

**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
POLICY CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT**



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GDP CENTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Global Development Policy Center,

It is hard to believe that the Boston University Global Development Policy Center (GDP Center) has now finished its first five-year charter. Founded in 2017, the mission of the GDP Center is to advance policy-oriented research for financial stability, human well-being and environmental sustainability across the globe. Since its inception, the goals of the GDP Center have been to foster a broad global development policy community of faculty, students and staff at BU; to advance interdisciplinary, scholarly knowledge by BU faculty and researchers; to engage in global policy dialogue and strategic communications and to build a global support base for success.



We started with three staff members, a starter budget and a template for a website. We then put together a Strategic Plan around the five pillars noted above. Five years later, the GDP Center is now a focal point for 23 core faculty and 11 affiliated faculty across BU campuses. The GDP Center has hosted 217 events, the bulk of which were on-campus prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, cumulatively drawing upwards of 26,642 attendees across BU faculty and students and virtual audiences from around the world. The GDP Center has also hosted 32 academic workshops or conferences, with over 800 attendees. And in just five years, the GDP Center's core faculty and researchers have published 633 publications, of which 152 journal articles and 20 books were authored by 65 BU faculty and researchers under the direct auspices of GDP Center research and have been published in

high impact journals in both the social and natural sciences.

In our first five years, GDP Center scholars have provided policy advice to global institutions, national and local governments and civil society organizations around the world, while providing expert commentary in a variety of media. Through strategic communications, the GDP Center has cumulatively earned 3,681 media mentions, and faculty and researchers have authored 110 op-eds and invited commentary in major outlets across the globe in the last two years alone.

The GDP Center has provided an extended array of research and experiential learning opportunities for BU students. In just five years, 162 students from across BU have been engaged with the GDP Center.



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In particular, the Summer in the Field Fellowship Program has helped students gain valuable field experience on development projects around the world.

We have also built a significant support base, leveraging the \$2 million provided by BU over the past five years, to attract an additional \$10 million in sponsored research grants and \$350,000 in alumni giving.

As you will see in this year's annual report, the past year has been a capstone on these last five years. Allow me to note but a few of this year's highlights: Rachel Brulé from the GDP Center's Human Capital Initiative (HCI) was awarded the American Political Science Association's Lubbert Best Book in Comparative Politics Award for her groundbreaking *Women, Power, and Prosperity: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India*, while a study on occupation and gender by HCI's Patricia Cortés was cited in the 2022 Economic Report of the US President, transmitted to the US Congress with the annual report of the US Council of Economic Advisors. Additionally, HCI's Mahesh Karra and Jacob Bor returned to field research in Malawi, Ethiopia and South Africa.

Our Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) established a global task force of research institutes and think tanks from across the Global South to advance a development-oriented approach to climate change policy at the International Monetary Fund. GEGI also launched an expanded joint project with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Freie Universität Berlin assessing the adequacy of the Global Financial Safety Net to cope with the economic fallout from COVID-19 and Russia's war in Ukraine.

The Global China Initiative (GCI) created new partnerships with the University of Indonesia Research Center on Climate Change to examine the impacts of Chinese investment on biodiversity and air pollution. Additionally, GCI researchers participated in an external commission to China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment that played a role in groundbreaking new environmental standards for China's overseas investment and provided testimony before the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission Hearing on China's energy policy.

Among the most exciting aspects of this past fiscal year was the return to the office at BU and engaging with the broader BU community in-person again. We were thrilled to pack the Metcalf Trustees Ballroom for our annual Paul Streeten Distinguished Lecture in Global Development Policy in March 2022 that we co-sponsor with the Department of Economics and the Institute for Economic Development.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to working with you to achieve our mission as we begin charting our next five years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Gallagher', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Kevin P. Gallagher

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

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 Center (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, our Faculty Steering Committee is staffed with experts in law, engineering, business, public health, economics, sociology and global studies.

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 and **strategic communications**.
- 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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Adil Najam



**Director, Global Development
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Kevin P. Gallagher

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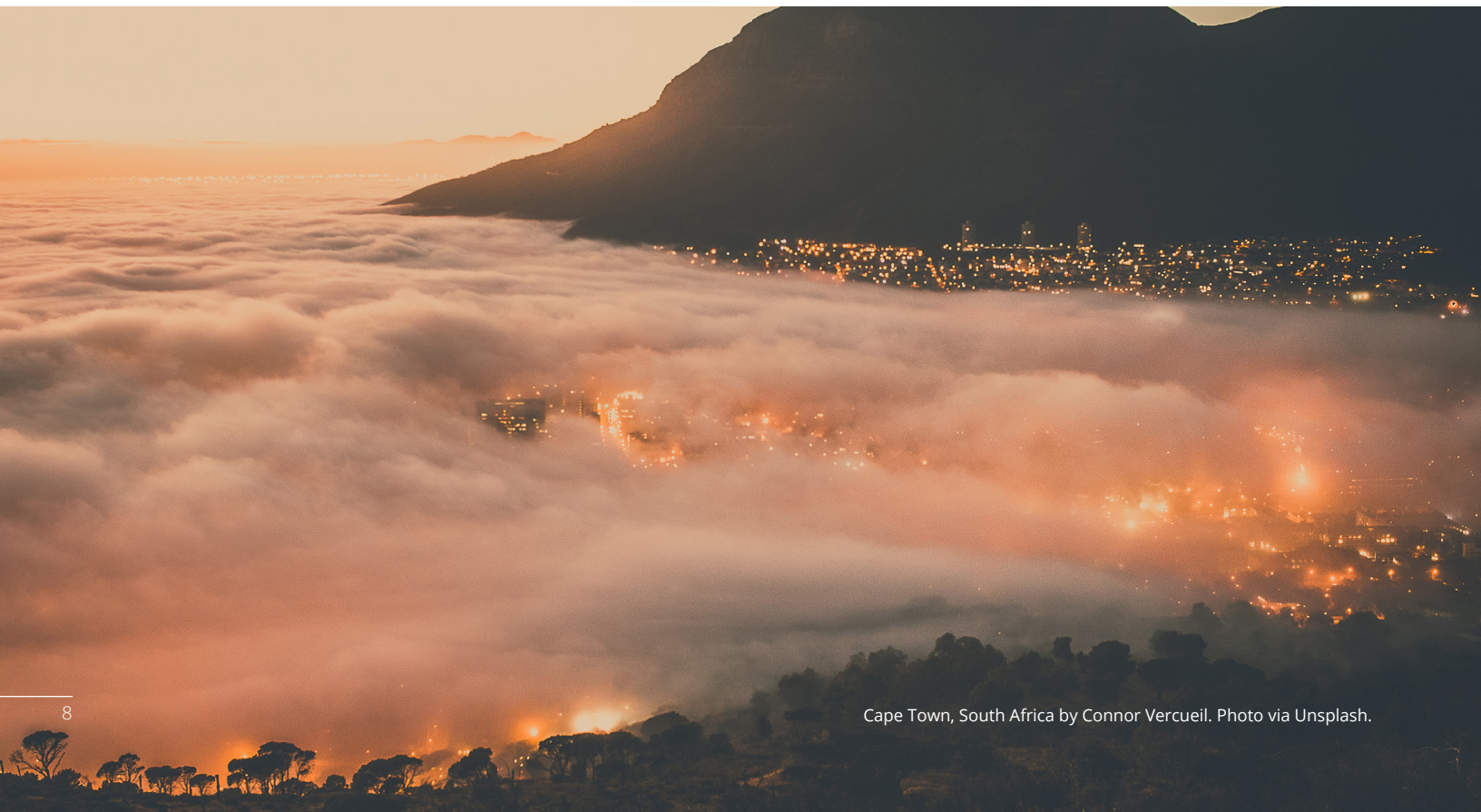
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GDP CENTER

