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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., International Development, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1988).

Concentration in public finance, urban & regional economics, and international development.

M.A., Economics, Rutgers University (1980).

Concentration in public finance and quantitative methods.

B.A., Economics, Georgetown University (1977).

### **UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

#### **New York University, Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service**

##### **International Development, Public Finance and Urban Planning Faculties**

Professor, since 2006; Associate Professor, 2000-2006; Director of Public and Nonprofit MPA Program, since 2022; Director of International Programs, 2002-2021; Director of Doctoral Studies, 2008-2010; Director of the Global Executive Program in Public Policy and Management (joint with University College London), since 2012;

**Graduate courses taught:** public finance in developing countries; decentralized development planning in developing countries; financing local governments in developing countries; institutions, governance and international development; governance and public sector reform; development assistance, accountability and aid effectiveness; global public policy analysis; advanced projects in international finance, urban planning and policy.

**Center on International Cooperation,** Fellow, 2004--2010.

##### **Institute of Public Administration, International Public Finance & Fiscal Reform Program**

Senior Associate and Program Coordinator, 1998-2004.

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, International Development Program**

Associate Professor, 1995-2000; Assistant Professor, 1989 to 1995.

Graduate courses taught public sector economics, public finance in developing countries, development project analysis and planning; decentralization in developing countries; local approaches to economic development; urban development research seminar; regional economic theory, accounts and techniques; thesis research seminar.

#### **Harvard University, Harvard Institute for International Development**

Program Associate, 1986-89; Institute Associate, 1990-2000

Visiting Scholar (sabbatical), Harvard Institute for International Development, 1994-95

Lecturer in Program on Public Enterprise Reform, 1995-96.

Lecturer in Program on Fiscal Decentralization, 1996-2000.

**Tufts University, Department of Economics**

Lecturer (part-time), 1983-1986.

Undergraduate courses taught: public finance, intermediate microeconomics, intermediate macroeconomics, and urban economics.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning**

Graduate instructor (part-time), 1981-1984.

Graduate courses co-taught: regional economic theory, accounts and techniques; applications of regional economic theory.

**Rutgers University, Department of Economics (Livingston College and University College)**

Instructor (part-time), 1978-1980.

Undergraduate courses taught: introductory microeconomics, introductory macroeconomics, state and local public finance, and urban and regional economics.

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESEARCH FUNDING**

World Bank funding to examine the intersection of decentralization and climate change, 2020-22.  
Inter-American Development Bank funding to examine the role of subnational governments in Covid-19 pandemic response, 2020-22.

Apolitical 2021 [100 Most Influential Academics in Government](#)

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funding for work on improving donor architecture for public finance reform and service delivery, Principal Investigator 2017-21.

World Bank funding to conduct an assessment of subnational governance and finance in South Asia, 2014-15.

World Bank-Netherlands Partnership Program funding to study the relevance of the political economy of decentralization for development partners, 2007-2011

World Bank Development Economics Committee funding to develop a proposal for a study on comparative decentralization, 2003-2005.

United Nations Capital Development Fund funding to lead a synthetic analysis of decentralization and local governance in Africa, 2001-2003

World Bank funding for research to support the development of City Development Strategies in East Asian metropolitan areas, 1999-2001. (NYU—Institute of Public Administration)

Asian Development Bank Research Department Funding for comparative research on intergovernmental transfers in Asia, 1999-2002 (NYU—Institute of Public Administration)

Humanities, Arts & Social Science Council Award for comparative research on public sector decentralization, 1997-99. (MIT)

United Nations Development Program funding for comparative research on decentralization and good local governance in developing countries, 1997-2000. (MIT)

Humanities, Arts & Social Science Council Award for research on local government in Asia, 1994-95. (MIT)

Ford Foundation Career Development Chair in International Development Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1990-1993.

Humanities, Arts & Social Science Council Award for research on local government in Africa, 1991-92 (MIT).

Goodwin Award (for excellence in teaching), Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Fellowship for graduate research at MIT.

Graduate Studies Fellowship, Department of Economics, Rutgers University  
Magna Cum Laude, Georgetown University.  
Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University.  
George F. Baker Trust Fellowship, Georgetown University.

## **MEMBERSHIPS IN ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

African Studies Association (ASA)  
American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)  
American Economic Association (AEA)  
American Planning Association (APA), International Division  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)  
Harvard Institute for International Development, Associate, 1986-2000  
Hudson Planning Group (New York), Member of the Board of Directors, 2000-2012  
International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)  
International Public Policy Association (IPPA)  
International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)  
International Studies Association (ISA)  
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (Cambridge, MA), Faculty Associate, 1990-1999  
Local Development International (LDI), Senior Partner, since 2013  
National Tax Association (NTA); Former Member, Intergovernmental Relations Committee and International Public Finance Committee  
*Public Administration and Development*, Co-Editor  
International Monetary Fund, Visiting Scholar, Fiscal Affairs Department, 2009-2011  
Urban Institute, Affiliated Scholar, Center on International Development, since 2012  
Overseas Development Institute (UK), Senior Research Associate, since 2014  
Millennium Challenge Corporation Economic Advisory Council, since 2021  
Local Public Sector Alliance, Chair of Advisory Board, 2020-21, Board of Directors, since 2022.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Subnational Government Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic: Expectations, Realities and Lessons for the Future.” (with Mehmet Tosun and Serdar Yilmaz). *Public Administration and Development*, forthcoming 2023).

“Reimagining the Role of Special Financial Intermediaries in Subnational Development Finance.” In David Jackson, ed., *Local Government Finance is Development Finance*. New York, NY: United Nations Capital Development Fund, 2022, pp. 219-245.

*The Role of Subnational Governments in the Covid-19 Pandemic Response: Are There Opportunities for Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform in the Post-Pandemic World?* (With David Gomez, Andres Munoz and Axel Radics). Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank, 2022.

*Using Administrative Decentralization to Support Climate Change Response: Navigating Concepts, Experience and Options for Action*. (With Mitchell Cook). Climate Governance Papers. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2022.

“Political Economy Perspectives on Intergovernmental Fiscal System Design and Implementation in Asia,” in Junghun Kim and Sean Dougherty, eds., *Local Public Finance and Capacity Building in Asia*. Paris: OECD, 2021, pp. 33-54.

*An Intergovernmental Perspective on Managing Public Finance for Service Delivery: Assessing Neglected Issues in the Health Sector and Beyond*. (With Gundula Loeffler). Paper prepared for the NYU Wagner Initiative on Reforming the Aid Architecture for Public Finance Reform, 2021.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in Kenya: The Evolution of Revenue Sharing under New Devolution in a Quasi-Federal System,” With Jamie Boex in Serdar Yilmaz and Farah Zahir, eds., *Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in Federations*. (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2020, p. 296-322).

“Fiscal Decentralization for Inclusive Development: The Role of Institutional Context in Selected Asian Countries,” in Junghun Kim and Sean Dougherty, eds., *Fiscal Decentralization and Inclusive Growth in Asia*. Paris: OECD, 2019, pp. 55-72.

"Rediscovering Urban Finance: Strengthening an Overlooked Foundation of Urban Planning." In Vanessa Watson, Smita Srinivas and Gautam Bhan, eds. *Planning in the Global South* (London: Routledge, 2019).

“Towards a Pragmatic Framework for Improving Subnational Government Access to Development Finance,” *ADB Working Paper 921* Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, January 2018.

“Fiscal Decentralization Frameworks for Agenda 2030: Understanding Key Issues and Crafting Strategic Reforms.” *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*, Vol. 20 (2017), pp. 3-23.

"Looking Beyond Conventional Intergovernmental Fiscal Frameworks: Principles, Realities and Neglected Issues." in Naoyuki Yoshino and Peter Morgan, eds. *Central and Local Government Relations in Asia: Achieving Fiscal Sustainability*. (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2017, pp. 64-102).

"Developing Metropolitan Finance in the Broader Fiscal and Institutional Context," in David Gómez-Álvarez, Eduardo López-Moreno, and Robin Rajack, eds., *Steering the Metropolis* (Washington DC: Inter-American Development Bank, 2017, pp. 174-185).

"Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers: Local Incentives and Responses in Indonesia." With Blane Lewis. *Fiscal Studies*, 38 (1): 111-139 (2017).

“The Political Economy of Local Infrastructure Planning in Developing Countries.” With Leonardo Romeo in Jonas Frank and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, eds. *Decentralization and Infrastructure in the Global Economy: From Gaps to Solutions*. (Oxford: Routledge, 2016, pp. 381-417).

*Sharing Responsibilities and Resources among Levels of Government: Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals* (with Hamish Nixon). (New York, NY: Division of Public Administration and Development Management, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, 2016.

"Managing Public Sector Decentralization in Developing Countries: Moving Beyond Conventional Recipes," *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 35, No. 4 (2015).

"Revitalizing Urban Governance and Finance in South Asia." In Peter Ellis and Mark Roberts, eds. *Leveraging Urbanization in South Asia* (Washington DC: The World Bank, 2015 pp. 79-108).

"Accountability and Service Delivery in Decentralizing Environments: Understanding Context and Strategically Advancing Reform. In Alan Whaites, Eduardo Gonzalez, Sara Fyson and Graham Teskey, eds. *A Governance Practitioner's Notebook: Alternative Ideas and Approaches*. (Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2015, pp. 219-232).

"Rethinking Decentralization: Assessing Challenges to a Popular Public Sector Reform," *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (2015).

