows all participated in the virtual 2020 GCI Research Colloquium, which ran for ten weeks and saw the fellows give presentations to global audiences on new and upcoming research. The fellows also worked with the Communications team to produce working papers and blogs related to key policy events and GCI research.



One of the best things about working in the GDP Center is that it provides an interdisciplinary environment where I can easily expand my horizons by learning from and working with members of the center. Even during the pandemic, the center managed to create many opportunities, such as online research colloquiums, to ensure frequent communications with scholars from different fields.

— Hongbo Yang, Global China Fellow

In FY22, GCI will continue conducting research and thought leadership on the role of China's overseas economic activity and engagement in fostering a more stable, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable world economy.

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED GCI WEBPAGES:

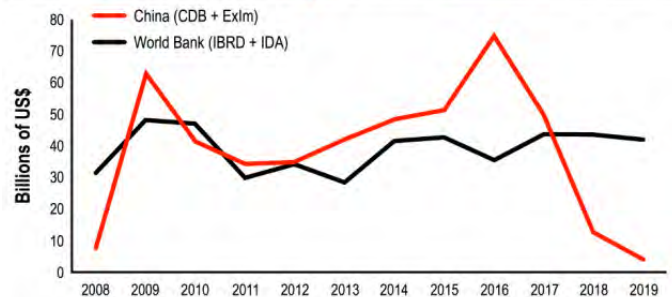
1. China's Overseas Development Finance Database
2. Chinese Loans to Africa Database
3. China's Global Power Database
4. China's Global Energy Finance Database
5. Tracking China's Overseas Development Finance

BONUS: THE TOP FOUR MOST VIEWED GCI PUBLICATIONS WERE ALSO THE TOP FOUR MOST VIEWED PUBLICATIONS ACROSS THE GDP WEBSITE IN FY21.

GDP Center Database Variables						
Category	Variable	CLAF	CGEF	CODF	CLA	CGP
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	Year of Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Sector			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Geographic Information	Status					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Region					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	BRI Country		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Financial Information	Area			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Borrower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Lender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and Environmental Information	Deal Type					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Energy Source		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Energy Subsector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Capacity					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	CO ₂ Emissions					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sensitive Territory Overlap				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

The GDP Center published a database methodology guidebook, outlining the different features of the GCI databases.

WHEN TO LEND? China's sovereign development lending is comparable to the World Bank, but more volatile



This chart from the launch of the China's Overseas Development Finance Database has been widely cited and reproduced.



GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

The GDP Center's Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) advances policy-relevant research and analysis on the 'international economic architecture'— the various international financial, trade, and development institutions created in the aftermath of World War II that play a leading role in global economic governance to this day. GEGI is specifically focused on how global governance can better deliver financial stability, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and Paris Agreement commitments.

POLICY COORDINATION: In FY21, the GDP Center collaborated with its partners to pursue greater policy outreach and impact for research products related to the global pandemic response and recovery. In particular, our team worked with an international consultant in partnership with the UNCTAD Globalization and Development Strategies Division to amplify the policy-relevant findings of our collaborative research.

TRADE AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES: Additionally, the Working Group on Trade and Access to Medicines has continued its research on the extent to which international trade and investment treaties can enable affordable access to medicines in developing countries. The products of this Working Group have proven particularly relevant this past year as the world copes with COVID-19, and the World Trade Organization negotiates a waiver on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Waiver to significantly ramp up vaccine production and deployment across the world. The Group engaged in critical thought leadership on the issue, including an expert sign-on letter in support of a broad TRIPS Waiver with nearly 80 signatures. Moving forward, this group has already initiated a new research project taking stock of the policies that the United States and other key economies have put in place to address pandemic realities, and determining whether they are in compliance with existing treaty commitments of those countries.



Working as a Communications Fellow has been an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience. The Global Economic Governance Initiative and the program on a Global Green New Deal have been two key areas in which the GDP Center shows its focus on the intersection between climate action and economic livelihood through comprehensive research. I have learned so much from working at the GDP Center, and I am excited to see all of the great projects in store for the future!

— Ember Larregui,
GEGI Communications Fellow

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED GEGI WEBPAGES:

1. The Role of IMF in the Fight Against COVID-19: The IMF COVID-19 Recovery Index, published in *World Development*
2. The IMF COVID-19 Recovery Index
3. IMF Austerity is Alive and Increasing Poverty and Inequality
4. China, Debt, Climate and Nature: Opportunities for Financial Stability
5. Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery

BONUS: OUR JUNE 2021 WORKING PAPER 'TRADING AWAY INDUSTRIALIZATION? CONTEXTS AND PROSPECTS OF THE EU-MERCOSUR AGREEMENT' IS THE SIXTH MOST VIEWED GEGI PUBLICATION, PUBLISHED JUST 22 DAYS BEFORE THE CLOSE OF FY21.

FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Engaged in critical thought leadership to advance the global vaccine equity through peer reviewed articles, civil society engagement, op-eds and public webinars.
- Successfully led the call for a new allocation of IMF Special Drawing Rights to support global economic recovery. In July 2021, the IMF announced a policy nearly identical to our original proposal.
- Organized support from 23 former Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors for an ambitious proposal of debt relief for a green and inclusive recovery.



