# GDP Center

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Dear Friends of the GDP Center,

Our inaugural year has been a productive one. After launching the Global Development Policy Center (GDP Center) in September of 2017, we have firmly established ourselves as a presence at Boston University (BU) and across the broader community seeking to improve the development prospects of the world’s people.

The 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 GDP Center’s first task was to articulate a mission for the center and devise a strategic plan that will guide us in achieving that mission.

The mission of the GDP Center is to advance policy-oriented research for financial stability, human well-being, and environmental sustainability across the globe. To achieve that mission, our strategic plan as approved by the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research Gloria Waters, and Dean Adil Najam of the Frederick S. Pardee School for Global Studies, has five pillars: to help foster a global development policy community at Boston University; to advance scholarly knowledge of global development policy; to engage in global policy dialogue; to support student research and experiential learning, and to build a global support base for such efforts.

In our effort to foster a global development policy community at BU we held an inaugural lecture with former United Nations Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon. The GDP Center held 45 other events with over 1685 attendees over the past year. In our effort to advance interdisciplinary and scholarly knowledge, the GDP Center launched three research and policy initiatives: the Land Use and Livelihoods Initiative (LULI), Human Capital Initiative (HCI), and the Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI). These groups consist of BU professors from the School of Public Health, the Questrom School of Business, the Pardee School of Global Studies, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The GDP Center aspires to not only be a university-based ‘think tank’ but also a ‘do tank’ that engages with the policy community. Each of the research initiatives at the GDP Center has engaged with policymakers during our first year. HCI has been advising the Indonesian government on migration policy, LULI has embedded itself with indigenous groups in the Brazilian Amazon, and GEGI co-chairs a G-20 task force on the global financial architecture.

With respect to creating opportunities for student research and experiential learning, the GDP Center has involved 32 students in research projects and other activities at the center over the past year. Moreover, the center established a ‘Summer in the Field’ award that went to three students who conducted research and policy work in Myanmar, Indonesia, and India. The GDP Center also established a special relationship with the Hubert Humphrey Fellows program at BU, providing professional affiliation for four Humphrey Fellows.

The GDP Center has also begun to build a global support base, with more than half of the Center’s total budget for the year coming from sponsored research grants from outside of Boston University.

Looking forward to the coming year, the GDP Center looks to establish a comprehensive outreach and communications strategy, to help the HCI and LULI leverage GDP Center seed funds to generate further support for their initiatives, to launch a new initiative on China’s increasing role in global development finance, and to begin to publish scientific articles, and to continue to engage policy-makers and the public in our work.

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
BY THE NUMBERS

Events: 45
Attendees: 1,685
Countries Visited: 19

Website Traffic: 44,951 views

China’s Global Energy Finance (CGEF) Database
- 2 in-house databases
- 32 STUDENT EMPLOYEES
- Total Budget: $1,106,483
- 5,107 additional views

China-Latin America Finance Database
- 4,000 additional views
WHO WE ARE

The 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 for our first five-year plan. The five pillars are segmented by color and are reflected in the color tabs marked on each spread of this annual report.

There are two aspects of the GDP Center that make it unique among development-oriented centers across other academic institutions. First and foremost, the GDP Center recognizes that the development process is a complex one 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

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
By the end of our first year, we are fully staffed adding two new positions unique to the GDP Center. With a full team, we are ramping up our efforts to increasingly collaborate with our international partners in China and strengthen our capacity for research on Chinese development finance. We are also professionalizing our outreach and communications strategies to advance our policy-relevant scholarship and identify key stakeholders to engage with our research.
In our inaugural year, the GDP Center has attracted leading scholars from a wide array of disciplines at Boston University and beyond. We are proud to build a team that works collaboratively to research, engage, and envision solutions to the most pressing issues facing our world.
### Affiliated Faculty

**CORE & AFFILIATED FACULTY MEMBERS**

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3 RESEARCH INITIATIVES

HCI
Human Capital Initiative
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.

LULI
Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative
The Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative advances policy-relevant 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.

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

Starting out with a bang!
The eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon and GDP Center Director Kevin P. Gallagher at the our inaugural event in February 2018.

Inaugural Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative Workshop:
We welcomed 19 leading scholars & practitioners to engage in discussion about land-based livelihoods and land use change in May 2018.
“All of the big questions about climate change, human security, national security, geopolitical stability, et cetera—none of these big questions make any sense without a close look at what’s happening at the local level. By the same token, what happens at the local level then shapes in important ways what happens in state, national, and international policy and practice.”

- Dr. Julie M. Klinger

2 NEW INITIATIVES
CORE FACULTY

LULI

Julie M. Klinger

Dr. Julie Michelle Klinger is an assistant professor at the Pardee School of Global Studies and Associate Director of the GDP Center Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative (LULI).