"Why Theory and Practice are Different: The Gap Between Principles and Reality in Subnational Revenue Systems," in Richard Bird and Jorge Martinez Vazquez, eds. *Taxation and Development: The Weakest Link*. (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2014).

"Decentralization in Uganda: Reforms, Reversals, and an Uncertain Future," With William Muhumuza and Emmanuel Ssewankambo. In Tyler Dickovich and James Wunsch, eds., *Decentralization in Africa: A Comparative Perspective*. (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2014).

"Recentralization in Developing Countries: Forms, Motivations and Consequences." In Joakim Öjendal and Anki Dellnäs, eds. *The Imperative of Good Local Governance: Challenges for the Next Decade of Decentralization*. (Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 2013).

"Metropolitan Cities in the National Fiscal Structure," In Roy Bahl, Johannes Linn and Debbie Wetzel, eds. *Metropolitan Government Finances in Developing Countries*. (Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute Press, 2013).

"Bridging Public Financial Management and Fiscal Decentralization Reform in Developing Countries." With Annalisa Fedelino in Marco Cangiano, Teresa Curristine and Michel Lazare, eds. *Public Financial Management and its Emerging Architecture*. (Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 2013).

"The Design and Management of Decentralized and Intergovernmental Revenues: A Comparative Perspective," in *Decentralization and the Changing Role of Central Finance Agencies*. (Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2013, pp. 33-46).

"The Evolution of Fiscal Decentralization under Kenya's New Constitution: Opportunities and Challenges." With Kathy Whimp. *National Tax Association Proceedings 2012*.

"Incentives for Local Service Delivery: International Experience and Options for Indonesia," with Blane Lewis, in James Lamont and Handry Imansyah, eds. *Ten Years After the Big Bang: The Future of Fiscal Decentralization in Indonesia*. (Jakarta: University of Indonesia Press, 2012).

"Decentralization in Cambodia: Consolidating Central Power or Building Accountability from Below?" with Joanne Morrison in J. Martinez-Vazquez and F. Vaillancourt, eds., *Decentralization in Developing Countries: Global Perspectives on the Obstacles to Fiscal Devolution* ((Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2011, pp. 313-342).

“Strategic Directions for Urban Public Finance in Developing Countries” in Eugenie Birch and Susan Wachter, eds., *Global Urbanization* (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).

Review of *The New Fiscal Sociology: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective*. (Edited by Isaac William Martin, Ajay K. Mehrotra and Monica Prasad, Cambridge University Press) for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 41 (2011), No. 4, pp. 628-630.

*The Political Economy of Decentralization Reform: Implications for Aid Effectiveness*. With Kent Eaton and Kai Kaiser. (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2011).

*Making Decentralization Work: Democracy, Development and Security*. Edited with Ed Connerley and Kent Eaton. (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010).

#### Chapter 8: “Implementing Decentralization: Meeting Neglected Challenges”

“The Global Financial Crisis and Local Governments.” With Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Francois Vaillancourt. In *World Report on Fiscal Federalism*. Barcelona: Barcelona Institute of Economics, University of Barcelona, 2010.

“Incorporating Subnational Performance Incentives in the Indonesian Intergovernmental Fiscal Framework” with Blane Lewis, *National Tax Association Proceedings* 2009.

*The Impact of the 2008-2009 Global Economic Crisis on Local Governments*. With Jorge Martinez Vazquez and Francois Vaillancourt. Barcelona: United Cities and Local Governments, 2009.

“The Evolution of Subnational Planning under Decentralization Reforms in Kenya and Uganda,” in Victoria Beard, Faranak Miraftab and Christopher Silver, *Decentralization and the Planning Process* (Boulder, CO: Routledge, 2008).

“Local Revenues under Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: Linking Policy Reform, Governance and Capacity,” in Gregory Ingram and Yu-Hung Hong (eds) *Fiscal Decentralization and Land Policies* (Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Press, 2008).

Review of *Managing Change in Local Governance*. (Edited by Munawwar Alam and Andrew Nickson. London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2006) for the journal *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol. 46, No. 1, 151–154, February 2008.

“Fiscal Decentralization and Intergovernmental Relations in Developing Countries: Navigating a Viable Path to Reform,” in G. Shabbir Cheema and Dennis Rondinelli (eds) *Decentralized Governance: Emerging Concepts and Practice* (Washington, DC: Brookings Press, 2007).

“Data Collection and Information Technology: Commentary,” in Roy Bahl and Joan Youngman (eds), *Making the Property Tax Work in Developing and Transitional Countries* (Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Press, 2007).

“Aid, Public Finance and Accountability: Cambodian Dilemmas” with Robert Taliencio, in James Boyce and Madalene O’Donnell (eds) *Peace and the Public Purse: Economic Policies for Postwar Statebuilding* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2007).

*Decentralization in Asia and Latin America: Towards A Comparative Interdisciplinary Perspective.* Edited with George Peterson and Eduardo Gomez. (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2007).

Chapter 1: “Understanding Decentralization: The Need for a Broader Approach” (with Gomez and Peterson)

Chapter 5: “Cambodia’s Nascent Decentralization: From Donor Experiment to Sustainable Government Reform”

Chapter 13: “The Dynamics of Decentralization: Towards a Comparative Interdisciplinary Perspective” (with Gomez)

“Financing Pro-poor Governance in Africa,” in Karen Millet, Dele Olowu and Robert Cameron (eds), *Local Governance and Poverty Reduction in Africa* (Tunis: Joint Africa Institute of the African Development Bank, 2006), pp. 89-104.

“Fiscal Decentralization Policy in Developing Countries: Bridging Theory and Reality,” in Yusuf Bangura and George Larbi, eds., *Public Sector Reform in Developing Countries*. (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2006).

“Fiscal Decentralization for Good Governance and Effective Service Delivery: What Do We Know?” in G. Bertucci and J. Balogun, eds. *Decentralized Governance for Democracy and Development*. (New York: United Nations Department for Economic and Social Development, 2005).

“East Asia Decentralizes” (with Roland White) in *East Asia Decentralizes: Making Local Government Work* (Washington, DC: World Bank, 2005).

“The Rules of the Intergovernmental Game in East Asia: Decentralization Frameworks and Processes,” in *East Asia Decentralizes: Making Local Government Work* (Washington, DC: World Bank, 2005).

“Expenditure Assignment under Indonesia’s Decentralization: A Review of Progress and Issues for the Future,” in James Alm and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia* (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2004).

“Erosion and Reform from the Center in Kenya,” in James Wunsch and Dele Olowu, eds., *Local Governance in Africa: The Challenges of Democratic Decentralization*. (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003).

*Restructuring Local Government Finance in Developing Countries: Lessons from South Africa*. Edited with Roy Bahl. (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2003).

Chapter 1: “An Overview of Fiscal Decentralization in South Africa” (with Bahl)

Chapter 3: “The Local Government Revenue System” (with Bahl and David Solomon)

Chapter 7: “Integrating Fiscal Decentralization Reforms and the Challenge of Implementation” (with Bahl, et. al.)

“Decentralization in Africa: Goals, Dimensions, Myths and Challenges.” *Public Administration and Development*. Vol. 23, No. 1 (2003) (Guest editor of this issue of the journal on “Decentralization and Local Governance in Africa.”)

*Intergovernmental Transfers in Asia: Current Practice and Challenges for the Future*. Edited with Y.H. Kim (Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2002).

Chapter 1: "The Roles and Challenges of Intergovernmental Transfers in Asia" (with Kim)

Chapter 2: "Intergovernmental Transfers in Developing Countries: Concepts, International Practices and Policy Issues" (with Larry Schroeder)

"Strategically Implementing Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries," *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, 2001.

*Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: A Review of Current Concepts and Practice*. (Geneva: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, 2001).

"Strategic Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: Learning from Recent Innovations," in Yusuf, S., W. Wu and S. Evenett, eds., *Local Dynamics in an Era of Globalization* (Oxford and New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2000).

"Capacity Building for Effective Local Governments in Developing Countries," *Proceedings of the American Planning Association*, April 2000.

"Understanding Decentralization in Asia: An Overview of Key Issues and Challenges" *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 20, No. 9 (1999). Longer version in D. Kammeier and H. Demaine, eds., *Decentralization, Local Governance and Rural Development* (Bangkok: Asian Institute of Technology, 2000).

"Improving Infrastructure Finance through Grant-Loan Linkages," *International Journal of Public Administration*, Volume 22, No. 12 (1999).

"Fiscal Decentralization in Indonesia Revisited," with Blane Lewis, *World Development*, Vol. 26, No. 12 (1998).

"Public Sector Decentralization in Developing Countries: A Comparative Perspective on Success and Innovation," with Bish Sanyal, *Proceedings of the American Planning Association*, April 1998.

"The Impact of Public Expenditure Reviews: An Evaluation," with Anwar Shah. (Washington, DC: Operations Evaluation Department, The World Bank, November 1998).

"Designing Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and International Finance Institutions Allocations for Rural Development," *Decentralization for Rural Development* (Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, December 1997).

"Making Progress in Relating Values, Goals and Outcomes in the Evaluation of Local Economic Development Policy," *Economic Development Quarterly*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (1997).

"Fiscal Decentralization in Indonesia: A New Approach to an Old Idea," with Blane Lewis, *World Development*, Vol. 24, No. 8 (1996).



"Decentralization in Africa: Strategies and Opportunities for Reform" *Development Policy Management Review*, December 1996.

