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- **NRCS**, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences *India*
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- **CSEND**, Centre for Socio-economic Development *Switzerland*
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- **ECDPM**, European Centre for Development Policy Management *Netherlands*
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- **IHIED**, Graduate Institute of International Development Studies *Switzerland*
- **IOB**, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp *Belgium*
- **NSI**, North-South Institute *Canada*
- **ODI**, Overseas Development Institute *United Kingdom*

Latin America

- **CEBRI**, Brazilian Centre for International Relations *Brazil*
- **CEF**, Centre for Financial Stability *Argentina*
- **CELAEP**, Latin American Centre for Political Studies *Ecuador*
- **CIEPLAN**, Corporation of Studies on Latin America *Chile*
- **CIES**, Economic and Social Research Consortium *Peru*
- **Fedesarrollo**, Foundation for Education and Development *Colombia*
- **FGV**, Fundação Getúlio Vargas *Brazil*
- **MERCONET**, Network of Mercosur Universities *Mercosur*
- **UCA**, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Graduate School of Business, Applied Research Centre *Argentina*

Middle East and Africa

- **CERSS**, Centre d'études et de recherches en sciences sociales *Morocco*
- **EEA/EEPRI**, Ethiopian Economic Association/
Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute *Ethiopia*
- **EPRC**, Economic Policy Research Centre *Uganda*
- **ESRF**, Economic and Social Research Foundation, *Tanzania*
- **ISSER**, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research *Ghana*
- **LEDNA**, Local Economic Development Network of Africa *Africa*
- **SAIIA**, South African Institute of International Affairs *South Africa*
- **TESEV**, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation *Turkey*

International:

- **GDN**, Global Development Network
- **UNU-WIDER**, United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economic Research

All quotations below come from the respective websites of individual members or supplied by contacts.

CPD, CENTRE FOR POLICY DIALOGUE, Bangladesh**Overview:**

Established in 1993 by Professor Rehman Sobhan with support from leading civil society institutions in Bangladesh, is mandated by its *Deed of Trust* to service the growing demand that originates from the emerging civil society of Bangladesh for a more participatory and accountable development process. CPD seeks to address this felt need by way of organising multi-stakeholder consultations, by conducting research on issues of critical national and regional interests, through dissemination of knowledge and information on key developmental issues, and by influencing the policy making process in the country. Their research areas are very numerous.

Areas of interest:

- Agriculture
- Environment
- Governance and Policy Reforms
- Investment Promotion and Enterprise
- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Population and Sustainable Development
- Regional Co-operation
- Trade Policy Analysis

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IBON International, Philippines

Overview:

A capacity development non-governmental organization operating around the world with head offices in Manila, Philippines; Andhra Pradesh, India; Brussels, Belgium; and Nairobi, Kenya. It has regional program units for Africa, Asia, South Asia, and Europe. The regional program units are autonomous and address key concerns within their respective regions.

Key areas are providing assistance and support to grassroots constituencies in research and knowledge building, in knowledge dissemination through communication strategies and capacities, in strengthening basic education systems, in utilizing knowledge in skills development in advocacy, organization and movement building. IBON approaches these objectives and concerns through regional programs, building country programs, and international networking support.

Areas of interest:

- Aid effectiveness and donors' commitment
- Fiscal reforms in the Philippines
- Privatisation
- Country programs
- Regional programs

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**ICRIER, INDIAN COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
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Established in August 1981, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) is an autonomous, policy-oriented, non-profit economic policy think tank. ICRIER's main focus is to enhance the knowledge content of policy making by undertaking analytical research that is targeted at improving India's interface with the global economy.

ICRIER's Board of Governors comprises leading policy makers, academicians, and eminent representatives from financial and corporate sectors.

To effectively disseminate research findings, ICRIER organises workshops, seminars and conferences to bring together policy makers, academicians, industry representatives and media persons to create a more informed understanding on issues of major policy interest. ICRIER invites distinguished scholars and policy makers from around the world to deliver public lectures on economic themes of interest to contemporary India.