2021–2022

BY THE NUMBERS

\$3,698,379

TOTAL BUDGET

72

Op-eds and
Invited Commentary

{ 94% increase
from FY21 }

40

Events

11,042

Event Attendees
and Viewers

304,648

Website Views

{ 66% increase
from FY21 }

1,523

New Twitter
Followers

11

Databases and
Interactives

16

Working
Papers

40

Journal
Articles

5

Books

7

Reports

25

Policy Briefs

85

Research
Assistants, Student
Employees
and Fellows

1,963

Media Mentions
{ 73% increase
from FY21 }

122

Blogs



FOSTERING COMMUNITY AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

In our fifth 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 from a wide array of disciplines spanning 12 schools and departments across Boston University, including the College of Communication, School of Public Health, the School of Law, the Questrom School of Business, the Pardee School of Global Studies, the Wheelock College of Human Development and the Departments of Biology, Earth & Environment, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering and History at the College of Arts and Sciences.



23 Core Faculty

12 Schools &
Departments

11 Affiliate
Faculty
Members

6 Faculty
Steering
Committee
Members

YEAR FIVE HIGHLIGHTS

In March and June 2022, the Chinese government announced new guidelines governing China's overseas finance, establishing a new and high-level framework for green Belt and Road Initiative development, a green exchange and cooperation platform and improved environmental risk prevention and control systems, building on years of GDP Center research, commentary and collaboration with the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.

In FY22, GDP Center research was published in *Science*, *Nature*, the *National Bureau of Economic Research* and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, among other prestigious journals.

In May 2022, Kevin P. Gallagher was awarded the inaugural Adil Najam Prize and Fellowship for Advancing the Public Understanding of Global Affairs, an annual award to a Pardee School faculty member for excellence as a global public scholar and for advancing the public understanding of any international policy issue of major importance in world affairs.

In March 2022, the GDP Center hosted the third annual Paul Streeten Distinguished Lecture in Global Development Policy, with keynote speaker Dani Rodrik, renowned economist and Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The Streeten Lecture was delivered in a hybrid format, with hundreds of viewers watching in-person and over livestream, marking the GDP Center's transition to hybrid events.

In April 2022, the GDP Center celebrated its five-year anniversary and successfully completed an external review of its operations and output.



In September 2021, the GDP Center Communications team launched a media campaign in response to Chinese leader Xi Jinping's announcement that China would no longer build coal-fired power plants overseas, resulting in 574 media mentions in two days in major international media outlets like the *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *AFP*, *BBC* and others.

In FY22, GDP Center researchers returned to field work in Ethiopia, Malawi and South Africa for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In FY22, the GDP Center expanded its team to include two new Assistant Directors, two Project Coordinators, a Data Analyst and Database Manager and a Communications and Outreach Associate.

In July 2021, Rachel Brulé was awarded the prize for American Political Science Association's Lubbert Best Book in Comparative Politics Award for her 2020 book, *'Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India.'*

In October 2021, the Task Force on Climate, Development and the International Monetary Fund was launched with a \$1 million grant from Quadrature Climate Foundation. The Task Force is a consortium of experts from around the world utilizing rigorous, empirical research to advance a development-centered approach to climate change at the International Monetary Fund.



RESEARCH **INITIATIVES**



Mumbai, India. Photo via Unsplash.



RESEARCH INITIATIVES OVERVIEW

GLOBAL CHINA INITIATIVE

The Global China Initiative (GCI) examines the extent to which China's overseas economic activity and engagement with international institutions fosters a more stable, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable world economy.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

The Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) advances policy-oriented research to align global economic governance with development and climate ambitions and deliver green and inclusive prosperity.

HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVE

The Human Capital Initiative (HCI) generates 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.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Jeffrey Geddes

Jeffrey Geddes is a Global China Initiative Core Faculty Member and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth & Environment at Boston University.

Dr. Geddes earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Toronto and was a Post-doctoral Researcher at Dalhousie University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research combines satellite observations of atmospheric composition with models of atmospheric chemistry and transport to learn about the sources, sinks and spatial distribution of atmospheric pollutants relevant to global air quality. With the Global China Initiative, Dr. Geddes explores the development of open-source modeling tools to quantify the air pollutant impacts of Chinese-funded coal-based electricity generation associated with the Belt and Road Initiative.

GLOBAL CHINA INITIATIVE

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

DATA: GCI manages a suite of five interactive public databases that collectively track hundreds of billions of dollars in Chinese lending commitments and investment to a variety of sectors, including energy and other types of infrastructure development. These databases aim to provide transparent information to aid research, education, policymaking, journalism and accountability with regards to China's overseas development finance and projects around the world. In FY22, the DATA team launched updates to three databases, and fully assumed management of the Chinese Loans to Africa Database from the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University.



GCI Assistant Director Cecilia Springer speaks at an official COP26 side event, 'Cooperation for Net-Zero and Climate Resilience: Ethiopian and Chinese Perspectives.'



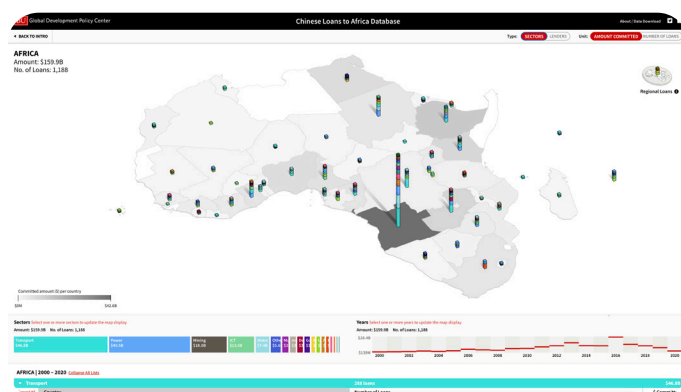
My work with the GDP Center grounds my PhD studies in cutting-edge data and policies that directly impact well-being and livelihoods. It also allows me to collaborate and exchange ideas with top research and policy experts in the global development field.

— Jyhjong Hwang,
Global China Pre-doctoral Research Fellow

FAIR-BRI: China is, by far, the world's largest source of bilateral official finance. At that scale, it is crucial for policymakers and stakeholders at all levels to understand the local environmental and social implications of this finance. The FAIR-BRI program examines these aspects, with a special focus on land use, biodiversity and natural resources critical for Indigenous communities worldwide. During this fiscal year, the FAIR-BRI team published a study in *Nature Ecology & Evolution* and launched a research partnership with the University of Indonesia Research Center for Climate Change, publishing a paper in *Discover Sustainability* and continuing research related to these topics in Indonesia.

FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

- Contributed to the China Council on International Cooperation for Environment and Development's Special Policy Study, with policy recommendations conveyed to China's State Council and codified in multiple policy directives.
- Provided critical analysis before and after Chinese leader Xi Jinping's no-coal announcement at the 76th United Nations General Assembly.
- Advanced proposals to alleviate global debt distress to Chinese policymakers.
- Launched updated data and a new interactive website for the Chinese Loans to Africa Database, formerly managed by the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University.