Review of *Development Management in Africa: Towards Dynamism, Empowerment and Entrepreneurship* (by Sadig Rasheed and David Fashole Luke, Westview Press, 1995), *Journal of Developing Areas*, Vol. 31, No. 1 (Fall 1996).

*Local Government Finance in Developing Countries: The Case of Kenya* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994).

"Successful African Local Government: Methodological and Conceptual Issues Reconsidered," With Dele Olowu. *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (1993).

"Institutionalizing Decentralized Project Planning Under Kenya's Programme for Rural Trade and Production Centres," With Hugh Evans. *Third World Planning Review*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (1993).

"Local Government Fiscal Reform in Developing Countries: Lessons from Kenya," *World Development*, Vol. 21, No. 6 (1993).

"Determinants of Successful Local Government in Africa," With Dele Olowu, *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (1992). (Co-guest edited special issue of journal.)

"Urban Local Government in Kenya: The Case of Karatina Town Council," *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (1992).

"Rural Local Government in Kenya: The Case of Murang'a County Council," *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (1992).

"Pre-Proposition 2 1/2 State and Local Finance Trends in Massachusetts," with Randall Crane, in L. Susskind, ed., *Proposition 2 1/2: Its Impacts on Massachusetts* (Cambridge, MA: Oelgeschlager, Gunn & Haines, 1984).

"The Pattern of Differential Impacts of Proposition 2 1/2," with Jerome Rothenberg, in L. Susskind, ed., *Proposition 2 1/2: Its Impacts on Massachusetts* (Cambridge, MA: Oelgeschlager, Gunn & Haines, 1984).

*State Tax Reform: Evaluating the Issues*. With Andrew Reschovsky, et. al. (Cambridge, MA: Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard University, 1983).

"Early Impacts of Proposition 2 1/2 on the Massachusetts State-Local Public Sector," With Jerome Rothenberg, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, Winter 1982.

**POLICY ADVISING AND CONSULTING** (Part-time, often over multiple-year periods)

**Subnational Government Commercial Borrowing in Developing Countries** (International Finance Corporation). Scoping of experience and possible options to increase the use of commercial finance, since July 2022.

**Pathways to Urban and Territorial Equality** (United Cities and Local Governments). Provided advice and prepared inputs to support the sixth triennial report of the UCLG Global Observatory on Decentralization and Local Governance (GOLD), September 2021-January 2023.

**Incorporating Climate Change in Decentralization Reform** (World Bank Governance Practice). Working with a team examining how the governance practice at the World Bank can work more closely with the climate change practice in developing WBG programming, June 2020-February 2022).

**Post-Pandemic Fiscal Decentralization Reform** (Inter-American Development Bank). Leading a team examining issues in and prospects for fiscal decentralization reform in the post-pandemic period (May 2020-January 2022).

**Strengthening Subnational Government Evaluation** (World Bank Independent Evaluation Group). Supporting evaluation of World Bank programs to develop subnational government capacity (November 2017-June 2021).

**Subnational Development Finance** (UN Capital Development Fund, UN-Habitat and United Cities and Local Governments). Working on supporting the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development in the area of subnational development finance (since August 2017).

**Supporting Devolution in Kenya** (USAID and DFID through Local Development International) support to Government of Kenya and the Commission on Revenue Allocation in supporting devolution in Kenya (2016-2020).

**Decentralization and Local Governance Support** (European Commission). Working on a series of policy notes, analytical tools, cases studies and conferences (2013-2018).

**Decentralization, Governance and Fiscal Federalism in South Asia** (World Bank). Lead external adviser on urban governance and finance with a team conducting a review of urbanization in the South Asia region (December 2013-December 2015).

**Science of Service Delivery Case Study Review** (World Bank). Worked with a team developing case studies of service delivery for the new Science of Service Delivery initiative (June-December 2013).

**Decentralization and Development Outcomes** (UK Department for International Development, Research and Evidence Division). Led a team preparing a critical literature review of evidence on the role of decentralization/devolution in improving development outcomes at the local level (May-December 2013).

**South Sudan Governance Review** (World Bank). Advising the National Commission on Constitutional Reform and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning on structuring and managing the intergovernmental fiscal system (May 2013-June 2014).

**Political Economy of Decentralization in Uganda** (World Bank). Conducted an analysis of the political economy of further decentralization reforms (June-November 2012).

**Strategic Local Governance and Local Development Framework** (United Nations Development Program). Provided support for the development of a UNDP strategic framework for integrated support to local governance and local development (October 2011-March 2013).

**Kenyan Devolution Support** (World Bank). Providing advice to various Kenyan government agencies on the implementation of the devolution mandated by the 2010 constitution (September 2010-July 2011).

**India 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Report.** (World Bank) Prepared a review of the fiscal decentralization provisions of the Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (October 2010-June 2011).

**Cambodia Decentralization Support** (UNCDF through Local Development International). Providing support on the development of a concept note for new support to the ongoing decentralization (2010).

**Development Partner Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance** (through World Bank, USAID and UCDF). Support on preparing a set of materials and cases on making development partner support for decentralization more effective (January 2010-January 2013).

**Egypt Decentralization Initiative** (USAID). Providing advice to the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Local Development on fiscal decentralization (January 2010-January 2014).

**Cambodian National Program to Support Democratic Development** (British Department for International Development and EuropeAID). Member of a team reviewing the Government of Cambodia's ten-year national decentralization program (July-September 2009).

**Spatial Public Expenditure Reviews** (World Bank, Sustainable Development Network). Lead external advisor on developing Public Expenditure Reviews that take spatial concerns into consideration (March-June 2009).

**Global Forum on Local Development through Local Governments** (UN Capital Development Fund). External advisor on developing and executing a series of events on the role of local governments in promoting local development in developing countries (December 2008-October 2010).

**Global Observatory on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD) Global Report on Local Government Finances** (United Cities and Local Governments). Co-lead technical advisor on a report comparing and assessing the state of local government finances around the world (September 2008-January 2011).

**Australian Local Government Support Projects in Indonesia** (Australian Aid Agency—AusAID). External peer reviewer for local government support projects in Eastern Indonesia (2007-2008).

**Decentralization in Context to Improve Service Delivery** (World Bank Poverty Reduction and Economic Management). Work on country cases/synthesis on the political economy of the design and implementation of decentralization worldwide (2007-2010).

**Democratic Decentralization and Local Governance Handbook** (USAID through Associates in Rural Development). Worked with a team on the development/review of a revised version of the USAID DDLG Handbook (December 2006-July 2008).

**Indonesia Decentralization Support Facility** (World Bank, DFID and multiple other donors). Evaluation of conceptual framework and work programs (2006-2009).

**Cambodia Decentralization Support Project** (UNDP, UN Capital Development Fund and various European bilateral donors). Periodic advisor (2000-2007) to Ministry of Economy and Finance on fiscal decentralization and the Ministry of Interior in developing intergovernmental administrative systems.

**Yemen Decentralization Project** (United Nations Capital Development Fund). Technical advisor (2005-2006) to the Ministry of Local Administration on the development of a national decentralization program.

**East Asia Decentralization Flagship** (*East Asia Decentralizes: Making Local Government Work*). External Advisor (2003-2005) for a World Bank stocktaking of decentralization in East Asia. Joint author of synthetic chapter, sole author of a comparative review of decentralization frameworks and strategies; reviewer of all other chapters.

**Cambodia Public Expenditure Review and Decentralization Operational Support** (World Bank). Prepared background paper on decentralization for the 2003 PER and analytical work for PREM in 2004 on possible Bank support for decentralization.

**Uganda Local Government Finance Commission**. Advisor (2001-2006) to periodically review technical papers and to develop a capacity building program for Commission staff members.

**Decentralization and Local Governance in Africa** (UN Capital Development Fund and Ford Foundation); Lead external advisor (2001-2003) on a series of consultations and state-of-the-art papers on decentralization in Africa; this culminated in a workshop attended by representatives of more than 20 African countries and a special issue of *Public Administration and Development*.

**Indonesia Local Government Finance Project** (USAID). Periodic consultant (2000 to 2002) to the Indonesian Ministry of Finance to assist the government with specific tasks related to local government borrowing and revenue generation policy.

**South Africa Local Government Finance Reform Project** (USAID). Research Director (2000 to 2003) leading a group of international and local researchers in an extensive, empirically grounded examination for the Department of Provincial and Local Government of options for furthering municipal and intergovernmental fiscal reform.

**Indonesia Local Government Reform Program** (World Bank). Periodic consultant (2000 to 2004) on design of a World Bank program to support local government reform and on various technical assistance activities related to local government finance.

**Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in Asia: Current Practice and Challenges for the Future** (Asian Development Bank), Lead external advisor (2000-2002) and volume co-editor for an Asian Development Bank series of studies on intergovernmental fiscal transfers in selected Asian countries, including Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

**Ethiopia Public Expenditure Review on Decentralization** (World Bank). Consultant (1999-2000) on a public expenditure review specifically focused on decentralization to regional and municipal governments.

**Eritrea Municipal Management Program** (UN Office of Project Services). Consultant (1998-1999) on review of municipal finances and management.

**Uganda Local Government Development Program** (World Bank). Periodic consultant (1996-2001) on design and implementation of an innovative local government development program that supported national capacity building and subnational institutional reform and infrastructure development.