Areas of interest:

- Macro-economic Management in an Open Economy
- Trade, Openness, Restructuring and Competitiveness
- Financial Sector Liberalisation and Regulation
- WTO-related Issues
- Regional Economic Co-operation with Focus on South Asia
- Strategic Aspects of India's International Economic Relations
- Environment and Climate Change

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IPS, INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES OF SRI LANKA, Sri Lanka

Overview:

IPS is the apex economic policy research institute in Sri Lanka, recognized as a regional centre of excellence offering an authoritative and independent voice on economic policy analysis. IPS was conceived in the mid-1980s as an autonomous institution designed to promote policy-oriented economic research and to strengthen the capacity for medium-term policy analysis in Sri Lanka.

Operational independence from financial and administrative regulations of the government were very much part of the rationale for setting up an independent IPS. Since its inception, the IPS has functioned under the key ministries involved in economic policy making and implementation in Sri Lanka while enjoying considerable autonomy in setting and implementing its research programme.

The Institute's mission is to contribute to the economic development of a democratic Sri Lanka and enhance the quality of life of its people by informing policy-makers and contributing to the public debate through timely, independent, and high quality research-based analysis of medium and long-term national policy issues.

Institutional Goals:

- To be a regional centre of excellence in the analysis of socio-economic policy issues.
- To be a source of technical expertise and policy advice for the wider region outside of Sri Lanka.
- To engage in dialogue with policy makers in the government, labour, donor, business, and research communities and provide a forum for the discussion, exchange, and assessment of views amongst stakeholders.
- To be a point of reference on national policy issues to the public by providing an independent and authoritative voice.
- To strengthen the national capacity for medium and long-term economic policy analysis by investing in the capabilities of its staff and the Institute's knowledge base.
- To promote equality of opportunities for all in all its research and activities, regardless of gender, age or ethnicity.
- To strengthen the country's access to the highest quality expertise available by building and managing linkages with international institutions and scholars concerned with relevant issues.

Areas of interest:

- Macroeconomic Policy
- International Economic Policy
- Labour, Employment and Human Resources Development
- Industry, Public Enterprise Reform and Regulatory Policy
- Poverty and Social Welfare
- Health Policy Programme
- Agricultural Economic Policy
- Environmental Economic Policy

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IRMA, INSTITUTE OF RURAL MANAGEMENT, ANAND, India**Overview:**

IRMA was established in 1979 at Anand, Gujarat, with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), the Government of India, the Government of Gujarat, erstwhile Indian Dairy Corporation and the National Dairy Development Board to provide management education, training, research and consultancy support to co-operatives and rural development organisations in India.

Born out of a maverick's dream, IRMA has become a frontrunner in professionalising the development of India's rural sector. Over the years it has provided management training, support and research facilities to students committed to rural development and in this process it has brought within its ambit several co-operatives, non-government organisations, government development agencies, international development organisations and funding agencies.

Areas of interest:

- Economics
- Finance Accounting Costing
- General Management - Strategy & Policy
- IT & Systems
- Marketing
- OB-HR
- Production Operations Management & QT
- Social Sciences

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IWEP, INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMICS AND POLITICS, Vietnam

Overview:

IWEP brings together 42 researchers to conduct basic studies on world economic and political issues in the form of research projects and programs. The main specific topics include: international economics theories, characteristics and trends of development of the world economy and international politics; development models, experiences and policies of economic reforms in the world; improvement of investment and business environment; integration in the world and lessons for Vietnam; regional and sub-regional economic cooperation; traditional and non-traditional security issues; world political arena and responses of Vietnam.

IWEP provides with scientific assessments to the Government of Vietnam in designing of guidelines, policies and strategies for sustainable development under the impact of globalization and international and regional integration.

IWEP evaluates socio-economic development projects conducted by ministries or local authorities from scientific perspective and makes consultancy within its expertise.

IWEP also organizes regularly short-term training courses and seminars on international economics and politics for the general people and provides graduate and post-graduate training programs to participate in developing the high-quality human resource of Vietnam.

IWEP promotes academic exchanges with relevant domestic and international institutions in the following forms: conducting joint research projects with foreign counterparts; organizing and participating in international seminars/ conferences; accepting foreign scholars under her Visiting Fellows Program; and taking part in international and regional research networks.

Areas of interest:

- Globalization and Integration
- International Economics
- International Politics
- International Organizations and Institutions
- Developed, Developing and Transitional Economies
- Greater Mekong Sub-region Cooperation
- International Security and Strategic Studies

Publications:

To disseminate research findings and provide information on economics and politics of the world and Vietnam, IWEP publishes a large number of books and reports and two periodicals:

- *Nhung van de Kinh te va Chinh tri The gioi* (Review of World Economic and Political Issues, monthly, in Vietnamese);

- *Vietnam Economic Review* (monthly, in English).