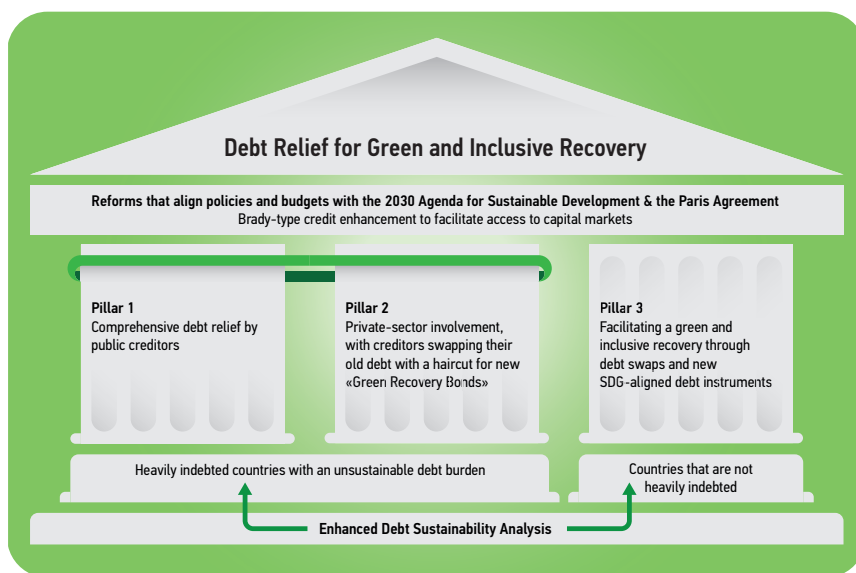
Joseph Stiglitz

In October 2020, the GDP Center hosted a webinar with Nobel laureate, Joseph E. Stiglitz to discuss the COVID-19 economic recovery.

DATA INTERACTIVES: In accordance with the GDP Center’s commitment to commitment to Data Analysis for Transparency and Accountability (D.A.T.A.), GEGI researchers produced three new online interactives underpin to track the real-time global recovery effort from COVID-19. The IMF COVID-19 Recovery Index tracks the extent to which current IMF agreements include support for public health, protecting vulnerable people and greening the recovery in the strategies they map for borrowing countries. Similarly, the IMF COVID-19 Surveillance Monitor tracks the implementation of these goals into the IMF’s country surveillance and reporting. Finally, the Global Financial Safety Net Tracker measures the amount of available finance countries can borrow through the International Monetary Fund, central banks and regional financial arrangements (RFA).

DEBT RELIEF: In line with this COVID-19 recovery work, GEGI partnered with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung of Germany and the Centre for Sustainable Finance at SOAS University of London in 2020 and 2021 to develop the Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery proposal. The project presents an ambitious proposal for comprehensive debt relief for green transitions anchored by critical private sector participation.

Moving forward, the research team will continue their work and thought leadership in equitable global recoveries and access to medicines as countries struggle to recover from the pandemic, while meeting climate and sustainability goals at a crucial time.



Graphic showing the three pillars of debt relief for a green and inclusive recovery, from the November 2020 report.



I can personally attest that not only is the GDP Center full of passionate scholars who are engaged with policymaking and committed to providing the best quality information to an incredibly diverse set of stakeholders, but also, it is a place where young scholars in the field can find a welcoming environment, ask questions and be provided with tools to pursue rigorous and meaningful research.

— Amanda Pareja Villegas, Research Assistant



HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVE

The Human Capital Initiative (HCI) conducts rigorous and policy-oriented social science research on human capital—the productive potential embodied in all people—and its role in development. HCI's research seeks to improve understanding of the social, political and institutional factors that shape (a) how human capital is formed and (b) how human capital is translated into individual and collective well-being. In doing so, HCI shifts the focus of human capital research from individual production functions toward generating a deeper understanding of collective functions—or the resources, institutions, strategies and interventions that shape human well-being.

HCI's researchers ask: What specific policy approaches are effective in expanding human capital and in shaping the conditions that give rise to human flourishing? Specifically, HCI's faculty study:

- Interactions between health, education, skills and other productive capabilities.
- Political and social institutions that affect the accrual and use of human capital.
- The role of human capital in expanding individual and collective agency to help societies thrive.

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED HCI WEBPAGES:

1. Women, Power, Property... Progress? A Discussion with Rachel Brulé
2. Creative Construction: How Bureaucrats Build and Stop Infrastructure in Latin America
3. Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya's Matrilineal Tribes
4. Around the Halls: Top Policy Priorities for Human Development and an Inclusive Recovery
5. Meet the Team: Siddharth George, Human Capital Initiative

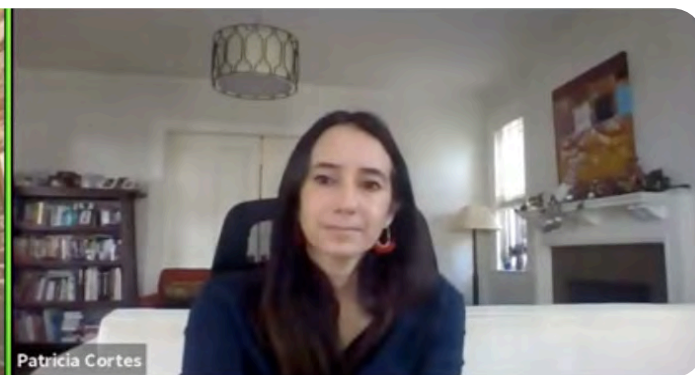
FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

- In October 2020, Rachel Brulé published her book, "Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India," through Cambridge University Press. In December 2020, HCI hosted a webinar for the book launch, moderated by HCI Associate Director Patricia Cortés.
- Project on "Unintended Benefits of COVID-19? Impacts on Job Flexibility and the Gender Pay Gap" spear-headed by HCI Associate Director Patricia Cortés was awarded a \$150,000 in grant funding from the Russel Sage Foundation.
- In October 2020, HCI and the GDP Center co-organized the virtual conference "Empirical Gender Research Network, 2020 Annual Workshop."