**Vietnam Local Development Program** (UN Capital Development Fund). Periodic consultant (1997-1999) on the developing and implementing of a program to pilot decentralization innovations in Danang province.

**East Indonesia Decentralization Development Program** (UNDP). Periodic advisor (1997 to 2000) on the development of UNDP's decentralization support in Indonesia, focusing on local government services, finances and community participation in selected provinces.

**Egyptian Local Administration Reform** (USAID). Consultant (1997-1998) to the Ministry of Local Administration on the development of local administrative capacity.

**Cambodia Local Development Fund** (UN Capital Development Fund). Periodic consultant (1996-2000) on developing of a program to pilot and support local planning, budgeting, and service delivery.

**Kenya Local Government Reform Program** (World Bank). Periodic consultant (1996-2000) on the design and implementation of a local government reform support program.

**India Decentralization** (World Bank). Consultant (1996 to 1998) to review work on urban development and options for implementing the 74th Amendment to the Constitution, with particular emphasis on intergovernmental fiscal relations and infrastructure delivery mechanisms.

**Ethiopia Financial Management Project** (USAID). Consultant (1996 to 1997) on the design of this project with specific reference to options for fiscal decentralization.

**Palestine Local Rural Development Program** (UN Capital Development Fund). Periodic consultant (1995-1998) on the development and implementation of a program to support municipal planning, infrastructure development and finance in West Bank municipalities.

**Brazil Decentralization and Good Governance.** Periodic advisor (1995 to 1999) on an MIT project with the State Governments of Ceará and Maranhao on decentralization and good performance in the local government sector.

**Kenya Small Towns Development Project** (GTZ). Periodic consultant (1990 to 1995) to the Ministry of Local Government on local government institutional and financial reform policy.

**Indonesia Urban and Regional Development Policy Project.** Periodic Advisor (often for months at a time in the period 1990 to 1994) to the Ministry of Finance through the Harvard Institute for International Development on decentralization and local government reform.

**Kenya District Development Project** (USAID through the Harvard Institute for International Development). Regional Planning Advisor (Resident 1987 to 1990) in the Ministry of Planning and National Development working on policy for district planning and local government reform.

**Kenya Local Government Reform** (USAID). Consultant (1985 to 1987) with the Ministry of Local Government on intergovernmental fiscal issues.

### **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS, REPORTS AND POLICY NOTES/VIDEOS**

*The Role of Fiscal Federalism in Public Sector Decentralization Reforms*, draft guidance note prepared for the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, 2023.

*A Strategic Review of Development Partner Support for Municipal Finance in Developing Countries*, prepared for the Institute for Development Studies (UK) and the Swiss Development Corporation, 2022.

“Review of intergovernmental fiscal transfer system reform in West Bank and Gaza” prepared for the World Bank Governance Practice, December 2021.

“Review of infrastructure equalization grant for Indonesia,” prepared for the World Bank Governance Practice, November 2021.

*Advice, Money Results: Rethinking International Support for Managing Public Finance*. Team working paper prepared for the NYU Wagner Project on Reforming the Aid Architecture for Public Finance Reform, June 2020.

“The Role of the Property Tax in Urban Infrastructure Investment and Governance in Developing Countries: Balancing Expectations and Realities,” prepared for a volume edited by Bish Sanyal in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MIT Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies of Developing Areas, January 2019.

“Enhancing Subnational Development Finance: Reforms, Innovations and Strategies for Supporting the Addis Ababa Agenda on Financing for Development,” working paper prepared for the UN Capital Development Fund and UN Habitat, July 2018.

“The Role of Decentralization in Fragile and Post-Conflict States,” prepared for the London School of Economics-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development, January 2018.

"Policies, Reforms and Strategies for Enhancing Subnational Development Finance," prepared for the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development, 2017.

"Fiscal Decentralization Frameworks for Agenda 2030: Understanding Key Issues and Crafting Strategic Reforms," prepared for the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, 2017.

"Looking Beyond Conventional Intergovernmental Fiscal Frameworks: Principles, Realities and Neglected Issues." ADBI Working Paper No. 606 (Tokyo: Asian Development Bank Institute, 2016).

"A Territorial Approach to Local Development: Diagnosing Intergovernmental System Compatibility," draft paper prepared for the European Commission, 2016.

*Public Financial Management in Decentralized and Decentralizing Environments.* E-Learning Reading Pack and Video. Governance and Social Development Resource Center. (Birmingham: University of Birmingham, 2015).

*Decentralization.* E-Learning Reading Pack and Video. Governance and Social Development Resource Center. (Birmingham: University of Birmingham, 2015).

*Financing Urban and Local Government: The Missing Link in Sustainable Development Finance* (Barcelona: United Cities and Local Governments, 2015).

"Decentralized Public Management: Crafting Improved Analysis to Facilitate Better Performance in Developing/Transitioning Nations," paper prepared for the 2015 Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Birmingham, April 2015).

"Enhancing Urban Government Revenues: Political Economy Challenges and Opportunities." in *The Challenge of Local Government Financing in Development Countries* (Nairobi: UN-Habitat, 2015. pp. 37-60).

"The Theory and Reality of Fiscal Decentralization," policy note prepared for the European Commission, July 2014.

"Rethinking Decentralization: Assessing Challenges to a Popular Public Sector Reform," paper prepared for a symposium on Public Administration for Development: Trends and the Way Forward in Beijing, draft paper May 2014.

*The Role of Decentralization/Devolution in Improving Development Outcomes at the Local Level: A Review.* Prepared for the UK Department for International Development, January 2014.

"Fiscal Federalism for Decentralized Service Delivery: Principles, International Practice and Potential Relevance for South Sudan," prepared for the World Bank, South Sudan, June 2013.

"Options for Developing the Intergovernmental System in the New Egypt," paper drafted for the Egyptian Decentralization Initiative and the Ministry of Local Development, Cairo, January 2013.

"The Political Economy of Institutions for Service Delivery," background paper prepared for the World Bank Public Expenditure Review on Decentralization and Service Delivery in Uganda, October 2012.

"Subnational Own Source Revenues and Shared Taxes in Indonesia: Taking Stock and Looking Forward," paper drafted with Rubino Sugana for a conference on Alternative Visions for Decentralization in Indonesia, Jakarta, March 2012.

"Evolving Decentralization Reforms in Cambodia: Deepening or Undermining Local Governance?" paper drafted for the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, October 2011.

“Busan and Beyond: Localizing Paris Principles for More Effective Decentralization and Local Governance Reforms and Development Partner Support”, paper prepared for the Development Partners Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance, October 2011.

“A Review of the Government of India 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (2010-2015) Report: Intergovernmental, State and Local Finances,” prepared for the World Bank and the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, June 2011.

“Recentralization in Developing Countries: What does it look like, why is it happening, and what are the consequences?” prepared for the International Center for Local Democracy, Visby, Sweden, April 2011.

“Devolution in Kenya: Pressing Challenges.” Prepared for the World Bank and the Task Force on Devolution, March 2011.

“Donor Program Harmonization, Aid Effectiveness and Decentralized Governance.” With Matthew Winters. Prepared for the Development Partner Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance, January 2011.

"Uganda Decentralization Assessment." With William Muhumuza and Emmanuel Ssewankambo. Washington, DC: US Agency for International Development, January 2011.

“An Action Plan for Implementing Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Reform in Egypt,” prepared with Jamie Boex for the Ministry of Finance and the Egypt Decentralization Initiative (USAID), Cairo, December 2010.

*Local Government Finances: Meeting the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Global Observatory on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD II) Report. Co-coordinated with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (co-authors of introductory and concluding chapters) for United Cities and Local Governments, Barcelona, November 2010.

“Financing Local Government,” prepared for a curriculum development exercise for the Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Delhi and Bangalore, October 2010.

“Pursuing the Millennium Development Goals through Local Government.” With Vincent Maher. Prepared for the Ministry of Local Government, Kampala, Uganda, September 2010.

“A Fiscal Decentralization Strategy for Egypt,” prepared with Jamie Boex for the Ministry of Finance and the Egypt Decentralization Initiative (USAID), Cairo, June 2010.

“Planning in Developing Countries,” In Tim Halbur and Nate Berg, eds. *Insider’s Guide to Careers in Urban Planning.* Los Angeles, CA: Planetizen Press, 2009.

“Appraisal of the Cambodia National Program for Subnational Democratic Development” with Birgit Kerstan and Jan Rudengren. Submitted to the European Union, September 2009.

“Performance-Based Grants System for Local Government Units in the Philippines” prepared for the World Bank, Manila, June 2009.



“Refinancing the Intergovernmental Transfer System: Options, Obstacles and Challenges,” prepared for the World Bank, Jakarta, August 2008.

“Supporting the Development of Local Government Borrowing in Indonesia: Background Note and Options,” prepared for the World Bank, Jakarta, July 2008.

“Improving Knowledge on Decentralized (Local) Service Delivery Governance and Performance in East Asia (with a focus on Vietnam),” prepared for the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2008.

“Sub-National Performance Incentives in the Intergovernmental Framework: Current Practice and Options for Reform in Indonesia,” prepared with Blane Lewis for the World Bank, Jakarta, January 2008.

“Indonesia Decentralization Support Future Directions,” prepared for the World Bank and DFID, June 2007.

“Cambodia Decentralization Support Program Project Document,” team member, prepared for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, March 2007.

“Substantive and Technical Review of the Indonesia Decentralization Support Facility Concept Note and Work Plan,” prepared for the World Bank and DFID, January 2007 and March 2007.