In April 2022, GCI launched a rebranded and updated Chinese Loans to Africa Database, following the database's transition from the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE: International flows of finance and technology from China are shaping the global landscape of energy infrastructure, with profound implications for climate change, the environment and local livelihoods. GCI's Energy and Climate program conducts research on the composition and impacts of China's overseas energy projects and aims to identify opportunities for shifting development finance towards renewable energy sources. In FY22, the Energy and Climate program contributed to the China Council on International Cooperation on Environment and Development's special policy study on key pathways to a green and low-carbon Belt and Road Initiative, and to a report on renewable energy transitions in southern Africa with the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and the University of Pretoria Centre for Human Rights. Additionally, GCI research in this space had an instrumental role in Chinese leader Xi Jinping's 2021 announcement that China would no longer finance overseas coal-fired power plants and instead would step up support for developing green and low-carbon energy in developing countries.

CHINA AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER: GCI's work in this area—in collaboration with institutes in China and other emerging market and developing countries—seeks to understand the level and composition of Chinese development finance; the impacts of such finance on growth, stability and sustainable development; and the role of China in global economic governance. In FY22, research in this program focused on the sources of China's vision for global economic governance and working with Chinese academics and officials to advance innovative solutions to debt distress.

GLOBAL CHINA FELLOWS PROGRAM: GCI also organizes the Global China Fellows Program that brings pre- and post-doctoral students to the GDP Center for a semester or more to



Conducting research under the guidance of subject matter experts at the GDP Center has created a unique opportunity to integrate my training in economics with policy analysis and database management. The GCI team is passionate and committed to pushing the frontiers of research on financial stability and environmental justice to facilitate dialogue on development issues across the globe.

— Kate Chi, Research Assistant,
MA Candidate, Economic Policy

engage in policy-oriented research within the four GCI areas of focus. In FY22, the Global Fellows Program included 11 fellows, hailing from the US, China and South Africa. The fellows contributed to GCI research by authoring working papers, policy briefs, blogs and other commentary and by participating in webinars and in-person seminars.

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED GCI WEBPAGES (DATABASES):

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

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED GCI WEBPAGES (RESEARCH AND COMMENTARY):

1. Who Funds Overseas Coal Plants? The Need for Transparency and Accountability (Policy Brief)
2. Tracking China's Overseas Development Finance (Blog)
3. Bailouts From Beijing: How China Functions as an Alternative to the IMF (Working Paper)
4. Joining the Game: China's Role in Latin America's Investment Diversification (Blog)
5. Who Funds Overseas Coal Plants and How the G20 Can Advance the Global Coal Phase-out (Blog)

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

The Global Economic Governance Initiative (GEGI) advances policy-oriented research to align global economic governance with development and climate ambitions and deliver green and inclusive prosperity. GEGI work streams include international trade and investment, financial stability and development finance institutions.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT: In July 2021, GEGI re-initiated research in the area of trade and investment rules and climate change. In collaboration with Kyla Tienhaara (Queens University) and B. Alexander Simmons (former GDP Center Post-doctoral Research Fellow, now with Colorado State University), a study published in *Science* estimates the costs of possible legal claims from oil and gas investors in response to government actions to limit fossil fuels. The research team found legal claims could reach \$340 billion, a substantial amount of public finance, and shared its finding with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as part of the OECD's public consultation on investment treaties and climate change.

Additionally, the Working Group on Trade and Access to Medicines engaged in constructive thought leadership on how international trade and investment treaties impacts access to medicines in developing countries by drafting op-eds, blog posts and policy briefs ahead of key policy moments. In December, the Working Group, with the generous support of Sandra Polaski, Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow, launched a new report investigating the relationship between global trade and investment rules and government policy responses. The authors found the tension between government policy interventions and the rules of international trade and investments has risked greater global health inequality.



Working at the GDP Center has been a fulfilling opportunity. As a Post-doctoral Fellow, I can discuss critical global topics and participate in policy debates with an incredible and highly skilled team.

— Luma Ramos, Post-doctoral Research Fellow

FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Case for a New Bretton Woods* by Kevin P. Gallagher and Richard Kozul-Wright was published in February 2022, mapping key reforms for global economic governance.
- Rachel Thrasher and colleagues published a paper in the May edition of *Science* showing the financial and legal risks countries face if they aggressively address climate change from the supply side due to the presence of investor-state dispute settlement in international investment agreements.
- In October 2021, launched the Task Force on Climate, Development and the International Monetary Fund, a consortium of experts from around the world utilizing rigorous, empirical research to advance a development-centered approach to climate change at the International Monetary Fund.

FINANCIAL STABILITY: In October 2021, GEGI launched the Task Force on Climate, Development and the International Monetary Fund, a consortium of experts from around the world utilizing rigorous, empirical research to advance a development-centered approach to climate change at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Through its technical papers and policy briefs, the Task Force has shown the macroeconomic relevance of climate change and aimed a spotlight on the importance of addressing climate change for development. The Task Force also put forward proposals on how the IMF's Resilience and Sustainability Trust could better support climate and development aspirations of developing countries, aspects of which were adopted by the IMF.



Working as a Research Assistant at the GDP Center has allowed me to explore a new area that interests me, while also given me the opportunity to learn new skills outside of the classroom. Thanks to the reach of the GDP Center, it is fulfilling to know my research will have a real-world impact.

— Flavia Roscini, Research Assistant; MA Candidate, International Affairs with a specialization in International Communication

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS: GEGI has focused on the need for development finance institutions (DFIs) to scale up financing to enable countries to embark on a low-carbon growth path. A crucial part of this also involves changing the composition of what DFIs finance by examining the alignment of multilateral development bank portfolios with Paris Agreement goals. New research showed that while DFIs have converged around limiting financing for coal power, there is no consensus yet on overseas natural gas financing. In November 2021, GEGI launched the National Climate Funds Tracker, a first-of-its-kind data interactive compiling information on 46 national climate funds in 39 countries.

TOP FIVE MOST VIEWED GEGI WEBPAGES:

1. IMF Austerity is Alive and Increasing Poverty and Inequality (Blog)
2. The Case for a New Bretton Woods (Book)
3. The Role of IMF in the Fight Against COVID-19: The IMF COVID-19 Recovery Index (Journal Article)
4. Poverty, Inequality and the IMF: How Austerity Hurts the Poor and Widens Inequality (Working Paper)
5. Understanding the Consequences of IMF Surcharges: The Need for Reform (Policy Brief)



Members of the Task Force on Climate, Development and the IMF lead a briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on June 23, 2022.

HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVE

The Human Capital Initiative (HCI) conducts rigorous, 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? More 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. The Effect of Fertility Decline on Economic Growth in Africa: A Macrosimulation Model (Journal Article)
2. Devising Ways to Measure Unmet Need in Family Planning: A Thought Experiment (Blog)
3. Women, Power and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India (Book)
4. Gaps in Knowledge of HIV Treatment-as- Prevention Hinder Disease Control (Blog)
5. Measurement of Unmet Need for Family Planning: A Counterfactual Approach (Working Paper)



Puducherry, India. Photo by Sohil Laad via Unsplash.

FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

- Worked to support citizens and researchers in Maharashtra, India to build resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic while redesigning the structure and pace of a survey to collect data on the scope of proxy politics in contemporary India.
- Engaged with the local COVID-19 pandemic response by conducting a community-based survey of perceptions of the City of Boston's COVID-19 response and an analysis of vaccine booster coverage disparities by Massachusetts zip codes.
- Created an app-based intervention to deliver information on HIV treatment-as-prevention via HIV counseling in South Africa. Developed in partnership with JiveMedia- Africa, the HIV Prevention and Survivors Network, Prevention Access Campaign and the Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office in South Africa, the intervention is based on extensive formative, mixed methods research.



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Photo by by Rowan Fahad via Unsplash.



I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Prof. Brulé's research project on increasing the agency of female elected officials to support local development. It has been extremely enriching to learn about the grassroots problems of my own country and be part of a project that studies impact making policies. My participation in this research helped me realize my greater goals in life.

— Anjali Agrawal, Research Assistant, MA Candidate, Global Development Economics

Led by Associate Directors Patricia Cortés and Mahesh Karra, HCI is comprised of three research programs:

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 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: 1) human capital, 2) mobility and access, 3) sustainable economic empowerment and 4) gender equality in the labor market. In FY22, POWER research by Mahesh Karra was published by the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* and Rachel Brulé's groundbreaking book, *'Women, Power, and Prosperity: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India'*, was awarded the American Political Science Association's Lubbert Best Book in Comparative Politics Award.

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF HUMAN CAPITAL: Led by Rachel Brulé, the Program on Political Economy of Human Capital supports research that examines the political, social and

economic effects of development, decentralization and institutional change. Projects are unified by their focus on core public policy challenges in developing countries, including: 1) human social, political, physical and economic mobility and economic development; 2) political representation and decision-making centrality over government policy and 3) the impact of exogenous shocks on mobility, economic bargaining power and political engagement.

LOOKING FORWARD, HCI researchers will begin new research projects as well as resume fieldwork for several ongoing initiatives that have been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Key projects include:

- An online survey with an experiment to study how willingness to pay for working from home changed during the pandemic and the implications for gender inequalities in the labor market.
- A field experiment to assess gendered differences in mobility and the latent demand for transport and travel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- A field experiment to evaluate the power of female solidarity, through all-women peer mentoring meetings, to increase female elected officials' centrality in decision-making about local development in rural India.
- A field experiment to evaluate acceptability and impact of an intervention to integrate treatment-as-prevention into HIV counseling.
- A national cohort—and novel platform for research and patient care—integrating tuberculosis, HIV and diabetes care in South Africa.

RETURN TO THE FIELD

For scholars engaged in long-term research, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has complicated everything from data collection to travel. As the pandemic has stretched on for over two years, it has become part of daily life: researchers are learning to work within the constraints of the pandemic and when able, cautiously resume field research.

In FY22, members of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) returned to the field with research trips to Malawi, South Africa and Ethiopia.

In October 2021, HCI Associate Director Mahesh Karra traveled to Malawi to conduct fieldwork, his first visit to the country in two years. Karra, a development economist whose current research focuses on the implications of improving access to family planning and maternal and child health services in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, was accompanied on the trip by Boston University alum Daniel Maggio, a PhD Candidate at the Cornell University Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.



I send as many students as possible to the field to see what it's really like. When we conduct fieldwork, we come back as social scientists with datasets, but we often forget there's humanity behind the data. To be able to connect data with real people's lives, and to understand the implications of our findings for real people is essential. That's why we do the work we do, and that requires committed and concerted effort and investment on the ground.

— Mahesh Karra,
Associate Director, Human Capital Initiative

The trip was part of the long-running Malawi Family Planning Study (MFPS), which Karra started in 2016 as a graduate student. The study is a randomized controlled trial with 2,000 women who were pregnant or have recently given birth. Women who were randomized to the intervention group were given access to family planning services and counseling, as well as transportation to a clinic for free family planning and reproductive health services. Since 2018, Karra and the research team have been conducting regular follow-ups to see how life has changed for the women in the study. This includes their choices for family planning, fertility and human capital, as well as examining whether they were able to go back to work and if the children have benefitted from having more time at home with their mothers.



Laura Aquino, HCI Research Assistant and PhD Candidate in Economics, boards her flight to Ethiopia for fieldwork in June 2022.



Mahesh Karra and Laura Aquino in Malawi with participants of the Malawi Family Planning Study, June 2022.



Returning to the field enabled me to make stronger personal connections with collaborators, including members of our study teams I had only ever met virtually. It also enabled a surge in productivity on our projects that has created significant momentum. The trip was very rewarding.”

— Jacob Bor, Core Faculty Member, Human Capital Initiative

Drawing on data collected from the MFPS, Karra and coauthors have published policy recommendations for improving contraceptive use and birth spacing among women in Malawi, with further research projects planned. The results have been shared with the Malawi Ministry of Health and the Reproductive Health Directorate, and discussions are underway for informing programs and policies for the public sector, private actors and non-governmental organizations.

In February 2022, HCI Core Faculty Member Jacob Bor visited South Africa after a two-year hiatus from travel. Bor is an epidemiologist and global health expert whose projects apply economics and data science to the study of population health, with a focus on HIV treatment and prevention in southern Africa.

Bor leads two projects in South Africa in collaboration with Dr. Dorina Onoya at the Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office. The first is a collaboration with South Africa's National Health Laboratory Service to improve record linkage within their data systems to enable longitudinal follow-up of patients. The second project is an intervention study that seeks to deliver accurate scientific information on the prevention benefits of HIV treatment to people living with HIV as part of routine HIV counseling. The intervention, developed in collaboration with people living with HIV, clinicians and civil society groups, will share testimonials from seven individuals who have used HIV treatment to prevent viral transmission. While in South Africa, Bor met with study partners, held operational and scientific workshops with the study team, observed the filming of some intervention videos and provided mentorship to junior research colleagues.

In June 2022, Mahesh Karra traveled to Malawi and Ethiopia with three Boston University PhD candidates serving as research assistants. The Ethiopia trip is part of a new study exploring how urban mobility and demand for transportation varies by gender. Behavior differences in transportation –

whether to travel at night, alone or during the day in a group, for example – can carry significant implications for women's access to services, productivity and their general well-being.

Over two years after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, HCI scholars engaged in research projects abroad have welcomed the opportunity to return to the field and resume work with local partners and communities.



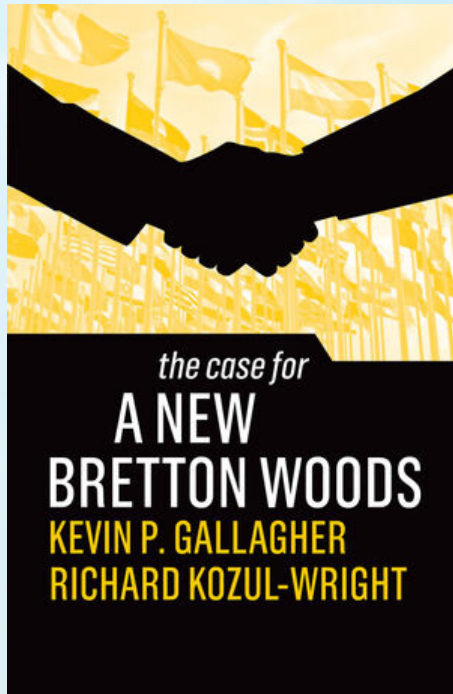
Jacob Bor with the research team in South Africa, February 2022.



Nothing makes one (development economist) more motivated than working in the field! I am grateful for the opportunity to learn about the world, which goes far beyond a frame of even the largest dataset.”

