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- Employment**
- 2016– **ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD), PARIS**
Head of Secretariat & Senior Advisor, Network on Fiscal Relations across Levels of Gov't
- 2011–2016 **OECD ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, COUNTRY STUDIES BRANCH, PARIS**
Head of Latin American Member Countries Unit (Mexico/Chile/Argentina)
- 2010–2011 **OECD GLOBAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT, BEIJING AND NEW DELHI**
Senior Advisor (China and India), Centre for Co-operation with Non-members
- 2007–2010 **OECD ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, STRUCTURAL SURVEILLANCE DIVISION, PARIS**
Senior Economist and Head of Going for Growth Unit
- 2003–2007 **OECD ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT AND CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATION WITH NON-MEMBERS**
Economist, China and India Unit and Administrator, China Programme
- 1999–2003 **THE CONFERENCE BOARD, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK CITY**
Economist, International Productivity Research Program and Global Advisory Council
- 1998–1999 **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, PHILADELPHIA**
Research Fellow, Center for International Comparisons
- 1997–1998 **MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE**
Visiting Scholar at the Chinese Univ. Business School, Hong Kong and the US Embassy, Beijing
- 1994–1997 **SONY–WARNER: THE COLUMBIA HOUSE COMPANY (NEW YORK CITY)**
Senior Analyst, Market Segmentation & Planning Department
- Research/ Teaching**
- Adjunct Professor, Paris School of Economics (Public Policy and Development), 2014–2019
 - Advisor and Core Group Member, OECD Global Forum on Productivity, 2015–2018
 - Adjunct Lecturer, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po), 2007–2013
 - Visiting Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, 2011
 - Research Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Center for International Studies, 2010
 - Member, NBER/Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, 2002–
 - Expert, Lisbon Methodology Working Group of the European Commission, 2007–10
 - Seminar Associate, Columbia University, Graduate School of Business, 2000–04
 - Principal Investigator, Grant #00-99594, U.S. National Science Foundation, 2000–03
 - Member, American Economic Association & European Assn. for Comparative Economics
- Education**
- PARIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, CENTRE D'ECONOMIE DE LA SORBONNE**
Ph.D., Economics, 2013. Program: Empirical and Theoretical Economics (ETE).
Thesis: Regulation and Trade in Development: Explaining Productivity at the Firm Level.
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, GRADUATE GROUP IN ECONOMICS**
Master of Arts, Economics, 1999. Fields: economic development and institutional economics.
Thesis: Technology and Productivity in China.
- RICE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**
Master of Arts, Political Science, 1995. Fields: Political economy and international relations.
Thesis: Bargaining Behavior in the Sino-British Negotiations over Hong Kong.
- MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, 1992. Concentration on policy modeling/simulation.
Thesis: A Dynamic Model of International Conflict in Liberia.

Books and Reports

- Fiscal Federalism at Fifteen Years*, OECD Publishing, 2021, forthcoming (ed. with Junghun Kim)
- Local Public Finance and Capacity Building in Asia*, OECD & KIPF, 2021 (co-editor)
- Ageing and Fiscal Challenges across Levels of Government*, OECD & KIPF, 2020 (co-editor)
- Fiscal Decentralisation and Inclusive Growth in Asia*, OECD & KIPF, 2019 (co-editor)
- Fiscal Decentralisation and Inclusive Growth*, OECD & KIPF, 2018 (edited with Junghun Kim)
- Economic Survey of Mexico*, OECD, 2017 (with J. Reynaud and M. Gabriel).
- Economic Surveys of Chile and Mexico*, OECD, 2015 (with E. Olaberría and V. Dugain).
- Economic Surveys of Chile and Mexico*, OECD, 2013 (with A. Caldera-Sanchez and C. Valivia).
- Going for Growth: Economic Policy Reforms*, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 (co-editor).
- Economic Survey of India*, OECD, 2007 (with R. Herd, W. Leibfritz, and P. Conway).
- Economic Survey of China*, OECD, 2005 (with R. Herd, C. Pigott, and M. Molnar).
- “Performing Research and Development Abroad: International Comparisons of Value and Price,” Report to the National Science Foundation, 2003 (w/ B. van Ark, R. Inklaar and R. McGuckin).
- Restructuring Chinese Enterprises: Effects of Federalism and Privatization Initiatives on Business*, The Conference Board, New York, 2001 (with R.H. McGuckin).
- The Reliability of Statistics in China: A Special Topic Report*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1997.