“UNCDF Support for Decentralization in Cambodia under the PSDD,” prepared for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, November 2006.

“Program to Support Decentralization and Deconcentration,” multi-donor project document prepared for DFID, SIDA and UNDP, September 2006.

“Support for Fiscal Decentralization in Cambodia,” prepared for the United Nations Capital Development Fund and United Nations Development Program, March 2006.

“Developing a Decentralization Strategy for Yemen,” prepared for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, August 2005.

“Developing Local Government Revenues in Cambodia,” prepared for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, New York, December 2004.

“Operational Support Strategy for Decentralization in Cambodia,” prepared with Roland White for the World Bank, April 2004.

“Final Report on Capacity Building for the Local Government Finance Commission,” prepared for the Local Government Finance Commission, December 2003.

“Decentralization” background paper for the *Cambodia Integrated Fiduciary Assessment and Public Expenditure Review*, prepared for the Government of Cambodia and the World Bank, October 2002.

“Options for Structuring On-Lending to Local Governments in Indonesia,” prepared for the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank, Jakarta, Indonesia, September 2002.

“Review of New Local Taxes and Charges under Decentralization,” prepared for the Ministry of Finance and the US Agency for International Development, Jakarta Indonesia, August 2002.

“Capacity Building Plan and Budget for the Local Government Finance Commission: Phase I,” prepared for the Local Government Finance Commission, Uganda, December 2001.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform in South Africa,” with Roy Bahl, Andy Reschovsky and Larry Schroeder, final report of the South Africa Local Government Financial Reform Project financed by USAID for the Department of Provincial and Local Government, Pretoria, October 2001.

“Indonesia Urban Local Governance Reform Project,” draft Project Concept Document prepared with Ani Dasgupta, Ben Fisher, and Paul McCarthy for the World Bank Urban Development Division, August 2001.

“Review of Uganda’s Draft Fiscal Decentralization Strategy,” prepared for the Local Government Finance Commission, Uganda, August 2001.

“Moving Forward with Local Government Financial Reform,” prepared with USAID funding for the Department of Provincial and Local Government, Pretoria, June 2001.

#### SELECTED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Climate Change Strategy and India’s Federalism,” panelist on a virtual conference hosted by the World Bank India, November 2022.

“Planning and Financing Climate Resilient Urban Development in Developing Countries: Recent Thinking and Experience,” organized a panel at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning annual conference, Toronto, November 2022.

“How Can NASPAA Schools Better Prepare Graduates to Meet the Challenges of Sustainable Development?”, organized a panel at the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration annual conference, Chicago, October 2022.

“Strategically Thinking about Making the Elements of the Global Financial Ecosystem Work for Cities and Local Governments,” invited virtual speaker at the annual meeting of the Malaga Global Coalition for Municipal Finance, Malaga, Spain, June 2022.

“Using Decentralization to Support Climate Change Action,” presented at a virtual conference on Decentralization and Climate Change, International Center for Policy Studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, June 2022.

“What Does Participatory Budgeting Promise for Fiscal Governance and What Does It Deliver?” speaker at a virtual OECD conference on Dispelling Myths about Participatory Budgeting across Levels of Government, Paris, April 2022.

“How Intergovernmental Institutional Structures Shape Opportunities for Fiscal Equalization,” speaker at a virtual OECD conference on Going Beyond Fiscal Equalisation: Institutional and Fiscal Tools to Fight Territorial Inequalities, Paris, March 2022.

“The Role of Governance in Optimizing Local Revenue Collection in Developing Countries,” presented to a UN-Habitat seminar (virtual) on Leveraging Land for Delivery of Services, Building the Social Contract and Promoting Peace and Security, Nairobi, March 2022.

“Assessing the Landscape of Development Partner Support for Municipal Finance in Developing Countries,” led a virtual webinar for the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, December 2021.

“Public Finance and Service Delivery in a Decentralized Context: Where are the Knowledge Gaps and Promising Avenues for Future Research?” led a virtual roundtable for the Overseas Development Institute Public Finance and Development Program, London, December 2021.

“Expanding Urban Infrastructure Finance: A Neglected Foundation of Sustainable Development Planning,” convened a roundtable of academics and practitioners at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning annual research conference (virtual), October 2021.

“What is the Role of the Sustainable Development Goals at NASPAA Schools” organized a virtual roundtable for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration annual conference, October 2021.

“Municipal Finance in Intergovernmental Systems: Considering Norms, Realities and Possibilities,” presented to a seminar at the Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, September 2021.

“Decentralization and Localization in Asia: Implications for Public Financial Management,” panelist for a webinar, Local Public Sector Alliance, September 2021.

“Using Decentralization to Support Climate Change Response: Navigating Concepts, Experiences and Options for Action,” webinar presented to the World Bank Governance Practice, Washington, DC, July 2021.

“Regional and Local Productivity in the Public Sector: Where Do We Stand?” webinar panelist, Productivity Policy for Places Project, OECD, Paris, May 2021.

“Subnational Administration/Governance and Climate Change Policy,” presented to the Climate Governance Program at the World Bank, Washington, DC, April 2021.

“The Evolution of Decentralization in Africa and Prospects for the Future,” presented virtually at the American University in Cairo, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, Cairo, January 2021.

“Decentralization and Climate Change,” invited panelist at a World Bank virtual roundtable, Washington, DC, October 2020.

“Innovations in Urban/Municipal Finance: What is Desirable, What Actually Happens and What More Can be Done?” webinar for the Special Program on Urban and Regional Studies in Developing Areas, MIT, Cambridge, MA, May 2020.

“Defending and Promoting Civic Space: Citizen Engagement, the Civic Square and SDG16,” virtual roundtable panelist, NASPAA annual conference, October 2020.

“Fiscal Decentralization and Coronavirus: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-Pandemic World” keynote speaker for an Inter-American Development Bank webinar, September 2020.

“The Role of Local Governments in Pandemics,” discussant at a World Bank webinar, Washington DC, May 2020.

“Strengthening Subnational Governments: Understanding World Bank Interventions in the Context of Global Evidence,” prepared for the Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank, Washington DC, January 2020.

“Incorporating Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Understanding Service Delivery,” presented at the Gates Foundation, Washington DC, December 2019.

“The Challenge of Urban Governance in Kenya’s Devolution,” presented to the Kenya Urban Support Program, Nairobi, November 2019.

“Building Institutions to Promote Inclusive and Consequential Civic Engagement in Governance: Bridging Research, Pedagogy and Practice” Organized a roundtable from several NASPAA schools for the NASPAA annual conference, Los Angeles, October 2019.

“The State of Global Subnational Finance,” keynote speaker at the OECD/UCLG World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment, Paris, June 2019.

“Kenya's Evolving Devolution: Opportunities and Challenges,” presented to Strathmore Business School group, New York, June 2019.

“Rethinking Public Financial Management in Developing Countries,” presented at Symposium on Managing Public Finances in Developing Countries: Country Perspectives and External Support in a Changing Landscape, at NYU DC, Washington, DC, May 2019.

“Local Fiscal Capacity and Performance: Understanding Neglected Challenges and Shaping Strategic Solutions” keynote speaker at the Roundtable of the Network on Fiscal Relations in Asia, sponsored by the OECD, Asian Development Bank and Korean Institute of Public Finance, Seoul, February 2019.

“Strategically Implementing Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: What We Know and What We Need to Know,” presented at Fiscal Decentralization Made Effective—Concepts, Challenges and Solutions, organized by Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex (UK), December 2018.

“Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: Why Theory and Practice Differ,” presented at Fiscal Decentralization Made Effective—Concepts, Challenges and Solutions, organized by Lucerne University

of Applied Sciences and Arts and the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex (UK), December 2018

"Should NASPAA Schools Rethink International Development Curriculum Offerings?" Organized a roundtable from several NASPAA schools for the NASPAA annual conference, Atlanta, October 2018.

"Kenya's Evolving Devolution: Opportunities and Challenges," presented to Strathmore Business School group, New York, June 2018.

"Fitter Finance for Sustainable Cities: The Role of Special Financial Intermediaries in Subnational Development Finance," UN Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development, New York, April 2018.

"The Challenge of Vertical Integration: Balancing Central and Subnational Roles in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals," Symposium on Governance for Implementing the Sustainable Development Commitments in Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, December 2017.

"Towards a Framework for Improving Subnational Government Development Finance in Emerging Economies," presented at the Asian Development Bank Institute Conference on Managing Private and Local Government Debt in Asia, Tokyo, December 2017.

"Reforms and Strategies for Expanding Subnational Development Finance," keynote at Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development Expert Group Meeting on Subnational Finance, New York, November 2017.

"Fiscal Decentralization Frameworks for Agenda 2030: Understanding Key Issues and Crafting Strategic Reforms," plenary presentation to the Commonwealth Local Government Conference, Malta, November 2017.

"The Cooperative City: Urban Infrastructure Development and South-South Cooperation," discussant for a seminar at the Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies, MIT, Cambridge, MA, November 2017.

"Managing Central-Subnational Relations in Approaching the Sustainable Development Goals," presented to the Division of Public Administration and Development Management, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, New York, NY, November 2017.

"The Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda: Implications for Urban Governance and Finance in Developing Countries," organized and presented at a panel at the American Collegiate Schools, Denver, CO, October 2017.