— Anastasiia Arbuzova, HCI Research Assistant; PhD Candidate, Economics

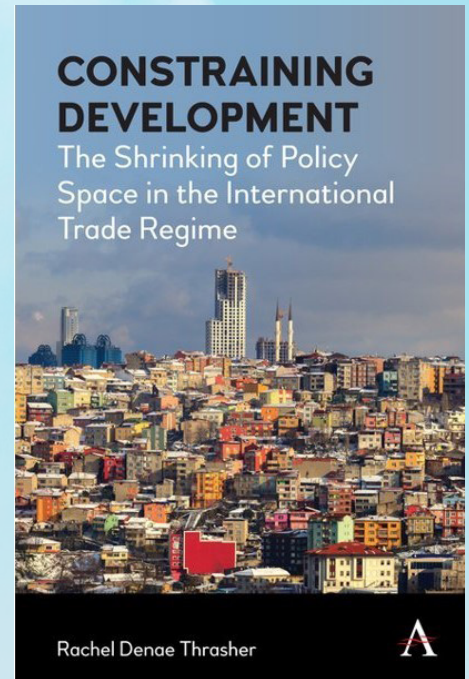
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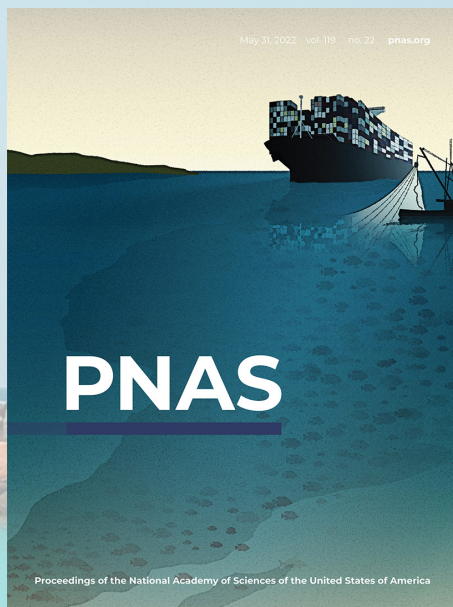
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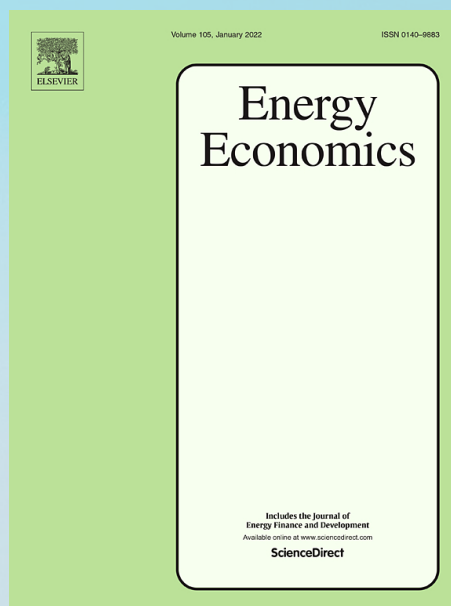
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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING **AND STUDENT RESEARCH**



Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Photo by Qui Nguyen via Unsplash



ECONOMICS IN CONTEXT INITIATIVE

The Economics in Context Initiative (ECI) focuses on producing educational materials that are engaging, relevant and thoroughly researched. The key goal of ECI 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 alumna Dr. Neva R. Goodwin, ECI builds on over two decades of work done by Dr. Goodwin and colleagues at the Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE) at Tufts University. The “in context” approach means continually recognizing that economic activity takes place in a broader social, historical, political, environmental and institutional context and integrating these aspects into analysis of economic processes. This approach emphasizes the need to consider issues of social and environmental sustainability in the understanding of economics, as opposed to the standard mainstream approach that focuses on narrow goals of increasing income and production levels.

Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar, serves as the ECI Assistant Director and pilots the group’s educational materials in classes as a Lecturer at the Pardee School of Global Studies. ECI’s educational materials include five textbooks on principles of economics (Microeconomics in Context; Macroeconomics in Context; Principles of Economics in Context; Macroeconom-

ics in Context: A European Perspective; and Essentials of Economics in Context), along with teaching modules, articles and working papers on various social and environmental issues in economics.

In FY23, ECI will launch an online Social Science Library with bibliographic references for over 9,300 journal articles, book chapters and working papers organized by seven disciplines (Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Social Psychology, Sociology and Philosophy) and various topics and sub-topics within each discipline.

Additionally, ECI will create a “learning system,” including a new textbook and a set of web resources, to aid understanding of the current global economy and explore ideas on creating a just and sustainable world. The materials will be designed for students, as well as those outside the university system, like activists, journalists, trade unions, think tanks and others.

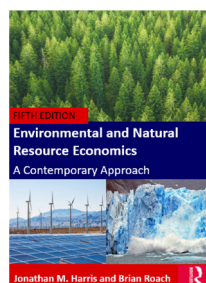
FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed work on the fifth edition of Microeconomics in Context textbook and the fourth edition of the Macroeconomics in Context textbook, both of which will be published by the end of 2022.
- Significantly expanded ECI’s outreach efforts by launching new Twitter and LinkedIn accounts, writing monthly blog posts and publishing quarterly newsletters.



The inspirational instructions and support from my supervisors along with sufficient degree of freedom to contribute to ECI’s communications strategy has taught me skills that I could never have acquired through traditional textbook learning.

— Xiaoyun (Ellie) Hu, Communications Fellow;
BA/BS Candidate in Economics and Film Studies



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Working as a Communications Fellow at the GDP Center has been an invaluable experience, both personally and professionally. I have gained important skills creating concise and impactful communications materials across a variety of platforms, from tweets to newsletters to blogs. Fellows help craft the Center's messages to the public while working alongside an amazing team of researchers and communications practitioners."

— Emanne Khan, Communications Fellow, BA/BS Candidate, Political Science, Public Relations

COMMUNICATIONS FELLOWS

The GDP Center's Communications team works with an inspiring team of student Communications Fellows to assist in the ideation, creation and execution of communications materials for English and Chinese language audiences. FY22 Communications Fellows included:



Liaoguo Chen



Bridgette Lang



Emanne Khan



Natalia Marino



Ember Larregui



Paula Torrez-Ortiz



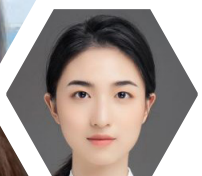
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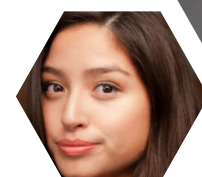
Stacey Yuen



Xuemeng Guan



Xiaoyun Hu



Christina Duran



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.



ANJALI KINI: MA Candidate,
Global Development Economics

PROJECT: Assessing progress on the Women's Political Leadership project in Meghalaya, India, commissioned by the Government of Meghalaya, India's State Capability Enhancement Project (SCEP) team.



JULIA MASELLI: MA Candidate, Global
Policy and Sustainable Development

PROJECT: Surveying and data mapping in Meghalaya, India to help the state evaluate existing policies for improving women's political leadership and design subsequent, complementary policies or projects.

The 2022 Summer in the Field Fellows spent ten weeks developing their skills, research and professional experience by participating in a variety of research projects and internships, spanning topics from the impact of assignment of non-local officials on long-term development in China, to working on women's political representation in Meghalaya, India and developing a sustainability framework and policy recommendations for PEPFAR-funded initiatives in Kenya.