Rachael Garrett

Dr. Rachael Garrett is an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environment and Associate Director of the GDP Center Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative (LULI).

Anne Short Gianotti

Dr. Anne Short Gianotti is an Associate Professor of Earth and Environment and Associate Director of the GDP Center Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative (LULI).

HCI

Samuel Bazzi

Dr. Samuel Bazzi is an Assistant Professor of Economics and a core faculty member of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) at the GDP Center.

Mahesh Karra

Dr. Mahesh Karra is an Assistant Professor of Global Development Policy at the Pardee School of Global Studies and the Associate Director of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) at the GDP Center.

Jacob Bor

Dr. Jacob Bor is an assistant professor in the Department of Global Health and Epidemiology at BU’s School of Public Health and a core faculty member of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) at the GDP Center.
Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth ... these are one and the same fight.

We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women’s empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all.

8th UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

WHERE WE’VE BEEN

YEAR ONE HIGHLIGHTS

Our Inaugural Year

BAN KI-MOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Inaugural Event for the GDP Center

Our inaugural event with 8th UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was the most anticipated and well attended event of the year with 320 attendees. This event situated the Center and created momentum for the rest of the year to host other well-known speakers and important policy-oriented workshops with academics and development practitioners from around the world.

WASHINGTON, D.C. LAUNCH

With Jin Liqun & Jose Antonio Ocampo

Our event titled “Brighter Prospects or Rose Colored Glasses? New Views on the Global Economy” convened two of the world’s foremost leaders in global development finance for a timely discussion of pressing questions facing investors and policymakers. It also served to introduce the GDP Center to the well-connected D.C. community.

RESEARCH ON TAP

With Kevin P. Gallagher

GDP Center Director Kevin P. Gallagher introduced the first Research on Tap of the year in February 2018 focused on the GDP Center and our research initiatives. Core faculty members Samuel Bazzi, Kehinde Ajayi, Mahesh Karra, Jacob Borr, Julie Klinger and Rachael Garrett all made presentations. This was one the most well attended Research on Tap events.

ESTABLISHED VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

with Dr. Leonardo Stanley

We launched our Visiting Scholars Program this year with Dr. Leonardo Stanley of the Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES) from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr. Stanley finished his manuscript for his book Emerging Market Economies and Financial Globalization: Argentina, Brazil, China, India and South Korea while at the GDP Center in Fall 2018. He also gave two lectures during his time with us.
LAUNCHED 2 NEW INITIATIVES

**LULI & HCI Inaugural Workshops**

Both of our newest initiatives held their inaugural workshops this year bringing practitioners and academics from a diverse range of disciplines to discuss issues related to the core mission of each initiative. The Human Capital Initiative (HCI) hosted a “Research Meeting on the Empirical Microeconomics of HIV” ( pictured to the left) while the Land Use & Livelihoods Initiative held an all day workshop focused on identifying key areas for future research for land use and regions with commodity based extraction.

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GEGI WORKSHOPS WITH PARTNER INSTITUTIONS & COLLABORATORS

**Beyond Bretton Woods & CASS/IWEP Workshop**

The Beyond Bretton Woods workshop brought together scholars researching developmental financial arrangements in emerging market and developing countries, while our collaborative workshop with our Chinese partners at CASS/IWEP focused on Chinese overseas investment in the energy sector.

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**T-20 WORKSHOPS in Boston & Beijing**

Kevin. P Gallagher was named co-chair of the T-20 Argentina task force “An International Financial Architecture for Stability and Development” to advise the G20 and its members on financial infrastructure and monetary policy globally. In support of the task force, the GDP Center co-hosted workshops in Boston in April 2018 and in Beijing in June 2018.
My work with the GDP Center has literally opened new worlds to me, as it allowed me to visit remote places and meet all kinds of people. The opportunity I was offered [as a Summer in the Field Fellow] allowed me to give color to images I've seen in books, to better understand mentalities and cultures far from what I'm used to, and to show me how much bigger the world really is.

Summer in the Field Fellow 2018
Federico Pisani
Pardee M.A. Candidate

The Summer in the Field Program offers summer stipends up to $4,000 to qualified Masters and PhD students to participate in internship opportunities and field research related to the mission of the GDP Center. Our inaugural Summer in the Field Research Fellows for 2018 are Rebecca Olson (BU School of Public Health, MPH candidate), Gedeon Lim (BU Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, PhD candidate in Economics) and Federico Pisani (Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, MA candidate).

This year our recipients represent three different schools across Boston University: the School of Public Health (SPH), the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) - Economics Department, and the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.

Each fellow has a unique area of research focused on a topical area for the GDP Center: Rebecca Olson’s (SPH) internship with Tag International Development seeks to use a digital health tracking platform to encourage pre/post natal health in Shan State, Myanmar; Gedeon Lim’s field research focuses on feudal land institutions and state capacity in West Java, Indonesia; and Federico Pisani’s study investigates the impact of social networks on family planning in Jaunpur, India.