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MI, THE MEKONG INSTITUTE, Thailand

Overview:

The Mekong Institute (MI) is an Inter-Governmental Organization operating in the Greater Mekong Sub-region to promote regional cooperation and integration. It works with the governments of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and the Yunnan Province and the Guangxi Autonomous Region of China to provide capacity building training for government officials, members of private enterprise and civil society involved in the development of the sub-region.

MI's activities include designing and delivering high quality human resource development programmes for senior and mid-level officials, private sector and non-government representatives of the Greater Mekong Sub-region in the areas of rural development, trade and investment facilitation, human migration and good governance.

MI has been serving the human resources development needs of the region for more than a decade. New Zealand's Aid Development Assistance NZAID, the Thai Government, Khon Kaen University and other national and international partner agencies funded this project from 1996-2003. In 2003, the six GMS governments signed a charter founding Mekong Institute as a non-profit, autonomous, international organization. In November 2009, MI officially transformed into an Inter-Governmental Organization, and holds the distinction as the only GMS-based learning institute owned by the six GMS governments.

MI organizes core and customized learning programmes, workshops and policy dialogues, and conducts research on emerging issues. Its competence lies in its strong focus on the region, the access to government officials and regional organizations, and to over 3,000 alumni and national coordinating agencies.

The institute is situated on the campus of Khon Kaen University in North-eastern Thailand.

Areas of interest:

- Greater Mekong Sub-region
- Regional cooperation and integration
- Sustainable economic and social development and poverty alleviation
- Rural Development, trade and investment facilitation, human migration and good governance

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MIER, MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, Malaysia**Overview:**

The Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) undertakes independent and high quality problem-oriented research on economic, financial and business issues facing the country and provides advice on macroeconomic management, development and future economic perspectives. In undertaking this task, the Institute seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- serve as a bridge between the government, the private sector and the universities, and become a focal point for economic, financial and business research in the country;
- undertake economic research projects commissioned by clients in the public and private sectors;
- collaborate with other research institutes, at home and abroad, on topics of relevance to the country;
- publish and disseminate the results of its research work, and organize symposia and conferences to promote exchange of ideas and views;
- provide occasional training for officials from government agencies and private sector organizations;

In recent years, the above goals have been extended to cater for the research and training needs of countries outside Malaysia as well.

Areas of interest:

The research activities of the Institute are organized into four research divisions:

- Macroeconomic Surveillance and Forecasting,
- Policy Studies,
- Industry Studies,
- Area Studies.

The research projects undertaken by the Institute are mainly applied and policy-oriented in nature.

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NCAER, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH, India

Overview:

NCAER has done pioneering research work in areas of applied economics with an emphasis on policy analysis and application of modern quantitative techniques to development issues, regional development and planning, household income, consumption, savings /investment and energy.

Areas of interest:

GROWTH, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

- Assessments of the current state of the economy
- Short-term forecasts through computable general equilibrium (CGE) Models
- Medium-term forecasts through econometric models
- Monitoring of cyclical patterns in key variables that affect industrial, financial and international trade activity
- Quarterly Review

INVESTMENT CLIMATE, PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Policy issues relevant to industry, infrastructure and international economic cooperation
- Sectoral studies that evaluate the competitiveness of industry
- Impact of economic liberalisation on infrastructure development
- Conduct of sample surveys and statistical analysis of data for different types of research studies
- Market Information Survey of Households (MISH)
- Tracking consumer demographics and consumption patterns across product categories

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Reforms in the agricultural sector and agreement on agriculture (AoA) under the WTO
- Price policy and public distribution system (PDS)
- Land consolidation, fragmentation and optimal land-use plans
- Rural infrastructure and agro-processing
- Irrigation and watershed management
- Changing food baskets and their impact on production patterns

HOUSEHOLD BEHAVIOUR, POVERTY, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, INFORMALITY, AND GENDER

- Evaluation of poverty and employment - focus on informal sector employment
- Sectoral studies in population and demographic transition
- Morbidity and health economics
- Economics of education
- Gender studies

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TDRI, THAILAND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Thailand**Overview:**

The Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) was established as a public policy research institute in 1984. Its legal form is that of a private non-profit foundation. It provides technical analysis (mostly but not entirely in economic areas) to various public agencies to help formulate policies to support long-term economic and social development in Thailand.