Working as a HCI Fellow have been truly unforgettable during my student life at BU. With its various opportunities of conducting field work and presenting our own research, it has not only equipped me with important skills are tremendously beneficial for my future research; more importantly, it greatly enriched my life at BU, making it colorful and adventurous.

— Kexin Zhang, Research Assistant



HCI is comprised of three research programs focused on population health economics, the program on women's empowerment research and the political economy of human capital.

POPULATION HEALTH ECONOMICS: As a key component of human capital, health is both a cause and consequence of economic and social development. Led by Jacob Bor, the Program on Population Health Economics supports research and policy outputs that investigate the determinants of population health in transitioning societies, particularly those determinants that are related to social and economic development, environmental change and shifting disease burdens.

PROGRAM ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT RESEARCH: The objective of the Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER) is to investigate the causes and consequences of women's empowerment on human well-being in low- and middle-income settings through evidence-based research. Led by Mahesh Karra, Patricia Cortés, and Rachel Brulé, POWER research seeks to identify the extent to which policy and programmatic interventions that seek to be empowering do (or do not) contribute to welfare improvements for women, their families and their communities. The program focuses on applied intervention research that critically investigate four core domains within the larger women's empowerment narrative: a) human capital; b) mobility and access; c) sustainable economic empowerment; and d) gender equality in the labor market.

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF HUMAN CAPITAL: Led by Siddharth George, the Program on Political Economy of Human Capital supports research that examines the political and economic effects of education policy and institutional reforms that affect human capital accumulation. Projects are unified by their focus on education policy and governance challenges in developing countries: a) the labour market impacts of vocational education; b) the psychological effects of affirmative

action in developing countries; c) how dynastic occupations affect social mobility and economic development; and d) the economic and political impacts of decentralization.



Conducting research under the guidance of Professor Karra through the Human Capital Initiative of the GDP Center was an incredibly enriching experience, both professionally as well as personally... I gained not only valuable hands-on research skills, but also a much deeper understanding of the social, economic and political landscape and the role that such factors play in women's empowerment, education and health.

— Mary Rezk, Research Assistant



Working with HCI and GDP Center provided me with an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in the real world. The experience prepared me for real world challenges and provided me with skills that I wouldn't have been able to gain in the classroom or internships.

— Avantika Tandon, Research Assistant

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS



JOURNAL ARTICLE

VARIATION IN HIV CARE AND TREATMENT OUTCOMES BY FACILITY IN SOUTH AFRICA, 2011-2015: A COHORT STUDY

PLOS Medicine
By Jacob Bor, et al.



JOURNAL ARTICLE

THE GLOBAL DOMAIN OF THE DOLLAR: EIGHT QUESTIONS

Atlantic Economic Journal
By Robert McCauley



JOURNAL ARTICLE

WHATEVER IT TAKES? THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL SAFETY NET, COVID-19 AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

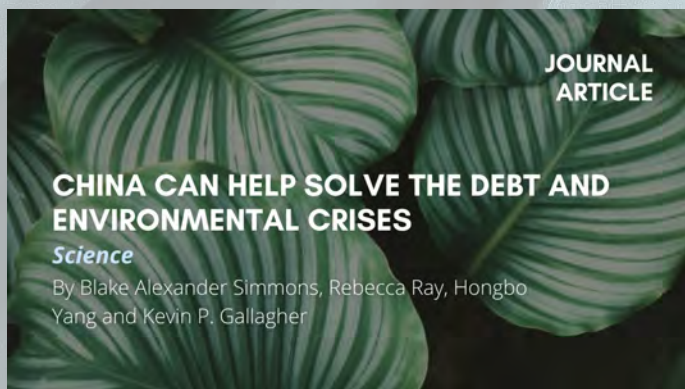
World Development
By William Kring and coauthors



BOOK

LA BANCA DE DESARROLLO Y EL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE: LECCIONES DESDE LA AMAZONÍA Y LOS ANDES

Universidad del Pacifico Press
Edited by Rebecca Ray, et al.



JOURNAL ARTICLE

CHINA CAN HELP SOLVE THE DEBT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES

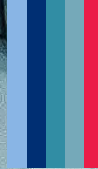
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By Blake Alexander Simmons, Rebecca Ray, Hongbo Yang and Kevin P. Gallagher



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Structural Change and Economic Dynamics
By Yan Wang and coauthors



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
AND STUDENT RESEARCH





ECONOMICS IN CONTEXT INITIATIVE

The Economics in Context Initiative (ECI) is focused on producing educational materials that are engaging, relevant and thoroughly researched. ECI's key goal is to advance the teaching and application of economics to serve the goal of enhancing human well-being by fostering equitable societies in sustainable ecological surroundings. Founded by BU alumnus Dr. Neva R. Goodwin, ECI builds on over two decades of work done by Goodwin and colleagues at the Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE) at Tufts University.

The "in context" approach emphasizes the need to consider issues of social and environmental sustainability in our understanding of economics. It means continually recognizing that economic activity takes place in a broader social, historical, political, environmental and institutional context and integrating these aspects in our analysis of economic processes.

Dr. Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar, Lecturer at the Pardee School of Global Studies, serves as the Associate Director of ECI and pilots the group's educational materials in Pardee classes. ECI's educational materials include five textbooks on principles of economics, along with teaching modules, articles and working papers on various social and environmental issues in economics.