This year, the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and the GDP Center established a relationship to provide professionalization opportunities to Humphrey Fellows during their time at Boston University. This year, a group of fellows worked with William Kring on a project about central bank diplomacy. Most notably, Kevin Gallagher and Waqas Munir published a GDP Center working paper entitled “Scaling up Lending at the Multilateral Development Bank: Benefits and Costs of Expanding and Optimizing MDB Balance Sheets.”

Waqas Munir
PRE- & POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

This year, we hosted pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows from five different schools and departments at Boston University as well as fellows from other institutions including Princeton University, Cornell University, University of Washington, and University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Fellows also presented their own policy-oriented research at a monthly colloquium held at the Center.

COMMUNICATION FELLOWS

For the first-year of the GDP Center, we relied heavily on the help of both our Center Leadership Team as well as four graduate and undergraduate communication fellows for the production of our communication materials. These four students supported our social media, marketing, and event efforts all year long.

In years to come, we will continue to provide experiences and opportunities to Boston University students to engage in a professionalized capacity with the GDP Center through our communication assistant positions supervised by our Outreach and Communications Specialist.

Working at the GDP Center allowed me to connect to people who do research on or have professional experience with development finance. I had the opportunity to share thoughts with invited scholars, pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows, as well as development bankers through the Global China Research Colloquium as well as the many other events held by the Center.

Muyang Chen
Pre-doctoral Fellow GDP Center
LULI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RACHAEL GARRETT PUBLISHED IN NATURE (February 2018)

LULI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JULIE KLINGER PUBLISHED FIRST BOOK (January 2018)

GDP CENTER REPORT FIRST PUBLISHED (April 2018)

EVENT SERIES 18

CHINA & GLOBAL RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

HUMPHREY FELLOWS SEMINAR

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LATIN AMERICA SERIES
GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

The GDP Center's online presence is still in early stages, but it is continually growing through web, email, and social media. We launched our website, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts separate from our original GEGI sites before our inaugural event in February 2018.

We hired a full time outreach and communications specialist to begin professionalizing our communications strategy for the future of the GDP Center. We inherited a strong base of email contacts from the Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) although part of our future strategy will be to work to segment our 20,000 contacts in our ConstantContact account. Our aim is to translate that number of contacts into a smaller list of engaged users to expand our reach to a more a targeted base.

From September 2017 - July 2018, our website received 44,951 views. We aim to make our website a streamlined resource for internal and external audiences working on global development policy. Our social media accounts are still growing. We have 189 followers on Twitter and 150 followers on Facebook. Our GEGI accounts are still larger than the GDP Center accounts but we foresee these numbers shifting in the next few years. We also recently launched our LinkedIn site with around 40 followers.

Among the resources on our website are our two energy finance databases. These receive a high percentage of our web traffic. Our China Global Energy Finance (CGEF) Database has been cited across a number of major media outlets including the NYTimes, Bloomberg, and Financial Times. We have access to the analytics to monitor the usage of the site. This way, we are better able to track, understand, and strategize future projects to be implemented successfully for researchers and policymakers. The CGEF database had 5,107 views in the last year alone.

Most notably, we’ve had 29 media mentions in major media outlets including the NYTimes, NPR, the Hill, Forbes, FT, Bloomberg Environment. This includes active outreach with Op-Ed pieces as well as quotes and use of GDP Center research.

I strongly agree with the vision of “policy research for a better world,” which inspired me to be here. I feel really honored to be a part of this team. My favorite aspect about the Center is also about the people here. They are always enthusiastic about their work and willing to share. I have learned a lot from our conversations and I really enjoyed working in such a dynamic environment.

Communications Fellow
Yunhan Chen
Pardee M.A. Candidate

"LULI Associate Director
Rachael Garrett speaking
with a farmer as part of her on-going fieldwork in Brazil."
ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY DIALOGUE

One of the main pillars of the strategic plan for the GDP Center is to engage in policy discourse. With the launch of our two new initiatives, we maintained that focus by hosting inaugural policy-oriented workshops for both LULI and HCI. Each workshop involved academics and development practitioners.

Since the Center officially opened, we have hosted **12 policy workshops** both in Boston and abroad with our international partners. Two of our highlighted workshops include the two T-20 Argentina events co-hosted by the GDP Center in Boston and Beijing. GDP Center Director Kevin P. Gallagher serves as the co-chair of the T-20 task force on “An International Financial Architecture for Stability and Development” to advise the G-20 and its members on financial infrastructure and monetary policy globally. The GDP Center has used this leverage and visibility to host workshops and to advance policy relevant research on the world stage.