ANISA SALEH: PhD Candidate,
School of Public Health

PROJECT: Working with Palladium Kenya, a consultancy group, and the Center for Disease Control Kenya to develop a sustainability framework and policy recommendations for PEPFAR-funded initiatives in Kenya.

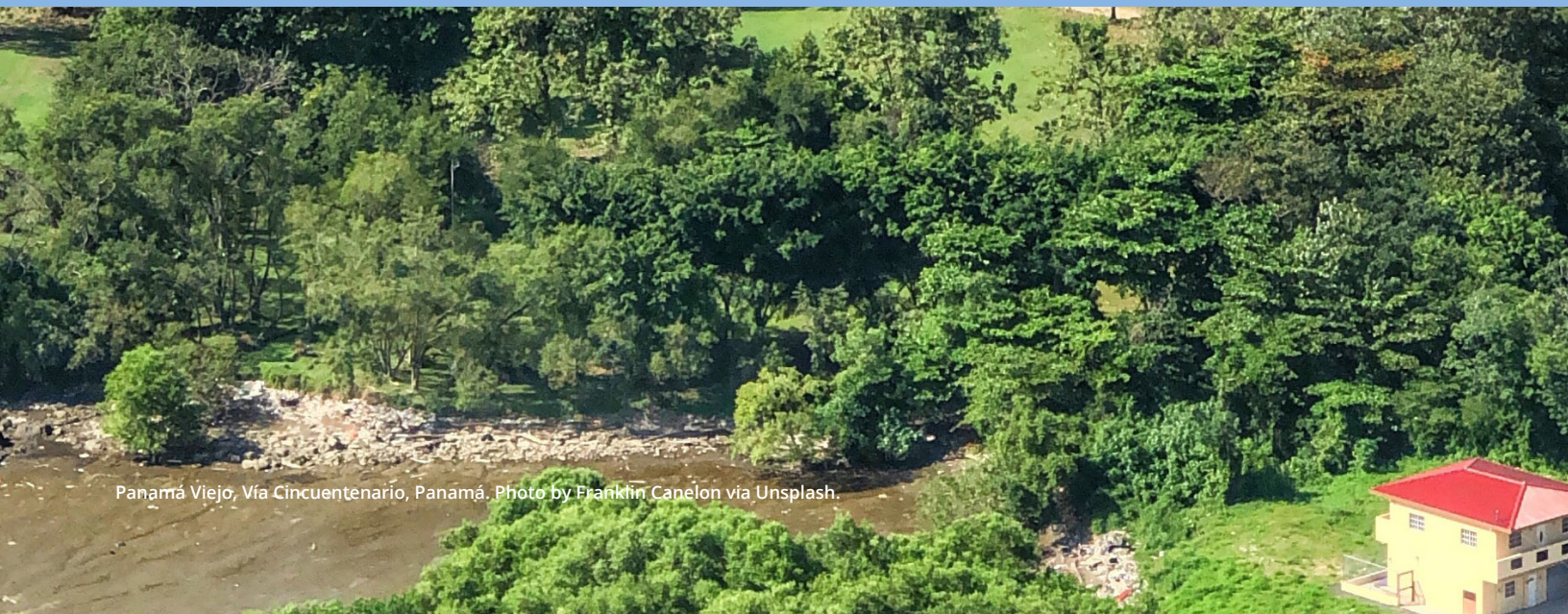


YUHENG ZHAO: PhD Candidate,
Department of Economics

PROJECT: Conducting research on how the assignment of non-local officials may influence state capacity and long-term development in China.



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS, **ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY DIALOGUE AND FINANCE**

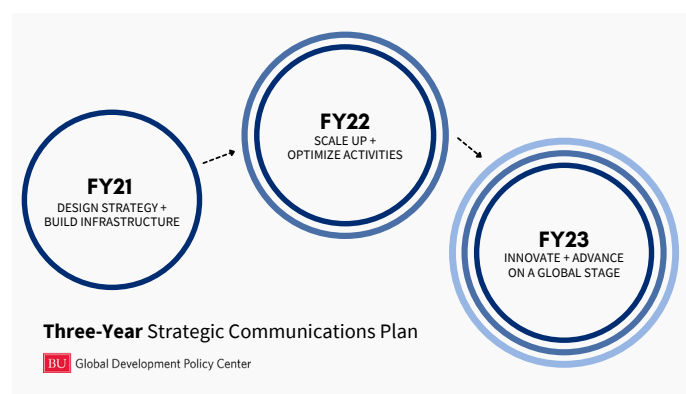


Panamá Viejo, Vía Cincuentenario, Panamá. Photo by Franklin Canelon via Unsplash.



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

In the next fiscal year, the GDP Center will enter the final year of the plan, where communications will seek to innovate and advance the GDP Center on a global stage. In FY22, the GDP Center entered the second phase of its three-year strategic communications plan. With a bedrock of research established, the GDP Center designed a new communications strategy and infrastructure in FY21 to increase brand awareness and visibility of GDP Center research.



Communications efforts yielded success across the Center's research initiatives in FY22.

In September 2021, Chinese leader Xi Jinping announced that China would not build new coal-fired power projects abroad, a development that directly relates to the Global China Initiative's (GCI) research and thought leadership on the composition and impacts of China's overseas energy projects. The announcement created a major media opportunity to advance GCI research and policy goals, and the Communications team rapidly worked with experts to craft a press statement with links to relevant research within an hour of the announcement. The statement was picked up widely by

major international media outlets, including the *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *AFP* and others, resulting in 574 media mentions in two days. The media campaign included an 'Experts React' blog post, special email send, Twitter thread and op-eds in *Thomson Reuters Foundation*, *Al Jazeera* and *China Dialogue*.

In October 2021, the Global Economic Governance Initiative launched the Task Force on Climate, Development and the International Monetary Fund with a robust multi-media communications campaign. The Communications team coordinated the announcement of the Task Force in an exclusive with *Reuters*, which was followed by a press release distributed to key climate, international finance and economics reporters. The *Reuters* article was syndicated 90 times in two days, with pick-up in ten countries, including the US, Canada, India, the Philippines, Malaysia, Peru and others. The estimated advertising equivalency, or how much this coverage would have cost if it had been bought as paid advertisements, is \$1.7 million. In addition to press coverage, a Twitter thread garnered over 16,000 impressions with high share rates, and the publication of six new webpages on the GDP Center website resulted in 1,862 visits in two days, with 1,210 new visitors.

In November 2021, Patricia Cortés, Associate Director of the Human Capital Initiative, published a new working paper with the National Bureau of Economic Research assessing how gender differences in job search behavior impacts the gender pay gap, with evidence from recent graduates of the BU Questrom School of Business. The Communications team arranged for a feature in *BU Today* on Cortés and her research, which was re-posted by the World Economic Forum in February 2022, amplifying Cortés' work to a major international audience of elite decision-makers.

EDITORIAL CONTENT: In FY22, GDP Center experts authored 305 research and commentary products, including 40 journal articles, 16 working papers, 25 policy briefs, eight technical papers, seven reports, five books, 122 blogs, 72 op-eds and invited commentary and ten updates to its databases and interactives. Pairing formal research products with companion blogs has broadened the reach and audience of the Center's research and provided viewers with multiple pathways for engagement. In February 2022, the GDP Center began a content partnership with the China-Global South Project (CGSP), wherein GCI experts and BU faculty draft a weekly column on the latest research and commentary for CGSP's global audience across web, social and email.