In line with this central objective, it is mandated to:

- Conduct policy research;
- Network extensively with other institutions and individuals engaged in policy research, both in Thailand and abroad;
- Disseminate its research results to ensure maximum impact on policy-making.

Areas of interest:

- Human Resources and Social Development
- International Economic Relations
- Macroeconomic policy
- Natural resources and environment
- Sectoral economics
- Science and technology development

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CSEND, CENTRE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH, Switzerland

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The Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND) aims at promoting equitable, sustainable and integrated development through multi-stakeholder dialogues, institutional learning and free flow of information. CSEND is an independent, project-financed, non-profit research & development organization founded in 1993 in Geneva, Switzerland. It is accredited by the Swiss National Science Fund as an independent research grant receiving organization since 2003.

Areas of interest:

- Action Research and Stakeholder Surveys
- Art and Society
- Capacity Building and Managerial Development
- Education Policy and Research
- Institution Development and Administrative Reform
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- Organisational Consulting
- Standards and Certification
- Sustainable Development
- Trade Policy Governance

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CGD, CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT, USA

Overview:

The Centre for Global Development is an independent, non-profit policy research organization that is dedicated to reducing global poverty and inequality and to making globalization work for the poor. Through a combination of research and strategic outreach, the Centre actively engages policymakers and the public to influence the policies of the United States, other rich countries, and such institutions as the World Bank, the IMF, and the World Trade Organization to improve the economic and social development prospects in poor countries. CGD was recently ranked among the world's top think tanks (number 15 out of several thousand such research organizations) in an independent survey-based ranking published in Foreign Policy magazine. CGD initiatives are sets of activities that focus the Centre's research, analysis, and engagement in the policy process on the achievement of specific improvements in the policies of rich countries towards development.

Areas of interest: Numerous including

- Capital Flows/Financial Crisis
- Debt Relief
- Economic Growth
- Education
- Finance Trade
- Food and Agriculture
- Fragile States
- Governance/Democracy
- Inequality
- Poverty
- Private Investment

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The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is a multi-disciplinary Think Tank for German and multilateral development policy. It is based in Bonn. DIE draws together the knowledge of development research available worldwide, dedicating its work to key issues facing the future of development policy. It consults on the basis of independent research findings in Germany and world-wide and deals with current issues in cooperation between industrial and developing countries.

Areas of interest:

- Governance, Statehood, Security
- Bi- and Multilateral Development Cooperation
- World Economy and Development Financing
- Environmental Policy
- Competitiveness and Social Development (incl. social protection and poverty)

Working groups:

- Global Governance
- Development Cooperation with Africa

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ECDPM, EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY MANAGEMENT, Netherlands

Overview:

Established as an independent foundation in 1986 to promote ACP-EU cooperation, ECDPM facilitates improved international cooperation between the EU and its Southern partners in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP). It does so by supporting policy dialogue and conducting analysis related to key policy areas such as trade, international relations, governance and development.

ECDPM also works on strengthening the capacities of public, private and civil society organisations in the ACP, Africa in particular, to better manage their own development policies and international cooperation. ECDPM's efforts aim to reduce the asymmetry in power, resources and capacity that generally exists between developed and developing countries. The Centre works with governments and with non-governmental organisations in Europe to make their development policies and instruments more effective and to ensure greater coherence across EU policy areas that affect developing countries.

As ECDPM's partners in the ACP and Europe modify and redefine their relationships in light of the realities of the day, ECDPM acts as an independent adviser and nonpartisan sounding board. The challenge for ECDPM is to help advance the international cooperation agenda and to explore the best approaches for tackling emerging policy issues at the interface of trade and development, peace and security, governance and human rights.

ECDPM employs a three-pronged strategy to improve the quality of policymaking between the European Union and the developing world:

- facilitating long-term key policy processes involving a variety of partners;
- carrying out strategic research, knowledge management, networking and information services;
- developing and maintaining strategic partnerships to support institutional development of key policy actors.