Working with ECI has been a very fulfilling experience. I have had the space to research, learn and write about a wide array of topics— from the origin and function of intentional communities to the government's role in facilitating the job of parenting.

— Pamela Icyeza, Research Assistant



Working at the ECI has helped me to develop a keen grasp on how to plan and execute a communications strategy across various channels, including social media, email and external publications. I enjoy the ongoing challenge of promoting the ECI's valuable and unique offerings to a wider audience, and am grateful to my supervisors for providing a great balance of guidance and trust.

— Stacey Yuen, Communications Fellow

FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Published four new teaching modules, three of which are on environmental issues in economics and a fourth on comparative economic systems.
- Completed work on the fifth edition of *Environmental and Natural Resource Economics* textbook, which will be published in fall 2021.
- Significantly expanded outreach efforts with a new LinkedIn page, monthly blogposts and quarterly newsletters, along with participating in conferences and publishing promotional articles.



SEEING AND NOT SEEING FACULTY SEMINAR

Seeing and Not Seeing (SANS) is a post-disciplinary faculty seminar and public lecture series that brings guests from a range of disciplines and institutions to speak to the project's core sensibility of simultaneity, multiplicity and holding. Sponsored by the Boston University Center for the Humanities and the Global Development Policy Center, SANS is now in its sixth year and includes 16 members from 11 BU departments. The seminar meets six times annually and brings three to four invited guests for public lectures and seminar discussion during the Fall and Spring semesters. SANS collaborates with departments and centers across BU, in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.

Seeing and Not Seeing examines how thinking may change as the result of taking into account multiple ways of seeing simultaneously. The project begins from the conviction that conventional ways of seeing the world and generating social science knowledge, rooted in "scientific" methods of defining categories, marshaling evidence and proving arguments, prevent the openness and holding of multiplicity needed to live and act ethically with knowledge that is incomplete and uncertain.

With support from the GDP Center and the BU Center for the Humanities, SANS brought visitors and organized events in FY21, together with the Howard Thurman Center; Kilachand Honors College; the Center for Latin American Studies; and the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, as well as the departments of History, American & New England Studies; Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Political Science; Sociology and Romance Studies. SANS also partnered with the Boston University Queer Activist Collective, for a public talk with the trans/gender-expansive theater-maker, Eppchez.

In response to COVID-19, SANS adapted its programming to address both the logistical limitations brought about by the pandemic, as well as the political and social exigencies of

2020. SANS coordinated a virtual film screening and seminar with Eppchez, whose film, *Publik Private*, was adapted from a stage play into a film specifically for the BU community, with SANS funding and support.

In the spring, SANS hosted Saidiya Hartman, a 2019 MacArthur Fellow and African American literary historian whose work has been cited frequently in the wake of Black Lives Matter protests. SANS also sponsored a public discussion with three Smithsonian curators of African American and Latinx art, all of whom spoke to the urgent issues of race, police violence, protest movements and the role of museums, including the National Museum of African American Culture and History. Nearly 300 attendees joined the event.

SANS also welcomed seminar members to present current research projects. In fall 2020, Kaija Schilde, associate professor of International Relations at BU and a member of SANS, presented on the privatization and outsourcing of security.



In 2020, the seminar met to discuss writings by seminar members on the politics of wetlands in Turkey (Catarina Scaramelli, Anthropology); the significance of invoking hope in Turkish elections (Ayşe Parla, Anthropology); and the work of translators with Mayan migrants in US immigration courts (Rachel Nolan, History).



PRE-DOCTORAL AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS



25 GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS **11 COMMUNICATIONS FELLOWS**
15 PRE/POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS **5 SUMMER IN FIELD FELLOWS**

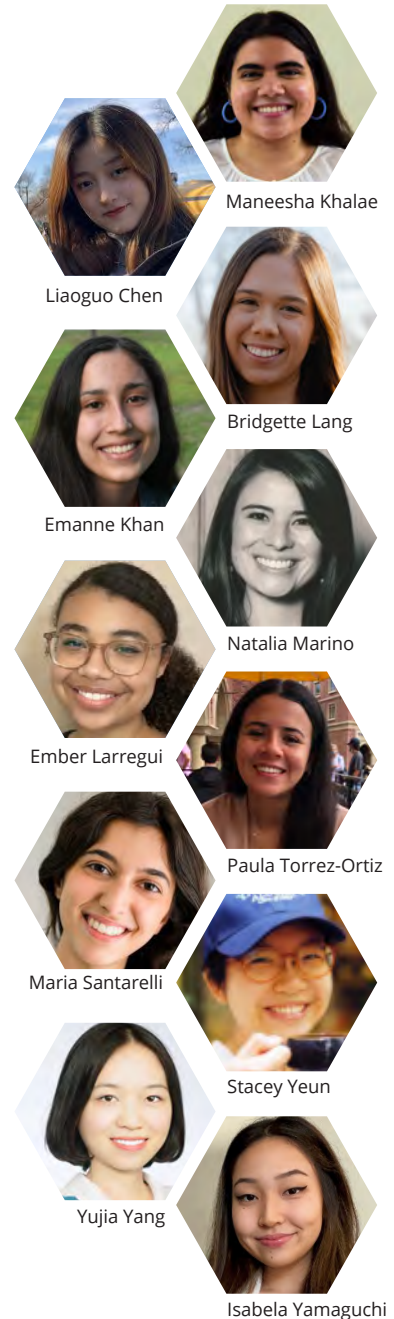


As a Communications Fellow, I've been able to observe both the research process and the communications cycle, giving me the opportunity to understand how think tanks and research centers convey their findings to scholars and the public. I now feel better versed in translating longer research papers into shorter and more digestible text — a skill that I know will help me in my time here at BU and as a professional.