PRESS MENTIONS: This past fiscal year, the GDP Center earned 1,963 media mentions, which was a 73 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*, *The Guardian*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *BBC* and other major print and digital media outlets. The FY22 earned media coverage, based on the viewership, brand strength and reach of media outlets, is equivalent to \$19.64 million worth of advertising in the same outlets.

SOCIAL MEDIA: The GDP Center also saw growth across its social media platforms, including 1,523 new Twitter followers. On Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, curated posts promote the Center's work. On Twitter, the GDP Center has also expanded its engagement to post threads, illustrated and explainer videos and participate in Twitter Spaces discussions.

EVENTS AND WEBPAGE VIEWS: In FY22, the GDP Center website earned 304,648 website views, a 66 percent increase from FY21. The Center also hosted 40 webinars and events with a total of 11,042 attendees in Boston and around the world.

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ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY DIALOGUE

To meet the ambition of being a think and do tank, the GDP Center works to translate expedient research into real policy impact.

In the past year, the GDP Center has been increasing its engagement in policy networks by participating in strategic global policy discussions, advancing evidence-based recommendations in policy briefs, collaborating in policy workshops, initiating high-level policy interventions and strengthening relationships with a broad range of actors.

In FY22, the GDP Center's engagement in policy dialogue included:

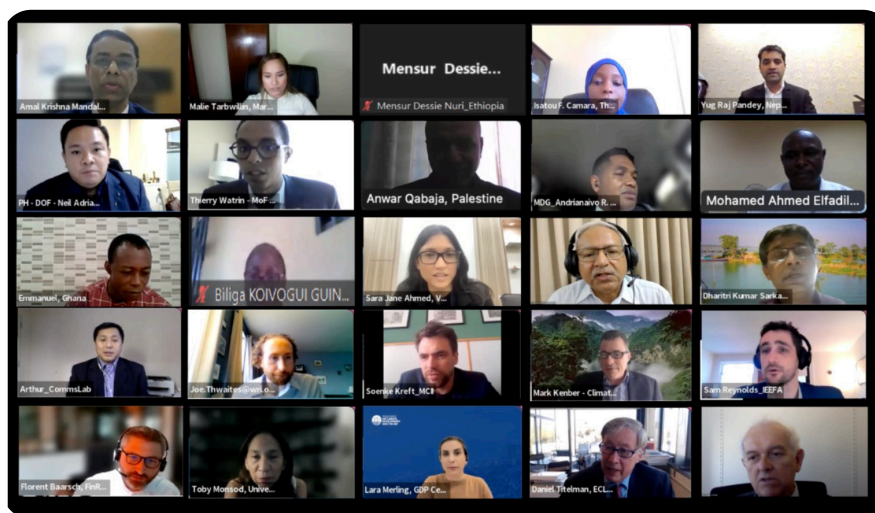
1. In March 2022, Cecilia Springer testified at the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a hearing on "China's Energy Policy."



2. In March and June 2022, the Chinese government announced new guidelines governing China's overseas finance, establishing a new and high-level framework for green Belt and Road Initiative development, a green exchange and cooperation platform and improved environmental risk prevention and control systems, building on years of GDP Center research, commentary and collaboration with the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.
3. In April 2022, Rachel Thrasher and Kyla Tienhaara participated in an invite-only consultation held by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on 'Future of Investment Treaties Track 1 – Investment Treaties and Climate Change.' Their contributions were included in the final OECD report.
4. In June 2022, Mahesh Karra briefed officials from the Malawi Ministry of Health and Reproductive Health Directorate on the results of the ongoing Malawi Family Planning Study, a six-year-long intervention assessing the effectiveness of family planning interventions.
5. In November 2021, Kevin P. Gallagher was appointed to serve on the United States Export-Import Bank Advisory Council on China Competition, 2021-2022. During his tenure, Gallagher has given presentations and drafted memos on trends and impacts of Chinese overseas finance.

Cecilia Springer testifies at the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission hearing on "China's Energy Policy."

Lara Merling presents select technical research from the Task Force on Climate, Development and the IMF to senior officials of the Vulnerable Group of 20 Ministers of Finance.



6. Following the historic allocation of \$650 billion in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) in August 2021, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) proposed the creation of a Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) to re-channel SDRs from advanced economies to developing countries to help build long-term resilience to climate change and recover from the pandemic. Through expert thought leadership and research, the Task Force on Climate, Development and the IMF's recommendations influenced the design of the RST to ensure broader accessibility, low-cost lending and no onerous conditionalities.
7. In October 2021, the Vulnerable Group of 20 (V20) climate vulnerable nations adopted the Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery proposal put forth by the GDP Center, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Centre for Sustainable Finance at SOAS, University of London.
8. In January 2022, Kevin P. Gallagher was invited to serve as co-chair on the T20 Indonesia Task Force on International Finance and Economic Recovery, co-chaired by Chatib Basri, former Minister of Finance, Indonesia.
9. In June 2022, a joint report by the GDP Center, the Southern Africa Development Community Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and the University of Pretoria Centre for Human Rights was launched at the SADC Development Finance Resource Centre CEOs Forum held in Gaborone, Botswana.
10. In June 2022, the Chief Minister of Meghalaya State invited Rachel Brulé to help launch a new focus on women's empowerment at their 2022 Women's Conference in Shillong, Meghalaya, India. Brulé also participated in a panel discussion on women's rights, health, safety and leadership as a part of the conference.
11. In June 2022, Magalie Masamba was invited to speak at the European Parliament's Parliamentary Committee meeting on the debt crisis in developing countries.
12. In March 2022, Lara Merling presented select technical research from the Task Force on Climate, Development and the IMF to senior officials of the Vulnerable Group of 20 Ministers of Finance.

The 2022 Women's Conference in Shillong, Meghalaya, India, at which Rachel Brulé participated in a panel discussion on women's rights, health, safety and leadership. Photo by Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya, via Twitter.





FIVE YEARS IN REVIEW

In 2022, the GDP Center celebrated its five-year anniversary and underwent a customary Five Year Review of its operations, organized by the BU Office of Research to promote critical reflection, self-assessment and strategic planning within the Center. A review committee was established to engage expert faculty from BU and distinguished peers at leading institutions to obtain an honest appraisal of the Center's performance.

Based on the GDP Center's self-assessment, annual reports, a survey of core and affiliated faculty and conversations with faculty, staff, students and administrators during a two-day site visit, the committee "strongly and unequivocally" endorsed the continuation of the GDP Center. The committee found that the "impressive performance of the Center over its first five years and the collaborative efforts it has fostered both justify and have amplified the university's initial investment" and that the Center has "moved quickly to add value to BU faculty research by creating new collaborative and synergistic opportunities."

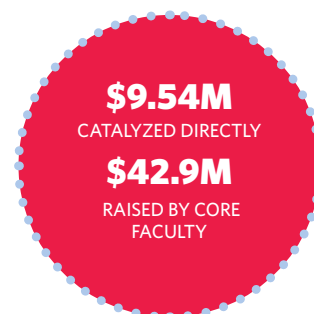
In its first five years, the GDP Center surpassed the goals set out in its first strategic plan. The Center has fostered a vibrant development community across the University, hosting 217 events that attracted 26,642 attendees and created four pioneering research initiatives that directly involve 25 core faculty and 28 affiliate faculty across campus. GDP Center research has directly resulted in 152 journal articles that have a field weighted impact factor that is significantly above the average for BU as a whole and commensurate with peer centers decades in the making. The GDP Center has sup-

ported 162 students through pre- and post-doctoral fellowships, research assistantships, communications fellowships and Summer in the Field fellowships.