Published Papers

- “Independent Oversight Bodies: Lessons from Fiscal, Productivity and Regulatory Institutions” (with Andrea Renda and Lisa von Trapp), in D. Plaatjies (editor), *Making Institutions Work*, HSRC Press, 2021, forthcoming.
- “Synthesising good practices in fiscal federalism,” *OECD Economic Policy Papers*, No. 28, March 2020 (with Kass Forman and Hansjörg Blöchliger).
- “Decentralisation in the health sector and responsibilities across levels of government” and “Performance measurement systems in the health sector and their budgetary implications,” in *OECD Journal on Budgeting, Special Issue on Health*, Vol. 19, Issue 3, December 2019 (with Ivor Beazley, Caroline Penn, Leah Phillips and Chris James).
- “Decentralisation in a Globalised World: Consequences and Opportunities” (with Robin Boadway), in *Fiscal Decentralisation and Inclusive Growth in Asia*, OECD & KIPF, 2019.
- “What policies to combat labour informality? Evidence from Mexico”, *Applied Economics*, Vol. 51, 2019 (with Octavio Escobar).
- “Globalisation, decentralisation and inclusive growth,” *Fiscal Decentralisation and Inclusive Growth*, OECD & KIPF, June 2018 (with Oguzhan Akgun).
- “Pro-Productivity Institutions: Learning from National Experience,” *International Productivity Monitor*, 32, Spring 2017 (with Andrea Renda).
- “Import Competition, Domestic Regulation and Firm-Level Productivity Growth in the OECD,” *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 26(3), 2016 (with S. Ben Yahmed).
- “Could Mexico become the new ‘China’? Policy drivers of firm-level competitiveness and productivity,” *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, 13/2, 2015 (with O. Escobar).
- “Legal Reform, Contract Enforcement and Firm Size in Mexico”, *Review of International Economics*, Vol. 22, No. 4, 2014.
- “Boosting Growth Potential” and “Fiscal Policy to Support Inclusiveness”^{*} in *Getting It Right: A Strategic Agenda for Reforms in Mexico*, OECD Publishing, 2013 (*with B. Brys).
- “State-level Labour Reform and Firm-level Productivity in India”, *India Policy Forum* (Brookings Institution – National Council of Applied Economic Research), Vol. 2013. Also issued as NBER Working Paper No. 17693, 2011 (with Verónica Frisancho and Kala Krishna).
- “Long-term Growth and Policy Challenges in the Large Emerging Economies”, in OECD’s *Going for Growth: Economic Policy Reforms 2010* (with P. Conway and A. Radziwill).
- “Priorities for Growth in OECD Economies,” in Carlos Braga (editor), *Innovation and Catch-up in a Globalized World*, OECD and The World Bank, 2009 (with Sven Blöndal).

- Published Papers (con't)**
- “Labour Regulation and Employment Dynamics at the State Level in India,” *Review of Market Integration*, Vol. 1, No. 3, 2009. Also as OECD Economics Dept. Working Paper No. 624.
- “What is Holding Back Productivity Growth in India? Recent Microevidence,” *OECD Journals: Economic Studies*, Vol. 2009, No. 2 (with Richard Herd and Thomas Chalaux).
- “Internationalization and the Changing Structure of Business R&D: Recent Trends and Measurement Implications,” *International Journal of Foresight and Innovation Policy*, Vol. 4, No. 1/2, 2008 (with Robert Inklaar, Robert H. McGuckin, and Bart van Ark).
- “Growth Prospects in China and India Compared,” *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2007 (with R. Herd).
- “International Comparisons of R&D Expenditure: Does an R&D PPP Make a Difference?” in Ernst R. Berndt and Charles M. Hulten (eds.), *Hard-to-Measure Goods and Services: Essays in Honor of Zvi Griliches*, NBER and University of Chicago Press, 2007 (with R. Inklaar, R.H. McGuckin, and Bart van Ark). Also issued as NBER Working Paper No. 12829.
- “Has a Private Sector Emerged in China's Industry? Evidence from a Quarter of a Million Chinese Firms,” *China Economic Review*, Vol. 18, No. 3, 2007. Also issued as OECD Economics Department Working Paper No. 471, Dec. 2005 (with Richard Herd and He Ping).
- “The Effect of Federalism on Productivity in Chinese Firms,” *Management and Organization Review*, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2007 (with R.H. McGuckin).
- “Intellectual Property Rights and Economic Development in China,” in *Empirical Investigations of the Effects of Intellectual Property Protection on Market Structure, Trade, and Direct Foreign Investment*, Cambridge University Press and World Bank, 2005 (with Keith Maskus).
- “Strategic Issues for the Chinese Economy,” *Economic and Financial Review*, Vol. 11, No. 4, Autumn 2004.
- “Federalism and the Impetus for Reform in China,” *China Law and Practice*, Vol. 15, No. 4, May 2002 (with R.H. McGuckin).
- Selected Short Articles**
- “COVID-19 and fiscal relations across levels of government,” *OECD Tackling Coronavirus (COVID-19)*, April 2020 (with Camila Vammalle, Pietrangelo de Biase and Kass Forman).
- « Comment la décentralisation budgétaire peut promouvoir une croissance inclusive », *Revue européenne et internationale de droit fiscal (REIDF)*, Vol. 2019(1) (with Pascal Saint-Amans).
- “Fiscal decentralisation and inclusive growth?” *OECD EcoScope*, July 12, 2018.
- “How deregulation and globalisation interact to boost economic growth,” *VoxEU*, Jan. 20, 2017 (with S. Ben Yahmed).
- “Is Mexico a new ‘China’?” *OECD EcoScope*, July 7, 2016.
- “Job protection reform in India,” *VoxEU*, May 8, 2014 (with V. Frisancho and K. Krishna).
- “Secrets of Mexico’s Pacto,” *Latin Business Chronicle*, June 7, 2013.
- “The Beijing Consensus, the Delhi Discord and other Myths,” *China Research*, Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden, March 2012.
- “China’s economy, India’s economy, comparative development: an introduction,” *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 6, No. 2, 2009 (with Vittorio Valli).
- “China and India: Making sense of innovation and growth,” *OECD Observer*, Paris, January 2008.
- “Why do the Chinese save so much?” *Les Echos*, Paris, December 2007.
- “Constraining labour gains,” *Business Standard*, New Delhi, October 2007 (with Alok Sheel).
- Selected Speeches**
- “Fiscal equalisation going forward”, Korean Presidential Committee on Autonomy and Decentralisation–OECD Conference on Inclusion & Decentralisation, October 2020 ([webcast](#)).
- “Inter-governmental fiscal policy responses and cooperation during the pandemic”, A Democratic Governance Response to COVID-19, CDDG, Council of Europe, June 2020 ([videoconference](#)).
- “International Experience with Inter-governmental Fiscal Reforms”, Federation of the Future, New South Wales Review of Federal Financial Relations, February 2020 ([videoconference](#)).