— Bridgette Lang, Communications Fellow

COMMUNICATIONS FELLOWS

With the rapid growth of the GDP Center communications team, we rely on an inspiring team of student Communications Fellows to assist in the ideation, creation and execution of communications materials to both English and Chinese language audiences.



SUMMER IN THE FIELD

The Summer in the Field Fellowship Program provides stipends to a select group of qualified graduate students to participate in unpaid internships or conduct field research for a dissertation project during the summer months. This program enables students to take advantage of unpaid internship opportunities or field research that would otherwise have been financially unfeasible.

The 2021 Summer in the Field Fellows are spending ten weeks developing their skills, research and professional experience by participating in variety of research projects and internships, spanning topics from African sovereign bond issuances and person-centered maternity care, to global environmental governance and the role of South Korea in developing regional financing arrangements.



NATALIE ELLIS

Rising second year Occupational Therapy doctoral candidate at Boston University.

PROJECT: Interning with an international research team to code subnational government response policies to the COVID-19 crisis with the CoronaNet Research Project.



PAMELA ICYEZA

Doctoral Candidate, Political Science at Boston University.

PROJECT: Compiling a detailed dataset on African sovereign bond issuances to inform her dissertation research.



YAECHAN LEE

Doctoral Candidate, Political Science at Boston University.

PROJECT: Conducting field work in South Korea, aiming to clarify the South Korea's role in developing the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization and the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office.



KATE MITCHELL

Doctoral Candidate, School of Public Health at Boston University.

PROJECT: Continuing her dissertation field work in the Dominican Republic, focusing on identifying barriers to person-centered maternity care (PCMC), as well as prioritizing policies to achieve PCMC during the COVID-19 pandemic and the post-emergency phase.



FLAVIA ROSCINI

Master of Arts Candidate, International Affairs with a specialization in International Communication at Boston University's Pardee School of Global Studies

PROJECT: Interning with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in New York, the leading organization in setting the global environmental agenda and promoting a coherent implementation of sustainable development.



GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS,
POLICY ENGAGEMENT
AND FINANCES





GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

In last year’s Annual Report, GDP Center Director Kevin P. Gallagher listed “devising and investing in a state-of-the-art communications strategy” as one of five top goals for the year ahead. FY21 was an exciting year for Global Communications at the Global Development Policy Center as this goal was implemented with tremendous success and impact.

In August 2020, Maureen Heydt joined the GDP Center as Communications and Outreach Specialist. The team further expanded in May 2021 with the addition of Samantha Igo, Communications and Outreach Associate for the Global Economic Governance Initiative. The GDP Center has also employed 11 BU students as Communications Fellows to help power our expansion and outreach.

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\$10.63 million
The amount FY21 earned media would have cost if it had been bought as advertisements.
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COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

A new communications strategy was devised, anchored by the pursuit of four key goals:

- Advance policy-oriented research
- Participate and influence key policy debates
- Implement a social media strategy
- Enhance data tracking and media monitoring

To reach these goals, the GDP Center implemented a three-pronged communications strategy of:

- Multi-channel messaging – how we promote our publications
- Thought leadership – what we do in between publications
- Platform-powered engagement and analytics – how we measure what we do

The powerful combination of these three pillars led to robust growth across media relations, social media, editorial content and views and viewership.

FY21 HIGHLIGHT

In December 2020, GDP Center was featured on the front page of the *Financial Times* – twice in one week.



The GDP Center gave me the privilege of working with such a vibrant and driven communications team. I especially valued the team’s collaborative nature and the GDP Center’s overall focus on studying sustainable options to pressing global issues.

— Isabela Yamaguchi, Communications Fellow



RESULTS: MEDIA RELATIONS

In FY21, the GDP Center earned 1,132 media mentions, which was a 2,119 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. These mentions were in highly prominent media outlets, including the *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Politico*, *South China Morning Post*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, *CNBC*, *CNN Business*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The New Yorker*, *NPR*, *BBC* and other print and digital media outlets.

This earned media coverage, based on the viewership, brand strength and reach of the media outlets, is equivalent to \$10.63 million worth of advertising in the same outlets.

RESULTS: SOCIAL MEDIA

In FY21, the GDP Center implemented a multi-faceted social media strategy to raise engagement and viewership across social media platforms. In total, the GDP Center gained 2,301 new Twitter followers in FY21, an increase of 169 percent of the gains in the previous fiscal year.

RESULTS: EDITORIAL CONTENT

The GDP Center also published 36 journal articles, 22 working papers, 11 policy briefs, ten reports and nine databases and interactives. The GDP Center also launched its own blog page within the website and published 94 blogs in that time. Pairing formal research products with companion blogs has broadened the reach and audience of our research products and provided multiple ways for viewers to engage with our work.

The GDP Center also had 37 opinion articles published in media and commentary outlets in FY21, including *Project Syndicate*, *Financial Times*, *Reuters Breakingviews*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Republic*, *MarketWatch*, *The Hill*, *IP Watchdog* and other prominent outlets.

RESULTS: VIEWERSHIP AND VISITS

In FY21, the GDP Center website earned 182,640 website views, a 55 percent increase from FY20. The center also hosted 40 webinars with a total of 12,701 attendees, a 958 percent increase in attendees from the previous fiscal year.





ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY DIALOGUE

To meet our ambition of being a think and do tank, the GDP Center team works not just to conduct rigorous, academic research, but to make sure that it translates into real policy impact. This is more important than ever considering that pandemic recovery policy packages will play a critical role in whether the global community achieves the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), or loses another decade of development.

In the past year, we have dramatically increased our capacity to engage and participate in policy networks through policy engagement with our partners and consultants working in concert with our expanding communications team. This has allowed us to engage in strategic global policy discussions, including advancing evidence-based recommendations in op-eds and policy briefs, collaborating on policy workshops, initiating high-level policy interventions and strengthening our relationships with a broad range of actors. Below, we spotlight ten such initiatives:

FIRST TO CALL FOR NEW ALLOCATION OF IMF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS: In March 2020, Kevin P. Gallagher and coauthors were among the first to call for a new issuance of Special Drawing Rights at the International Monetary Fund, in an op-ed published by the *Financial Times*. The policy has since been adapted by IMF leadership and will provide much needed liquidity for countries navigating the COVID-19 pandemic.

TESTIFIED TO A US CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHINA AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: In May 2021, Rebecca Ray testified to the Congressionally-appointed US-China Economic and Security Review Commission hearing on China in Latin American and the Caribbean.

PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE ON GREENING THE BRI: In FY21, Kevin P. Gallagher and Rebecca Ray served as part of a task force of international experts on fostering a 'Green Belt and Road Initiative and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals,' convened by the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED).

CO-CHAIRING TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AT THE ITALY T20: In January 2021, Kevin P. Gallagher was asked to serve as Co-chair to the Task Force on International Finance as part of T20 Italy 2021. Through this engagement, the GDP Center hosted a private workshop on debt relief for middle-income countries, which was followed by a public webinar, cosponsored by seven organizations.

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It's time for a major issuance of the IMF's Special Drawing Rights

A proposal.

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Dr Kevin Gallagher is a professor of global development policy at Boston University, Dr José Antonio Ocampo is a professor of professional practice in international and public affairs and director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration at Columbia University and Dr Ulrich Volz is director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance and a reader in economics at SOAS University of London.

T20 THINK 2.0 ITALY 2021

T20 SPRING ROUNDTABLES

Meeting the Moment: Debt Relief for Middle Income Countries

1 June, 4:00 PM CEST

Co-Prorogated by: ISPI, BU Global Development Policy Center

In cooperation with: CER, CSEP, IFD, LPEM FEB.U



ADVOCATED FOR TRIPS WAIVER: In FY21, the GDP Center conducted extensive research and thought leadership in support of a TRIPS waiver to enable increased manufacturing and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies. GDP Center researchers produced eight blogs, seven op-eds and a policy brief on the subject, which was cited by the TRIPS negotiator from South Africa, Mustaqeem De Gama, at an informal TRIPS Council meeting. Researchers also organized a letter of support, spoke with civil society regularly and were also featured in 16 unique articles in major international media discussing the waiver.

“Evidence shows a broad-scope TRIPS Waiver will be essential to increasing access to initial vaccinations as well as booster shots, new treatments, and improved patient care as the vaccine landscape evolves.”

 Rachel Thrasher *Researcher*
 “Why the TRIPS Waiver Should Include More Than Just Vaccines”
 June 7, 2021

 Global Development Policy Center

CORE FACULTY CO-HOSTED THE FIFTH ANNUAL POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCE RESEARCH WORKSHOP: In December 2020, Jacob Bor and Mahesh Karra co-hosted and participated in the Fifth Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop, “Health Equity in the Age of COVID-19,” which prioritized rigorous empirical work on methodological or content frontiers of population health research.

Fifth Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop
 Health Equity in the Age of COVID-19
 December 11, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. ET

ORGANIZED WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES: In December 2020, the GDP Center convened a two-day workshop to discuss how trade and investment treaties impact access to medicines and other health technologies in low and middle-income countries in the COVID-19 era. The two-day workshop was followed by a public webinar, cohosted with the South Centre.



CO-ORGANIZED WORKSHOP ON THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL SAFETY NET: In April 2021, the GDP Center co-hosted a workshop with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Freie Universität, Berlin to assess the extent to which the global financial safety net is sufficiently resourced to meet the liquidity needs of countries as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRESENTED RESEARCH AT THE POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA’S ANNUAL MEETING: In May 2021, Mahesh Karra presented two posters and two papers at the Population Association of America’s Annual Meeting. The research centered around COVID-19 and social distancing behavior in the United States, as well as work on gender and an exploration of user-centered counseling in contraceptive decision-making, with evidence from a field experiment in Malawi.



ORGANIZED LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE WTO: In April 2021, the GDP Center organized an expert sign-on letter of support, calling upon United States Trade Representative, Katherine Tai, and the European Union Trade Commissioner, Valdis Dombrovskis, with an urgent request to extend the transition period for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) under Article 66.1 of the World Trade Organization’s Trade Related Aspects of International Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement in an effort to help preserve policy space for LDCs as they recover from the pandemic in the coming years.

GDP CENTER NAVIGATING COVID-19

Various projects at the GDP Center over the last year have sought to ensure global recovery efforts support public health, protect vulnerable people and firms and incorporate support for a green and inclusive recovery. Below, we spotlight four such initiatives:

HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVE: Over the past year, HCI researchers have led and supported a number of projects to monitor and assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and around the world. In collaboration with the GDP Center, HCI researchers have conducted two surveys to gather information on the prevalence of COVID-19 symptoms and social distancing behavior from the general US population. Other studies on COVID-19 have been launched in Puerto Rico and Bangladesh, and new data collection efforts have been planned in Malawi and India. Findings from these studies have so far been presented to a range of audiences in the US and shared in an effort to inform the global policy response to the pandemic.