The GDP Center also deployed the standard funding model for BU's University-wide centers effectively. During the first five-year charter, the BU Office of Research and the Pardee School of Global Studies provided nearly \$2 million for general operating expenses and seed funding for innovative research projects. The Center leveraged the \$2 million received from the University to raise five times the amount in sponsored awards. By February 2022, the GDP Center had raised \$10.67 million from grants and \$348,899 from alumni. Additionally, the GDP Center has directly catalyzed an additional \$9.54 million in sponsored research support, while core faculty have raised an additional \$42.19 million. In summary, the GDP Center and its associated researchers have raised \$62.41 million since the Center's inception.

The first five years of the GDP Center have helped amplify BU's existing reputation as a leader in development studies and expanded that recognition into the policy realm. The Center will continue to attract new faculty and will seek to establish new initiatives that match emerging strengths at BU with advances in the field. The GDP Center will also seek to diversify its funding base to include more government grants and alumni support.

The GDP Center looks forward to building on its success over the next five years.



GDP CENTER PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

- Inter-American Dialogue – Washington, D.C., USA
- World Resources Institute – Washington, D.C., USA
- China Africa Research Initiative, Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies – Washington, D.C., USA
- World Bank - Washington, D.C., USA
- Howard Delafield International - Washington, D.C., USA
- USAID - Washington, D.C., USA
- Center for Strategic and International Studies - Washington, D.C., USA
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Washington, D.C., USA
- National Institutes of Health - Bethesda, USA
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation - Menlo Park, USA
- FHI360 - Durham, USA
- Ideas42 - New York City, USA
- Russell Sage Foundation - New York City, USA
- Prevention Access Campaign - Brooklyn, USA
- Innovations for Poverty Action - New Haven, USA
- Boston City Council - Boston, USA
- Boston Public Health Commission - Boston, USA
- National Bureau of Economic Research - Cambridge, USA
- Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University, Medford, USA

SOUTH AMERICA

- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - Santiago, Chile
- BRICS Policy Center, Pontífica Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
- Universidad del Pacífico, Center for China and Asia-Pacific Studies – Lima, Peru

EUROPE

- South Centre - Geneva, Switzerland
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development - Geneva, Switzerland
- Heinrich Boell Stiftung - Berlin, Germany
- Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin Germany
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research - Rostock, Germany
- Bocconi University - Milan, Italy
- SOAS, University of London - London, United Kingdom
- International Growth Centre - London, United Kingdom
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population - Liège, Belgium



AFRICA

- China-Global South Project (Formerly China-Africa Project)– Johannesburg, South Africa
- National Health Laboratory Service - Johannesburg, South Africa
- South African Institute of International Affairs – Johannesburg, South Africa
- Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office, University of Witwatersrand - Johannesburg, South Africa
- University of Pretoria – Pretoria, South Africa
- National Department of Health - Pretoria, South Africa
- JiveMedia-Africa - Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- HIV Survivors and Partners Network - Centurion, South Africa
- The SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – Windhoek, Namibia
- African Economic Research Consortium - Nairobi, Kenya
- EconInsight Center for Development Research - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Ministry of Health - Lilongwe, Malawi
- Reproductive Health Directorate of Malawi - Lilongwe, Malawi

ASIA

- Macro & Green Finance Lab, Peking University - Beijing, China
- Institute for World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences – Beijing, China
- Institute of New Structural Economics, Peking University – Beijing, China
- China Council on International Cooperation for Environment and Development – Beijing, China
- Green Finance and Development Center, Fudan University – Shanghai, China
- Financial Futures Center - Manila, Philippines
- University of Indonesia, Research Center for Climate Change – Depok, Indonesia
- BU Foundation – South Delhi, India
- Centre for Social and Economic Progress - New Delhi, India
- Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) - Ahmedabad, India
- Seva Mandir - Udaipur, India

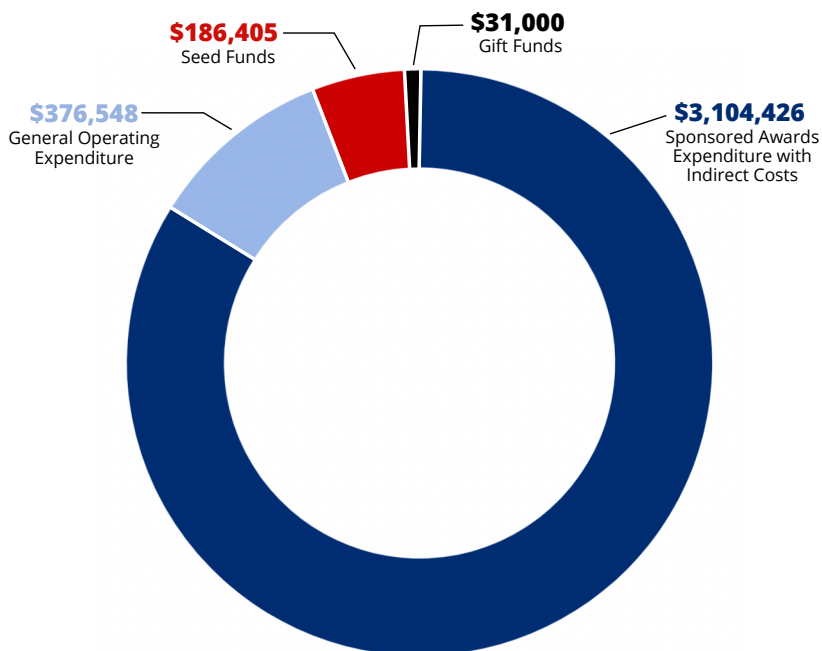
GDP CENTER FINANCES

The growth of the GDP Center in its fifth year would not have been possible without the support of its corporate funders, the Provost's Office, the Office of Research and the Pardee School of Global Studies.

The GDP Center's total expenditures in FY22 were \$3.69 million. The Office of Research provided \$376,548 for salaries and general operating expenses; the Pardee School provided \$186,405 for seed funding for new faculty initiatives; from sponsored awards, \$3.1 million in research spending; and from alumni gifts, \$31,000 to fund the Paul Streeten Distinguished Lecture in Global Development Policy and the Summer in the Field Fellows program.

The GDP Center submitted 14 proposals and received 15 grants totaling \$3.34 million. Affiliated faculty whose research projects were given seed funding raised \$2.26 million in sponsored awards in FY22.

GDP Center Operating Expenditures, FY22



CURRENT FUNDERS



LOOKING FORWARD MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

After hitting a major, five-year set of milestones, the GDP Center plans to:

- 1 *Construct a new strategic plan for the next five years of the GDP Center through an inclusive dialogue among leadership, faculty, staff and students at BU.*
- 2 *Pivot public events so as to re-engage in-person with the BU community, while connecting with global audiences through a hybrid medium.*
- 3 *Explore options for establishing a new research initiative at the GDP Center, as well as a smaller seed grant program for faculty affiliates.*
- 4 *Deepen the work of the Human Capital Initiative, the Global Economic Governance Initiative and the Global China Initiative.*
- 5 *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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