"Building Effective and Accountable Public Institutions: Preparing NASPAA Graduates for Strategic Action to Promote SDG 16 in Developing Countries," organized a panel for the NASPAA Conference, Washington, DC, October 2017.

"Kenya's Devolution in Comparative Perspective: The Political Economy of Institutional Reforms and Capacity Development," presented to the Kenya School of Government, Nairobi, July 2017.

"Revisiting Fiscal Decentralization in Kenya: Evidence on Performance and Evaluating Reform Options," presented to the Kenya Commission on Revenue Allocation, Nairobi, July 2017.

"Global Development Agendas as a Challenge for Policy Coordination in Multi-Level Governance Systems," organized a panel for the International Conference on Public Policy (International Public Policy Association), National University of Singapore, Singapore, June 2017.

"Beyond Conventional Intergovernmental Fiscal Thinking: Understanding Fiscal Decentralization Performance," presented at the Summer Institute in Public Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, June 2017.

"Kenya's Evolving Devolution: Opportunities and Challenges," presented to Strathmore Business School group, New York, June 2017.

"Leveraging Performance Based Financing and Accountability for Local Governments: An International Perspective," keynote speaker at a Asia regional conference sponsored by the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid, the World Bank and the Governments of India and Indonesia, Delhi and Kolkata, May 2017.

"The Shifting Political Economy of Development Assistance: Implications for the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals" organized and panel and presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, February 2017.

"Financing the New Urban Agenda: Connecting the Global to the Local" presented at a conference on Advancing the New Urban Agenda in a Shifting World, Penn Institute for Urban Research, Philadelphia, December 2016.

"Planning for a Global Future: Reimagining Global Planning Education for the 21st Century," invited panelist at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Portland, November 2016.

"Rethinking Intergovernmental Transfers in Indonesia: Assessing Options for Reform," panelist on a series of a workshop with the Ministry of Finance, Jakarta, October 2016.

"Sharing Responsibilities and Resources: Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals," presented to a seminar on Localizing Global Agendas, Asian Development Bank, Manila, September 2016.

"Kenya's Devolution in Comparative Perspective: Opportunities and Challenges," presented to Strathmore Business School group, New York, June 2016.

"Reimagining Governance Reform at the Subnational Level," presented at the OECD-Asian Development Bank Conference on New Ideas in Governance--Do They Work in Practice?, Manila, May 2016.

"The Growing Role for Municipal Finance in Financing for Development," presented at a UN Economic and Social Council Financing for Development Forum Event, UN Headquarters, New York, April 2016.

"Piloting an Integrated Decentralization Diagnostic Framework" presented at a Conference on Territorial Approaches to Local Development in Africa sponsored by the European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Dar es Salaam, April 2016

"The Role of Local Governments in Pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals," presented at a Conference on Territorial Approaches to Local Development in Africa sponsored by the European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Dar es Salaam, April 2016.

"Decentralization: Getting Beyond Conventional Recipes," presented at a session on Public Sector Management: Beyond Efficiency at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, March 2016.

"Financing Local Governments in Developing Countries: Conventional Wisdom and Recent Thinking" presented at the Democratization, Decentralization and Local Governance Retreat on Local Taxation and Financing, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton (UK), March 2016.

Keynote speaker at a Roundtable on Strengthening Local Governance and Accountability, USAID Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, Washington DC, March 2016.

Keynote (virtual) speaker at the Africa Consultation on Implementing the Addis Ababa Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals: The Role of Municipal Finance, sponsored by the UN Capital Development Fund and UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Dar es Salaam, March 2016.

"Can Decentralization Reforms in Asia Support a Territorial Approach to Local Development?" presented at a Conference on Territorial Approaches to Local Development in Asia sponsored by the European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Jakarta, February 2016.

"Diagnosing Context in Approaching Public Sector Reform: Towards an Integrated Decentralization Diagnostic Framework" presented at a Conference on Territorial Approaches to Local Development in Asia sponsored by the European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Jakarta, February 2016.

"Sharing Responsibilities and Resources among Levels of Government: Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals," presented to the UN Expert Group Meeting on Moving from Commitments to Results in Building Effective, Sustainable and Inclusive Institutions, UN Headquarters, New York, February 2016.

"Global Lessons from Property Tax Reform in Middle Income and Developing Countries," presented at a Property Tax Advisory Roundtable for the Chinese Ministry of Finance sponsored by Peking University/Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, Beijing, January 2016.

"Transcending Bureaucratic Conformity: Using Technical Reforms in Context" presented at the NASPAA conference, New York, October 2015.

"Rethinking International Development in NASPAA Schools: Perspectives from New York Schools," convener of a panel at the NASPAA conference, New York, October 2015.

"Kenya's Devolution Five Years after the Constitution: Taking Stock of Fiscal Reforms," presented at the Kenya Commission on Revenue Allocation, Nairobi, October 2016.

“Decentralization, Local Governance and Intergovernmental Relations in Developing Countries,” presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, October 2015.

"Can Local Government Performance be Improved with New Incentives in Intergovernmental Transfers? Opportunities and Obstacles to DAK Reform in Indonesia," presented at the World Bank, Washington DC, September 2015.

"The Political Economy of Democratic Local Governance Reforms in Asia: A Review," presented at the Asian Development Bank/Learn4Dev conference on External Support for Decentralization Reforms & Local Governance Systems in the Asia Pacific: Better Performance, Higher Impact?, Manila, August 2015.

"Assessing Performance Based Grants," presented at the Asian Development Bank/Learn4Dev conference on External Support for Decentralization Reforms & Local Governance Systems in the Asia Pacific: Better Performance, Higher Impact?, Manila, August 2015.

"Innovating Effectively in the National and Local Context," keynote talk presented at a GIZ/Asian Development Bank/Governance Asia Network seminar on Innovations in Public Services: Doing Things Differently, Manila, August 2015.

"India Smart Cities Mission: Potential Opportunities and Issues," presented at the World Bank, Delhi, June 2015.

"Kenya's Devolution in Comparative Perspective: Opportunities and Challenges," presented to Strathmore Business School group, New York, June 2015.

"Governing the City," presented at a conference on Open Society and the City, Open Society Foundation, New York, NY, April 2015.

"Why Do We Need Political Economy Analysis for Decentralization Reform?" presented at a Conference on Decentralization, Local Governance and Territorial Development at the European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Brussels, April 2015.

"Financing Urban and Local Government: The Missing Link in Sustainable Development Finance" presented at a Financing for Development session on Mobilizing Local Finance to Support the Post-2015 Development Agenda, UN Headquarters, New York, April 2015.

"Decentralized Public Management: Crafting Improved Analysis to Facilitate Better Performance in Developing/Transitioning Nations," paper prepared for the 2015 Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Birmingham, March 2015.

"Navigating Tensions between Policy Integration and Decentralization," presented to the UN Expert Group Meeting on Policy Integration in Pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, UN Headquarters, New York, January 2015.

"Fiscal Autonomy and Local Government Finance" prepared for a conference on Sustainable Local Government Financing, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, November 2014.



"Decentralization and the Politics of Service Delivery," moderated and presented at a roundtable at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Albuquerque, October 2014.

"Does Decentralization Promote Social Cohesion?" session presented for the Development Partners Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance, Bonn, October 2014.

"Decentralization, Local Governance and Intergovernmental Relations in Developing Countries," presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, October 2014.

"Enhancing Urban Government Revenues: Political Economy Challenges and Opportunities" presented at the UN-HABITAT conference on The Challenge of Local Government Finance in Developing Countries, Barcelona, July 2014.

"Can Decentralization Improve Local Development Outcomes? Expectations, Evidence and Challenges" presented at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn, June 2014.

"Rethinking Decentralization: Assessing Challenges to a Popular Public Sector Reform," presented at a symposium on Public Administration for Development: Trends and the Way Forward, United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies and Fudan University School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai, June 2014.

"Transforming Urban Finance and Governance in South Asia," keynote speaker at for the South Asia Region Mayors Forum and Workshop on Managing Urbanization, Kandy, Sri Lanka, May 2014.

"Decentralization, Development and Public Sector Governance: Evolving Perspectives from Global Experience," presented at the Asia Regional Forum on the Journey to and from Middle Income Status: Challenges for Public Sector Managers, organized by the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center (PRC Ministry of Finance), and the Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results/Asian Development Bank, Shanghai, April 2014.

"Resourcing Kenya's New Devolution," presented at the Council of Governors Conference "One Year into Devolution: Celebrating the Milestones, Confronting the Challenges," Mombasa, April 2014.

"Kenya's Devolution in Historical and International Perspective," presented at the US Agency for International Development, Nairobi, April 2014.

"Financing Devolution in Kenya: Getting it Right" presented to the Kenya Parliamentary Study Group, Nairobi, March 2014.

"Does Decentralization Improve Development Outcomes? Working through the Evidence," presented at the UK Department for International Development, Research and Evidence Division, London, March 2014.

"If All Politics is Local, Is Decentralization the Solution?" invited speaker at a conference on Making Services Work for Poor People: The Science and Politics of Service Delivery" World Development

Report 2004 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hosted by the Overseas Development Institute and the World Bank, Washington DC, February 2014.

“Urban Finance and Governance: A Global Perspective,” invited speaker at a conference on Urbanization in India: Challenges and the Way Forward hosted by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations and the Institute for New Economic Thinking, New Delhi, January 2014.

“Reclaiming Central Authority: Have Developing Countries Changed their Minds About Fiscal Decentralization?” paper presented at the National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, Tampa, November 2013.

“Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Finance Reforms: Cases from Developing Countries,” convener/moderator of a panel at the National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, Tampa, November 2013.

“The Role of Decentralization/Devolution in Improving Local Development Outcomes,” presentation for a UK Department for International Development governance advisors meeting, New Delhi, November 2013.

“Empowering Local Governments: The Critical Role of Autonomy and Accountability in Decentralization” presented at a European Union conference on Decentralization and Local Governance in Africa, Nairobi, November 2013.

“Looking Back: What has been the Impact of Three Decades of Decentralization in Africa?” presented at a European Union conference on Decentralization and Local Governance in Africa, Nairobi, November 2013.

“New Directions in Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries,” presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, October 2013.

“Understanding Metropolitan Cities in the National Fiscal and Institutional Structure,” World Bank Institute/Lincoln Institute of Land Policy webinar series on Financing Metropolitan Government in Developing Countries, October 2013.

“Participation and Local Basic Services,” invited speaker at the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, United Cities and Local Governments, Rabat, Morocco, October 2013.

“Broadening and Globalizing the International Development Curriculum in Public Service Education,” convener of a panel at the NASPAA conference, Washington, DC, October 2013.

“Understanding the Science of Service Delivery,” invited panelist for review meetings on an evolving approach to improved case studies of service delivery, Knowledge Management Group, World Bank, Washington DC, July 2013 and September 2013.

“Fiscal Federalism Models for Service Delivery: Principles, Practice and Relevance for South Sudan,” presented at the South Sudan Workshop on Decentralized Service Delivery: Options for Institutional Arrangements,” Ebony Center for Strategic Studies, Juba, June 2013.

“Multi-Level Approaches to Supporting Democratic Local Governance,” presented to the Development Partners Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance Annual Meeting, United Nations, New York, NY, June 2013.

“Decentralization: Glue or Solvent for States in Conflict,” panelist at Fragility Forum, Global Center on Conflict, Security and Development, World Bank, Washington DC, May 2013.

“Creating Partnerships for Strategic Planning,” presented at the Global Lab on Metropolitan Strategic Planning, Regional Plan Association and World Bank Institute, New York, NY, April 2013.

“The Emergence of Recentralization in Developing Countries: Forms, Motivations and Consequences,” presented at The International Studies and Planning lecture series at Cornell University, Ithaca NY, March 2013.

“Reclaiming Central Government Authority: Is Public Sector Decentralization in Retreat?” presented in the Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies seminar series at the International Development Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA, March 2013.

“The Winners Take it All? Political Economy Challenges in the Decentralization of Infrastructure” presented at a conference on Decentralization and Infrastructure: Gaps and Solutions at the World Bank, Washington DC, February 2013.

“The Role of International Development Partners in Supporting Decentralization” presented to the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank, Manila, November 2012.

“Design and Management of Decentralized and Intergovernmental Revenues: A Comparative Perspective,” presented at a conference on the Changing Role of Central Finance Agencies under Decentralization, sponsored by the Asia-Pacific and Latin-America Interregional Forum on Managing for Development Results, Manila, November 2012.

“Decentralization and Intergovernmental Relations in Developing Countries,” presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, October 2012.

“The Political Economy of Local Infrastructure Planning in Developing Countries.” Presented at a conference in honor of Dana Weist on Infrastructure and Decentralization, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, September 2012.

“Why Theory and Practice are Different: The Gap Between Principles and Reality in Subnational Revenue Systems” presented at a conference on Taxation and Development, Andrew Young School of Policy Students, Georgia State University, Atlanta, September 2012.

“Reinventing Local Government in Uganda: Needs, Options and Political Realities,” presented at the World Bank, Kampala, August 2012.

“Delivering Public Services at the Local Level,” keynote speaker at a conference on Public Sector Management in Support of the Millennium Development Goals sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results and the UN Economic and Social

Commission for Asia and the Pacific/Asian Development Bank/United Nations Development Program Regional Partnership for Achieving the MDGs, Bangkok, June 2012.

“Decentralization Trends, Challenges and Strategies: Lessons from International Experience and New Directions,” presented at a seminar on Intergovernmental Relations, Poverty Reduction and Economic Development Group, the World Bank, Washington DC, May 2012.

“The Political Economy of Decentralization: Analyzing Dynamics for Effective Program Design,” presented at a seminar on Intergovernmental Relations, Poverty Reduction and Economic Development Group, the World Bank, Washington DC, May 2012.

“Designing and Implementing Decentralization and an Intergovernmental System: Lessons from International Experience and Options for Egypt,” organized a workshop on the development of a policy paper on decentralization and local administration in Egypt. Cairo, April 2012.

“Decentralization and the Intergovernmental System in Indonesia,” presented to a conference on Decentralization and Local Government Reform: International Experiences and Lessons from Egypt,” Cairo, April 2012.

“Building Capacity for Decentralization: Lessons from International Experience,” presented to a conference on Decentralization and Local Government Reform: International Experiences and Lessons from Egypt,” Cairo, April 2012.

“Rethinking International Development Education,” presented at a conference on Reframing International Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA, April 2012.

“Own Source Revenues and Shared Taxes in Indonesia: Taking Stock and Moving Forward,” presentation at the Conference on Alternative Visions for Decentralization in Indonesia (sponsored by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Planning Board), Jakarta, March 2012.

“Fiscal Decentralization under Kenya’s New Constitution,” presented at the National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, New Orleans, November 2011.

“What Have We Learned from Four Decades of Donor Support for Public Sector Reform in Developing and Transition Countries?” panelist at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Washington DC, November 2011.

“International Organizations, Development and the Policy Process,” invited discussant for a panel at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 2011.

“Devolution in Kenya: Balancing Reform Opportunities and Challenges,” presented at the Center for International Development and Governance, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC, November 2011.

“Global Trends in Decentralization and Intergovernmental Relations,” presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, November 2011.

“Evolving Decentralization Reforms in Cambodia: Deepening or Undermining Local Governance,” presented at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Research Conference, Salt Lake City, October 2011.

“The Developmental State, Public Policy and the Public Sector,” invited discussant for a panel at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Research Conference, Salt Lake City, October 2011.

“Performance Incentives for Improving Local Service Delivery: International Experience and Relevance for Indonesia,” prepared for the International Conference on Fiscal Decentralization in Indonesia: A Decade after the Big Bang, Jakarta, September 2011.

“Metropolitan Cities in the National Fiscal Structure,” presented at a conference on Metropolitan Government Finance in Developing Countries, Brookings Institution, Washington DC. July 2011.

“Devolution In Kenya: Achievements and Challenges in Comparative Perspective” presented to the Kenya Political Parties Forum, Nairobi, June 2011.

“Developing Intergovernmental Transfers in Kenya,” presented to the Commission on Revenue Allocation, Nairobi, June 2011.

“Advancing Devolution in Kenya: Lessons from International Experience,” presentation at the International Symposium on Devolved Governance, Kenyatta International Conference Center,” Nairobi, June 2011.

“Bridging Public Financial Management and Decentralization Reforms,” presented at the European Commission to the Donor Partners Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance, Brussels, May 2011.

“Assessing New Institutions and Policymaking Outcomes,” presented at a conference on Participatory Governance and Decentralization, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, May 2011.

“Incorporating Political Economy Analysis into Decentralization Programs,” presented at a seminar on Decentralization, Intergovernmental Reforms and Performance, the World Bank, Washington DC, April 2011.

“International Experience with Implementing Devolution,” presented to the Kenya National Task Force on Devolution, Nairobi, March 2011.

“Main Findings and Recommendations: Local Government Finances: The Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” presented at the World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments, Mexico City, November 2010.

“Developing a Fiscal Decentralization Strategy for Egypt,” presented at a Ministry of Finance/Egypt Decentralization Initiative Seminar on Fiscal Decentralization, Cairo, November 2010.

“Learning from International Experience with Decentralization Policy Design and Implementation” presentation to a panel of government ministers at the Global Forum on Local Development, Kampala, October 2010.

“Preliminary Findings of the Draft Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD II) on International Local Government Finances,” presented at United Cities and Local Governments Global Headquarters, Barcelona, August 2010.

“Pursuing the Millennium Development Goals through Decentralization and Local Government: Lessons from International Experience” presented to a seminar at the United Nations Development Program Regional Headquarters, Bangkok, July 2010.

“An Operational Perspective on the Political Economy of Decentralization,” presented to the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Development Partners Working Group on Decentralization and Local Governance, World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2010.

“Localizing Economic Development: Framing Key Issues” presented to the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, June 2010.

“Towards a Fiscal Decentralization Strategy in Egypt: Background and Options” presented at the Ministry of Finance, Arab Republic of Egypt, Cairo, May 2010.

“Recentralization in Developing Countries: What does it look like, why is it happening, and what are the consequences?” presentation prepared for a conference on The State of the Art of Local Governance: Challenges for the Next Decade at the International Center for Local Democracy, Visby, Sweden, April 2010.

“The Global State of Decentralization and Intergovernmental Relations,” presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, March 2010.

“Beyond Easterly, Sachs and Collier: Theory and Practice in Foreign Assistance,” chaired a panel at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.

“Understanding the Terrain of Local Governance and Decentralization Programs,” keynote speaker at the Asia Foundation Local Governance Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 2009.

“The Political Economy of Decentralization in Cambodia,” presented at the World Bank-Netherlands Partnership Program Workshop on Decentralization, Accountability, and Service Delivery, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2009.