MONITORING THE IMF'S COVID-19 RESPONSE: GDP Center researchers developed the IMF COVID-19 Recovery Index to measure the extent to which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recommends or conditions borrowing countries increase efforts to support public health, protect vulnerable people and firms and greening the recovery, in accordance with IMF leadership directives. In addition to the interactive that is updated quarterly on the GDP Center website, Research Fellow Franco Maldonado Carlin and Kevin P. Gallagher published an article in the August 2020 issue of *Covid Economics* outlining the methodology and presenting preliminary results. The Index has since been featured in *Foreign Policy*.

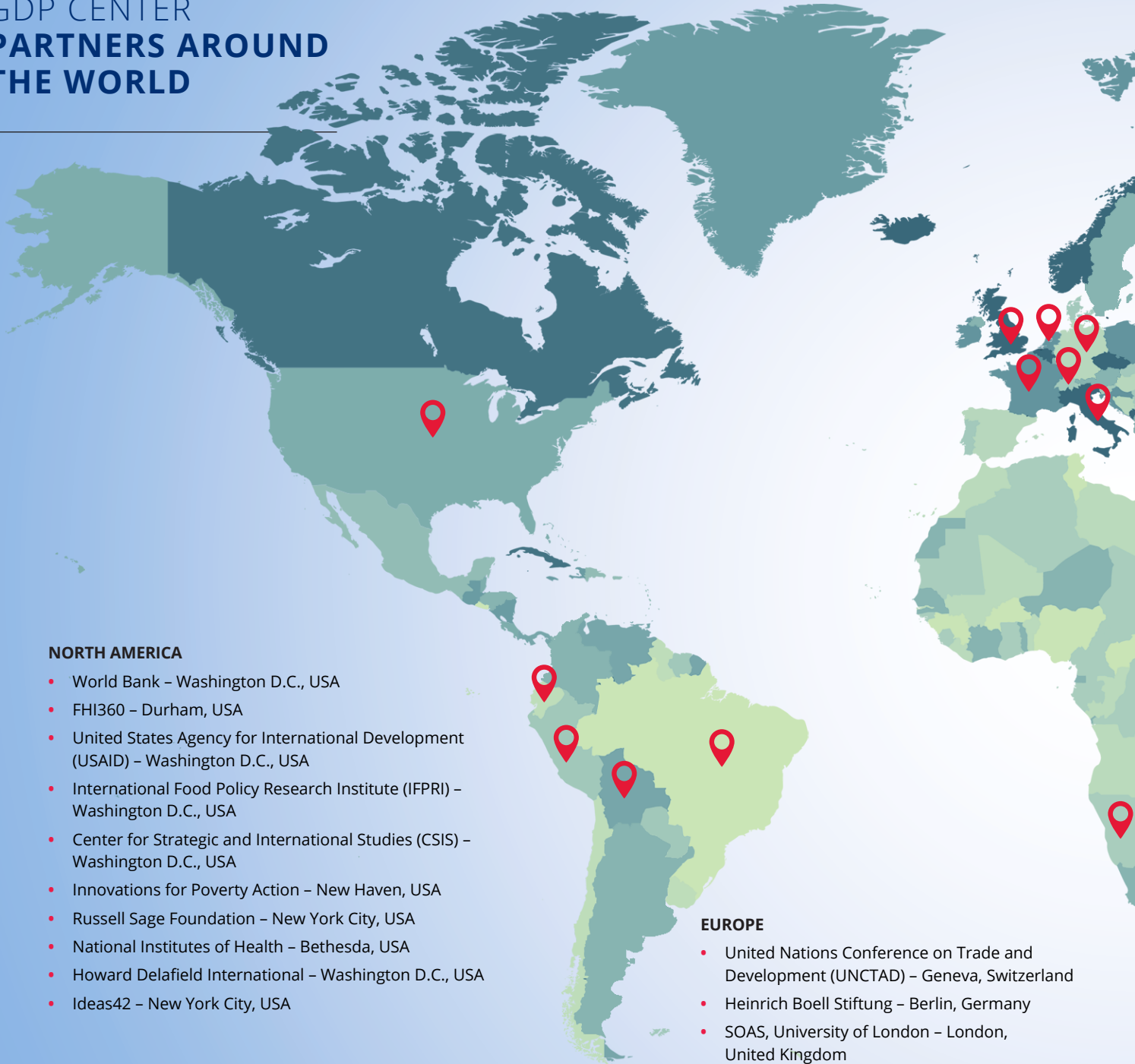
TRACKING COVID-19 FINANCING: Building on the successful launch of the Global Financial Safety Net (GFSN) Tracker, the GDP Center partnered with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Latin American Institute at Freie Universität, Berlin to expand the scope of the GFSN Tracker. The tracker was updated to not only show the total lending capacity of the GFSN, but to also track financing provided to countries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic across various layers of the system. These updates were then workshopped with experts from UNCTAD, various regional and international institutions and representatives from countries around the world.