*Discussion with Jose Antonio Ocampo & Jin Liqun, April 2018:*
We convened two of the world’s foremost leaders in global development finance for a timely discussion of the pressing questions facing investors and policymakers from the Western Hemisphere to Asia and beyond to introduce the GDP Center to the policy community in Washington, D.C.

*Pre-doctoral Fellow Rebecca Ray presenting research in Ecuador:*

Her presentation was titled “China in Latin America: Social and Environmental Dimensions of Infrastructure Investment.”

*Joint RFA Research Seminar in Cartagena Colombia:*
GDP Center Assistant Director William King and core faculty member William Grimes (presenter) attended a research seminar in Colombia in May 2018. The seminar was held for leaders and staff of the world’s leading regional financing arrangements (RFAs): the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), the Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR), and the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), which cumulatively are able to mobilize over $1 trillion to prevent and manage currency crises.

*The GDP Center’s focus on rigorous, policy-oriented research has allowed me to take my ideas out of the theoretical environment of the classroom and into the “real world” of economic policy and international relations. I’ve been extremely fortunate to get to carry our work into policy spaces, and then learn from those experiences and incorporate lessons from the field back into my research.*

Rebecca Ray
Pre-doctoral Fellow GDP Center
### CORE FACULTY

### POLICY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:

- Dr. Samuel Bazzi of HCI has contributed evidence-based policy advice to the Indonesian Government Agency for the Protection and Placement of International Migrant Workers.
- Dr. Jacob Bor of HCI published the “lead article” in the July 28 issue of *The Lancet* medical journal documenting mental health spillover effects of police killings of unarmed black Americans. The paper has generated significant public debate, with coverage from the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, PBS News Hour, and other outlets.
- Dr. Jacob Bor convened a "Research Meeting on the Empirical Microeconomics of HIV/AIDS" on March 5 at the GDP Center, to coincide with CROI, the largest annual meeting of HIV researchers and policy-makers, held in Boston this year.
- Dr. Jacob Bor’s research linking secondary schooling to reduced HIV risk was cited by U.S. global AIDS coordinator Ambassador Deborah Birx in support of a bold $40 million investment of global HIV funds to increase access to secondary school in Malawi, recently increased to $90 million.
- Dr. Julie Klinger and her team from Boston University worked with Yanomami experts, the Brazilian government and NGO partners this summer to complete their 2nd technical expedition to study and support Yanomami land use, governance, and sustainable development in the Amazon.
- Dr. Rachael Garrett presented two targeted talks for policymakers in Rio Branco, Brazil in March 2018, one at the Agriculture and Livestock Federation of Acre and the other at the Federal University of Acre.

### TOTAL PUBLICATIONS

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ENGAGING IN
GLOBAL POLICY DIALOGUE

GDP Center Footprint 2018: Conferences, Workshops, Seminars & Fieldwork

Locations of Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, and Fieldwork in 2018:

Brazil, India, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Malawi, Colombia, Ecuador, China, United States, Argentina, Switzerland, Germany, France, Ethiopia, South Africa, Mexico, Peru
(1) LULU Associate Director Julie M. Klinger speaking with an indigenous Yanomami man during fieldwork in the Amazon.

(2) Our kick-off event in Washington, D.C. to announce ourselves to the community with the help of the BU Federal Relations.

(3) HCI Associate Director Mahesh Karra during fieldwork in India with student research assistant.
The many accomplishments of the GDP Center’s inaugural year would not have been possible without the generous financial support of our inaugural funders and Boston University. The operations budget of $250,000 from the Office of Research at Boston University and the seed funding for research of $127,500 from the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University were both surpassed and nearly doubled by grant funding, with a budget of $651,521. In addition, the Center received generous gifts from the global community totaling $24,884. In total, year one saw a new Total Achievement of nearly $700,000 and operated from a $1.1 million budget. The Center used these funds for workshops and events, travel for field research and conferences, supplies and equipment, international collaborations, salaries for staff and student personnel, and the incubation of two new research initiatives.
In our inaugural year, we have been proud to build the Global Development Policy Center. Our vision as a center, as with our mission, is future-oriented and helps us to focus on how we can advance policy-oriented research here at Boston University and around the world. In year one, we have created a strong name for ourselves and have begun to establish the GDP Center on a world stage using the leverage of our GEGI networks as well as our core faculty, advisory board, and leadership team. We held two kick-off events hosting many important stakeholders in both Boston and Washington, D.C. We are excited to build the future of the GDP Center at Boston University.

Below are the top five goals that will enable us to move forward and achieve our mission and ensure success in year two:

1. Establish an advisory board
2. Establish the Paul Streeten Prize
3. Develop strategic and sponsored research plans with LULI & HCI
4. Develop an outreach and communications plan
5. Continue research and advance policy engagement

We thank you for your support as we continue to create and advance policy research for a better world.