

## Faculty Biographies

Prof Sambit Bhattacharyya



Prof. Bhattacharyya is a Professor in Economics at the University of Sussex. His research interests are in the areas of development economics, macroeconomics, and economic history. His latest book is 'A History of Global Capitalism: Feuding Elites and Imperial Expansion'. He also published widely and supervised PhD Dissertations in the abovementioned areas. He is an Associate Editor of the Review of Development Economics.

Dr Julie Litchfield



Dr. Litchfield is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics. She has an MSc from Oxford and an MSc and PhD from London School of Economics. She is a development economist focusing on poverty and inequality in developing and transition countries. Most recently her research has focussed on links between poverty and migration, and poverty and conflict. With the [Migrating out of Poverty](#) consortium, she has conducted household surveys in Ghana, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, using this to explore determinants of migration and remittance behaviour, and impacts of household welfare and food security, in collaboration with researchers at the Universities of Ghana, Addis Ababa, Zimbabwe and Witwatersrand. She has a wide range of interests and has supervised PhD students from many

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different countries on topics as diverse as technology adoption of small farmers, wage inequality, and education reforms.

### Dr Rocco D'Este



Dr. D'Este is a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Sussex, and a Research Affiliate at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn. He has completed his PhD in Economics at the University of Warwick in 2016. Rocco's fields of interest are in Labour Economics, Public Economics, Policy Evaluation, Economics of Crime.

### Dr Annemie Maertens



Dr. Maertens is a Reader in Economics at the University of Sussex. She has completed a PhD from Cornell University in 2010, and an Agricultural Engineering Degree from KULeuven in 1999. She studies poverty in rural communities in India and Sub Saharan Africa through field-work based research. Her research interests include agricultural technology adoption, market participation, and educational investment from a social, behavioural and gender angle. She is an Associate Editor at the Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organisation and committed to mentorship through the various associations such as the AAEA, IAEA, and STAARS. Her research has featured in the media, including the BBC World Service, BBC's Asia Network, the Indian Express and the Business Standard.

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### Professor Andy McKay



Prof. McKay is Professor in Economics at the University of Sussex. His research interests include development economics, especially in relation to poverty/inequality and how these are impacted by policy (trade, fiscal etc.). He worked on labour issues including female employment and informality; inclusive growth; agriculture; and international trade. In terms of geographic focus, he works predominantly on Africa, especially East and West Africa, and Vietnam. He supervises many PhD students on a range of development topics at Sussex. He was recently successful in obtaining funding in an IDRC/DFID/Hewlett supported programme on growth opportunities for women. The project is for three years and focuses on early labour market transitions for young women in six Eastern and West African countries. Andy was an associate director of the DFID-funded Chronic Poverty Research Centre ([www.chronicpoverty.org](http://www.chronicpoverty.org)) from 2005-11, and an active researcher from 2000-2011. He acts as a resource person for the biannual workshops of the African Economic Research Consortium ([www.aercafrica.org](http://www.aercafrica.org)), a role he has played since 2005, and served on the steering committee of a collaborative research project on growth-poverty reduction linkages in Africa. Andy has extensive experience of giving policy advice to bilateral donors including DFID, international organisations and governments of developing countries. He also has significant experience of giving short courses, especially for government employees, in the north and south.

### Professor Barry Reilly



Barry Reilly is a Professor of Econometrics at the University of Sussex. He has previously held posts at the Economic and Social Research Institute (Dublin), University College Dublin, and at the University of St. Andrews. He has undertaken research in the areas of labour economics, development economics, and sports economics. He has been commissioned in the past by the World Bank, UNICEF and DfID to undertake research on a variety of policy-related projects. He has over 70

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publications in scholarly journals. His current research is focused around racial disparities in economic outcomes within sports labour markets. He has extensive experience in PhD supervision either supervising or co-supervising to date 36 students to successful completion.

### Professor Richard Tol



Prof. Tol is a Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Sussex and the Professor of the Economics of Climate Change, Institute for Environmental Studies and Department of Spatial Economics, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He is a member of the Academia Europaea. Previously, he was a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin, the Michael Otto Professor of Sustainability and Global Change at Hamburg University and an Adjunct Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. He has had visiting appointments at the Canadian Centre for Climate Research, University of Victoria, British Columbia, at the Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment, University College London, and at the Princeton Environmental Institute and the Department of Economics, Princeton University. Richard received an M.Sc. in econometrics (1992) and a Ph.D. in economics (1997) from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is ranked among the top 150 economists in the world, and has over 200 publications in learned journals (with 100+ co-authors), one book, three edited volumes, and many minor publications. He specialises in the economics of energy, environment, and climate, and is interested in tourism and scientometrics.

### Dr Selma Walther



Dr. Walther is a Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Sussex, and holds a BA (Hons), MPhil and PhD in Economics from the University of Cambridge. Her research focuses on

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labour economics, with a particular interest in family economics and household finance. In recent work, she analyses how women trade off career and fertility in the US, in the context of the sharp reduction in mortality triggered by the invention of the first antibiotics. She also has an ongoing research agenda on the linkages between human capital, labor market opportunities and portfolio allocations.

### Professor L. Alan Winters



Prof. Winters is Professor of Economics and a Fellow and Founding Director of the UK Trade Policy Observatory in the University of Sussex. He is a leading contributor to the debate on Brexit and the UK's post-Brexit trade policy. From 2008 to 2011 he was Chief Economist at the British government's Department for International Development (DFID), and from 2004 to 2007 Director of the Development Research Group of the World Bank. He was editor of *The World Trade Review* (2008-2020). He has also recently completed terms as Chairman of the Board of the Global Development Network, Membership of the Council of the UK's Economic and Social Research Council and Chair of its Research Committee and Chief Executive Officer of the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium. He has advised, inter alia, various UK government departments, the OECD, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the European Commission, the European Parliament, UNCTAD, the WTO, and the Inter-American Development Bank. He was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in 2012. L Alan Winters is a leading specialist on the empirical and policy analysis of international trade, including that of Europe and of developing countries. He has published over two hundred and forty articles and chapters and thirty books in areas such as regional trading arrangements, trade and poverty, non-tariff barriers, European integration, transition economies' trade, international migration, agricultural protection and the world trading system. He has also published on small economies, global warming, pricing behaviour and econometrics.

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