“Innovative Planning and Policy-Making for Development in Uncertain Times,” convened a roundtable for the American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Washington DC, October 2009.

“The Political and Institutional Dynamics of Decentralization: The Case of Uganda” presented at a conference on the Political Economy of Decentralization, New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, October 2009.

“Update on the Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD II) on International Local Government Finances,” presented at United Cities and Local Governments Global Headquarters, Barcelona, July 2009.

“Rethinking Local Government Reform,” presented at a workshop hosted by the World Bank in Manila, June 2009.

“Advancing Knowledge Management in Government,” presented at the United Nations Expert Group Meeting and Capacity Development Workshop on Promoting Innovations in Governance and Public Administration, United Nations, New York, June 2009.

“Understanding and Learning from the Political Economy of Decentralization Reform,” presented at the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Seminar, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, World Bank, Washington DC, May 2009

“Developing Spatial Public Expenditure Reviews: Key Questions and Issues,” presented to the Sustainable Development Network, World Bank, Washington DC, April 2009.

“Developing a Global Forum on Local Development through Local Government,” gave presentation and moderated discussion at a meeting of an external advisory panel to the UN Capital Development Fund, New York, March 2009.

“The UK and International Development: Moral Vision or Business as Usual?” chair and discussant at a paper session at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 2009.

“Strategies for Approaching Local Government Reform: Lessons from International Experience,” presented to the Kenya Local Government Reform Program, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Local Government, Nairobi, Kenya, January 2009.

“The Role of Decentralized Tiers of Government,” presented at a conference on Reforming for Results: Can Public Financial Management Reform Uplift Government Performance?, Center for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK, November 2008.

“Incorporating Subnational Performance Incentives in the Indonesian Intergovernmental Fiscal Framework,” presentation to (and chaired panel at) the National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, Philadelphia PA, November 2008.

“Substantive and Practical Foundations of an International Development Curriculum,” organized a roundtable for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, October 2008.

“Decentralization in Cambodia”, presentation at a Conference on Decentralization in Difficult Environments, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, September 2008.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations,” chair of a session at a conference on Local Public Finance and Property Taxation in China, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA, May 2008.

“Lessons for Africa from International Participatory Experience,” presentation prepared for a conference on Participatory Budgeting in Africa, sponsored by the World Bank Institute, the Municipal Development Partnership for East and Southern Africa, and NYU/Wagner, Durban, South Africa, March 2008.

“Sub-National Performance Incentives in the Intergovernmental Framework: Current Practice and Options for Reform in Indonesia,” presented at the Decentralization Support Facility, Jakarta, Indonesia, January 2008.

“How to Succeed with Public Financial Management Reform in Difficult Governance Contexts: Implications for Policy Makers and Researchers” invited lead advisor and discussant for a conference on Tales of the Unexpected: Public Financial Management Reform in Difficult Environments, Center for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK, November 2007.

“New Directions in Urban Planning Scholarship, Training and Practice: Globalization and Urbanization in the Developing World, invited panelist at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 2007.

“Teaching International Development in Schools of Public Affairs and Administration: Needs, Opportunities and Challenges,” organized a roundtable for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, October 2007.

“Leveraging Interjurisdictional Competition to Improve Subnational Performance,” invited discussant at a seminar sponsored by the Public Sector Governance Department of the World Bank, Washington, DC 2007.

“Financing Urban Government in Developing Countries,” prepared for the Rockefeller Foundation Global Urban Summit, Bellagio, Italy, July 2007.

“Civic Engagement and Public Sector Reform in Developing Countries,” prepared for the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Forum in Reinventing Government on Building Trust through Civic Engagement, Vienna, Austria, June 2007.

“Local Revenues under Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries: Linking Policy Reform, Governance and Capacity,” prepared for a conference on Land Policies under Fiscal Decentralization held at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA, June 2007.

“Decentralization and Democratic Governance Reform,” invited discussant at two workshops on the revision of the United States Agency for International Development’s Decentralization and Democratic Local Governance Handbook, Burlington, VT, January 2007 and Washington, DC, March 2007.

“Civic Engagement,” invited discussant at the chapter review workshop for the 2007 UN World Public Sector Report, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, New York, NY, November 2006.

“Making the Property Tax Work in Developing and Transition Countries,” invited discussant at a Lincoln Institute of Land Policy/Georgia State University conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2006.

“Donor Coordination to Support Decentralization in Cambodia,” presentation to the Donor Decentralization Coordination Group, Phnom Penh, September 2006.



“Decentralization, Local Governance and Democratization,” invited discussant on a set of papers prepared for a USAID Office of Democracy and Governance workshop, Washington, DC, George Washington University, September 2006.

“Building Decentralization in a Post-Conflict State: the Case of Cambodia,” presented at the World Planning Schools Congress, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, July 2006.

“Managing the Political and Institutional Dynamics of Implementing Decentralization,” presented at the World Bank Institute seminar on Decentralization, Washington, DC, May 2006.

“Decentralization and Fiscal Disparities in Korea,” invited discussant at a Workshop on Metropolitan Governance sponsored by the Metropolitan Government of Seoul, South Korea, April 2006.

“Implementation Strategy: The Missing Element in Decentralization?” presented to a seminar on Decentralizing Governance in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Ash Institute, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, March 2006.

“Fiscal Decentralization, Center-Local Relations and Local Services,” presented to a UNDP workshop on Service Delivery for the Millennium Development Goals, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi, December 2005.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Asia,” chair of a panel at the National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, Miami, Florida, November 2005.

“Strategies for Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries,” presented to the Program on Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Financial Management, Duke University, July 2005.

“Financing Pro-Poor Governance,” presented to the Workshop on Local Governance and Poverty Alleviation in Africa, Joint Africa Institute/African Development Bank, Tunis, Tunisia, June 2005.

“Public Finance in Post-Conflict States: The Case of Cambodia,” prepared for a Conference on Public Sector Reform in Post-Conflict Countries, New York, New York, NYU Center on International Cooperation, June 2005.

“Fiscal Decentralization: Principles and Challenges,” presented to a Workshop on Fiscal Decentralization hosted by Local Government Denmark and GEPPA, a network of decentralization researchers based at the Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, January 2005.

“Crafting Fiscal Decentralization in Developing Countries,” chaired a panel at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2004.

“Decentralization and Institutional Performance,” chaired a session at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 2004.

“Fiscal Decentralization for Improved Service Delivery,” presented at the International Workshop on Decentralized Governance for Service Delivery organized by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs in Florence, Italy, September 2004.

“Current Thinking on Fiscal Decentralization,” presented to the Conference of Regional Assemblies of Europe and Africa, Regional Council of Tuscany, Florence, Italy, September 2004.

“Decentralization in East Asia: Early Results,” presented to a seminar on regional decentralization sponsored by the Government of Cambodia and the World Bank in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, March 2004.

“Approaching Decentralization in Context,” presented to the Vernon Center for International Affairs, New York University, February 2004.

“Options for Reinstating Conditional Transfers,” presented to a seminar at the Ministry of Finance, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 2003.

“Decentralization in Comparative Perspective,” presented at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, July 2003.

“The Decentralization Experience in East Asia and Beyond,” presented to the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit Seminar on Managing Decentralization in East Asia held at the World Bank in Washington, DC, June 2003.

“Intergovernmental Transfers in Developing Countries,” presented to the Seminar on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and Local Government Financial Management sponsored by the World Bank Institute, Municipal Development Program for East and Southern Africa, and the Uganda Management Institute, April 2003.

“Partnerships to Promote Decentralization,” presented at the United Nations/World Bank Fourth Global Forum on Re-inventing Government, held in Marrakech, Morocco, December 2002.

“Fiscal Decentralization in South Africa,” organized a panel and presented a paper on “Strategically Approaching Fiscal Decentralization in South Africa” at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) annual conference, Dallas, TX, November 2002.

“Capacity Building for Local Governments in Developing Countries,” presented at a Workshop on Sub-national Policy Reform in Asia held at the World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2002.

“Cambodia’s Nascent Decentralization,” Prepared for a Workshop on the Political Economy of Decentralization in Asia and Latin America, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC, May 2002.

“Fiscal Decentralization in South Africa,” presented at the Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy, New School University, New York, April 2002.

“The Benefits and Pitfalls of Decentralization in Developing Countries: What do we Know about Making it Work?” presentation at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2001.

“Strategically Implementing Fiscal Decentralization,” presentation at a Session on Fiscal Decentralization in Developing and Transition Countries, National Tax Association Annual Research Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2001.

“Decentralization in South Africa: Issues, Choices and Challenges” presented at the Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies, MIT, Cambridge, MA, October 2001.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers: Issues and Policies,” presented at the Asian Development Bank Workshop on Intergovernmental Transfers for Equitable In-Country Growth held at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, India, September 2001.

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform in Developing Countries,” presented in a seminar on at the Institute for Planning and Development Practitioners, Program in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, June 2001.

“An Overview of Decentralization Themes and Linkages,” opening presentation at the Symposium on Decentralization and Local Governance in Africa (sponsored by the UN Capital Development Fund and the Ford Foundation) at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, March 2001.

“Fiscal Decentralization in East and Southern Africa,” presentation to the Conference on Fiscal Decentralization organized in honor of Vito Tanzi at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC, November 2000.

Chair of a panel on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) annual conference, Seattle, WA, November 2000.