**Speeches
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- “Fiscal Federalism and Taxation: An International View”, Reforma tributária e federalismo fiscal no Brasil, Inter-american Development Bank, Brasilia, December 2019.
- “Intergovernmental Framework Policies for Inclusive Growth”, International Conference on Public-sector Productivity, Tagaytay City, Philippines, November 2019.
- “Strengthening local revenue capacity,” Welsh Taxes Conference, Cardiff, UK, July 2019.
- Panel on ‘Institutions for Productivity’, CAF and OECD Development Centre, Paris, May 2019.
- “Conditional fiscal transfers and incentives,” ADB-OECD-World Bank Roundtable with the Fifteenth Finance Commission, New Delhi, India, April 2019.
- “Strengthening local revenue capacity,” 2nd Roundtable of the Network on Fiscal Relations in Asia, Seoul, Korea, February 2019.
- “The spending power of sub-national governments,” OECD Network on Fiscal Relations across Levels of Government, Paris, France, November 2018.
- “Strengthening subnational fiscal management,” 2nd International Forum of the Decentralization and Subnational Fiscal Management Network, Washington, DC, November 2018
- “Productivity, jobs and multi-level governance in a global economy,” The 2018 Copenhagen Workshop, Denmark, September 2018.
- “Budget Transparency: the New Global Toolkit,” Brasilia, Transparency Portal Launch, July 2018.
- “Fiscal transfers and equalisation,” High-level Roundtable with the XV Finance Commission, New Delhi, India, April 2018.
- “Best practices in fiscal relations”, PEMPAL, Vienna, Austria, March 2018.
- “Local property taxation and land use: implications”, ICREDM, Ankara, Turkey, Feb 2018.
- “Fiscal decentralisation, productivity and inclusive growth”, 1st Meeting of the Roundtable of the Network on Fiscal Relations in Asia, Seoul, Korea, December 2017.
- “Strategies to generate and optimize subnational revenue,” International Forum on Fiscal Autonomy and Coordination for Effective Decentralization, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, September 2017.
- “Decentralisation, globalisation and equalisation,” Federal Relations Tax Reform Workshop, Adelaide, Australia, August 2017.
- “Boosting Business Sector Productivity,” The Growth Net, New Delhi, India, March 2017.
- “The EU’s Productivity Boards: Old Wine in New Bottles?” CEPS Ideas Lab, February 2017.
- “Mexico’s reforms – what’s next?” Mexico Day, London, U.K., September 2016.
- “Could Mexico become the new ‘China?’” FGV-IBRE, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 2016.
- “Framework policies for inclusive productivity”, United Nations, Rwanda, Dec. 2015.
- “Could an upstart overtake the Chinese?” Turin Centre for Emerging Economies, March 2015.
- Comments on ‘The Long Landing Scenario’, Banque de France, Paris, June 2015.
- “The Global Economy & Mexico: Reforms for Shared Prosperity” ITAM, Mexico City, Jan. 2015.
- “Is Mexico the new China?”, EACES Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Sep. 2014.
- Comments on “Mexico: A ‘Two-speed’ Economy?”, Chatham House, London, June 2014.
- “The role of technology and innovation”, OECD-IDB Conference on ‘Besides Copper, What Policies for Productivity Growth in Chile?’ Santiago, Chile, Apr. 2014.
- “How to Make a Productivity Agenda Effective?” OECD-SCHP Workshop on Productivity Commission Design, OECD Mexico Centre, Dec. 2013.
- “Labor Reform and Productivity in India”, India Policy Forum, New Delhi, July 2013.
- “Legal Reform, Contract Enforcement and Firm Size in Mexico”, Columbia-Tsinghua University, Conference in International Economics; Imbalances in Economic Development: International Perspectives, Beijing, China, Oct. 2012.
- “Scenarios for the OECD and emerging markets at a time of financial crisis”, Dubai Economic Outlook Seminar, Dubai, UAE, Mar. 2012.
- “New thinking about growth and development: China, India and the other emerging economies”, Baltic Business School, Kalmar, Sweden, Oct. 2011.