SUPPORT FOR A TRIPS WAIVER: On November 12, 2020, members of the GDP Center's Working Group on Trade Treaties and Access to Medicines published a letter of support, calling for the World Trade Organization's TRIPS Council to adopt a waiver proposal that would remove barriers to adequate supply and affordable prices for COVID-19 health technologies. The letter was signed by over 75 experts in international development, trade and public health. In April 2021, the United States government surprised the world by publicly declaring its support for a TRIPS waiver, but at this time the waiver does not yet have the global support needed to be adopted by the WTO.





GDP CENTER PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD



NORTH AMERICA

- World Bank – Washington D.C., USA
- FHI360 – Durham, USA
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Washington D.C., USA
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) – Washington D.C., USA
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) – Washington D.C., USA
- Innovations for Poverty Action – New Haven, USA
- Russell Sage Foundation – New York City, USA
- National Institutes of Health – Bethesda, USA
- Howard Delafield International – Washington D.C., USA
- Ideas42 – New York City, USA

SOUTH AMERICA

- Instituto de Estudios Avanzados en Desarrollo – La Paz, Bolivia
- BRICS Policy Center, Pontífica Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales – Quito, Ecuador
- Universidad del Pacífico, Center for China and Asia-Pacific Studies – Lima, Peru

EUROPE

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) – Geneva, Switzerland
- Heinrich Boell Stiftung – Berlin, Germany
- SOAS, University of London – London, United Kingdom
- Royal Holloway, University of London – London United Kingdom
- Bocconi University – Milan, Italy
- South Centre – Geneva, Switzerland
- Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research – Rostock, Germany
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) – Paris, France
- Freie Universitat – Berlin, Germany



AFRICA

- The Southern African Development Community – Development Finance Resource Centre – Gaborone, Botswana
- The SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – Windhoek, Namibia
- South African Institute of International Affairs – Johannesburg, South Africa
- University of Pretoria – Pretoria, South Africa
- Ministry of Health – Lilongwe, Malawi
- Reproductive Health Directorate of Malawi – Lilongwe, Malawi

ASIA

- Center for Policy Dialogue – Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Institute of New Structural Economics, Peking University – Beijing, China
- Greenovation Hub – Beijing, China
- International Institute of Green Finance – Beijing, China
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific – New Delhi, India
- University of Indonesia, Research Center for Climate Change – Depok, Indonesia
- Kyoto University – Kyoto, Japan

GDP CENTER FINANCES

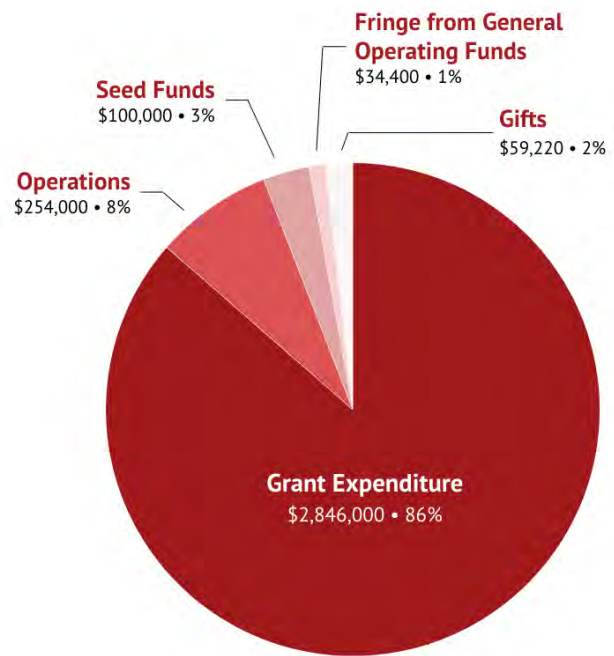
The tremendous growth attained by the GDP Center in its fourth year would not have been possible without the increase in funding from generous institutional funders and, equally, without the continued support of the Provost's Office and the Pardee School of Global Studies.

In FY21, the \$253,626 operating budget from BU's Office of Research and the \$100,000 received in seed funding for new research from the Pardee School were far surpassed by the \$2.84 million added to the fiscal year's budget from grants. This amount represents a 100 percent increase from FY20's \$1.42 million grant contributions to the budget. In addition, \$59,221 in gifts from the GDP Center's global community of supporters were expended on initiatives, as well as support for the Summer in the Field program. The Center's total spending at the end of FY21 stood at \$3.29 million, compared to \$2.02 million in the prior fiscal year.

Leveraging the Center's seed funding, operating budget, grant portfolio and communication and engagement impact, the Center submitted 20 proposals and received 20 approved awards in FY21, raising a total of \$4.73 million in new grant

funding. Further, affiliated faculty from departments across the University who received seed funding from the Center raised nearly \$1.0 million in grant funding in FY21.

In addition to the generous support of the Boston University's Office of Research and the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, our fourth year was also made possible with support from our funders.



DOUBLED GRANT FUNDING FROM FY20

CURRENT FUNDERS



LOOKING FORWARD MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

The GDP Center continues along the path outlined in our first strategic plan. As we move forward into the final year of our initial five-year plan, we will:

- 1 Continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic crises in the Global South with evidence-based research and policy engagement.*
- 2 Build upon the GDP Center's newly implemented communications and outreach strategy to broaden the reach and impact of GDP Center work across key audiences.*
- 3 Deepen the work of the Human Capital Initiative, the Global Economic Governance Initiative and the Global China Initiative and expand into new issue areas—including the relationship between financial stability and climate change in developing countries, the impact of external shocks on women's political participation in Southeast Asia and much more.*
- 4 Continue to build a global support base for the GDP Center's activities.*

We thank you for your support as we continue to create and advance

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