Speeches
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- “The Beijing Consensus, the Delhi Discord and other myths”, Macro Finance Research Meetings, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, March 2011.
- “Structural Reforms and Growth”, China Development Reform Foundation, Beijing, Nov. 2010.
- “China’s Economic Growth: Structure and Productivity (Discussion)”, China Growth Center–CCER Workshop (Session Chair), Oxford, U.K., July 2010.
- “Going for Growth: Real reforms for sustainable economic recovery,” OECD Washington Centre Briefing, hosted by US Senate Science and Technology Committee, Mar. 2010.
- “Openness, regulation, and firm productivity in OECD countries,” International Workshop on Firm Productivity, Trade and Development, DEFI, Aix-en-Provence, France, July 2009.
- “Time for hard choices: economic crisis and general election in India,” Camera di commercio di Torino and Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, University of Turin, Italy, May 2009.
- “Structural reform in the OECD at a time of crisis,” National Institute of Public Finance and Policy and Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi, March 2009.
- Comments on Huang Yasheng’s *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics* (MIT Press), OECD Development Centre, Jan. 2009.
- “Flexicurity in the OECD,” Country Reviews Working Group of the Economic Policy Committee, European Commission, Brussels, September 2008.
- “Regulation and Misallocation of Production in China and India,” EACES Conference, Panel on China-India Comparisons (Co-Chairman), Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Aug. 2008.
- “Challenges and Opportunities for India and China,” Emerging Markets Briefing, Baltic Business School, Kalmar, Sweden, May 2008.
- “Going for Growth – Extending structural surveillance in the OECD,” Annual World Bank–OECD Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2007.
- “Can India Catch Up With Itself?” U.S.-Asia Roundtable Series, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, December 2007.
- “Economic Survey of India: Wide Ranging Reforms Needed to Sustain Economic Growth,” U.S. House Office Building, Washington, DC, December 2007.
- “Improving the performance of the Indian labor market,” ICRIER Seminar, New Delhi, Oct. 2007.
- “China and India’s Innovative Potential,” The Dragon and the Elephant, US National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, September 2007.
- “India’s Development after Liberalization,” Special Lecture to the Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, University of Turin, Italy, November 2006.
- “China and India – or China versus India?” Swedbank Economic Outlook Seminar, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2006.
- “The BRICs on the Rise?” EACES Conference, BRICs Panel, Brighton, U.K., August 2006.
- “Economic Governance in China,” Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Brussels, May 2006.
- “Economic Developments in China and India,” Workshop on Monetary Policy, Akademie Frankenwarte Würzburg, Germany, May 2006.
- “The Productivity of Industrial Companies in China and the Rise of the Private Sector,” Club du CEPPII, Paris, France, December 2005.
- “The Emergence of a Private Economy in China,” International Conference on the Chinese Economy, CERDI-IDREC Conference, Claremont-Ferrand, France, October 2005.
- “Challenges for China’s Economy,” Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, Sep. 2005.
- “Governance issues in China’s Transition to a Market Economy,” High-level Meeting on Governance in China, OECD, Paris, March 2005.
- “China’s Rise as a World Power?” American University of Paris, France, October 2004.
- “The Economic Impact of SARS,” Global Interdependence Center, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.
- “Internationalization and the Changing Structure of Business R&D,” Conference on Research in Income and Wealth of the National Bureau of Econ. Research, Cambridge, MA, March 2003.

Interests

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