Areas of interest:

- Economic and trade cooperation and international trade policy
- Regional integration
- Economic Governance and domestic resource mobilisation
- Emerging Players in Africa and implications for EU/Africa relations
- Business Facilitation
- Governance and sector operations (including domestic accountability and budget support)
- African governance architecture
- Development policy and international relations
- Policy Coherence for Development
- Financial instruments for development cooperation
- Joint Africa-EU Strategy
- Food security
- EU external action post-Lisbon
- Conflict prevention and peace building

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FERDI, FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND RESEARCH (Fondation pour les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement International), France

Overview:

The FERDI was created in 2003 on the initiative of the CERDI (University of Auvergne and CNRS). Its purpose is to promote a fuller understanding of international economic development and the factors that influence it.

It supports research activities that make use of the most modern and most directly relevant instruments of economics to study development, and seeks to strengthen the potential of the French-speaking world in this area.

It endeavours to promote the contribution of French and European work to international debate on major development issues, in particular on what Southern and Northern economic policies are best able to assist development by broadening capacity for individual choice and developing equality of opportunity among nations.

It thus wishes to contribute to improving these policies and providing information for companies whose business depends on world markets and their outlooks.

Within its defined scope and the programmes it conducts, the Ferdi promotes its activity by initiating and organising events, either directly or in partnership (symposia, conferences, meetings, seminars, etc.), by giving financial or logistics support, or through the participation of its members (e.g. appearances as keynote speakers or panellists).

Areas of interest:

- Aid and global public goods
- Regionalization-globalization
- Least Developed Countries
- Macroeconomics-environment
- Innovative indicators
- Development puzzles
- Support to publications: programme "Incentive for Advanced Research in Development"
- Capacity building: programme "Economic Policy Management", Poldev Network

Projects running and forthcoming:

- *L'Initiative pour le développement et la gouvernance mondiale* (IDGM, Initiative for Development and Global Governance) developed in collaboration with the Institute du développement durable et des relations internationales (Iddri – Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations) and supported by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD – French Development Agency) since 2008. 15 years programme.
- *Le Labex IDGM+: "Designing new international development policies from research outcomes. An enhanced IDGM"* developed in collaboration with the Iddri and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International (Cerdi – Center for Studies and Research on International Development) and funded by the French Government from 2011. 10 years programme.

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The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a Geneva-based institution of higher education and research dedicated to the cross-cutting disciplines of international relations and development studies.

Born of the 2008 merger of the Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI) and the Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED), it benefits from an expertise and a reputation that go back as far as the 1920s, and the League of Nations, in the case of international relations, and the 1960s, and the post-colonial era and the emergence of the Third World, in the case of development studies.

The Institute offers independent and rigorous analyses of current and emerging global issues with a view to promoting international cooperation and making a contribution to the development of less fortunate societies. It fulfils its mission through the provision of postgraduate-level teaching. It runs Master and Ph.D. programmes in both international and development studies. Faculty members come from various disciplines, mainly law, economics, political science, history, sociology and anthropology. The Institute has a series of research centres focusing on cross-cutting issues such as trade and development, global health, migrations, conflict and peace-building, environment and development. It offers executive education modules and promotes debate between scholars and decision makers in seminars and international conferences.

The Institute offers programmes in International Affairs, Economics, Law, History, Political Science and Development. In the Development Studies Department, about 30 professors and researchers focus on development practices and policies. They also work on North-South relationships, and global development issues. The Institute has entered into partnerships with various institutions all over the world for joint diplomas and student exchanges.

The Institute's Centres and Programmes contribute to the analysis of current global issues: "Centre on Conflict, Development and Peace building", "Centre for Trade and Economic Integration", "Centre for Asian Studies", "Programme for the Study of Global Migration", "Global Health Programme", "Gender and development Programme".

Gilles Carbonnier is a professor of development economics at the Graduate Institute. His interest in DeFiNe is related to his research on the governance of extractive resources and the mobilisation of the extractive rent for development.

Areas of interest (in the development field):

- Development finance
- Migratory flows and diasporas
- Poverty and inequality
- Trade and financial flows and development

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IOB, INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, Belgium

Overview:

The Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB) forms part of the University Of Antwerp, Belgium. IOB has an academic staff of more than 30, and is a multidisciplinary institute involved in the triple function of academic teaching, scientific research and service to the community in the area of economic, political and social aspects of development policy and management.

IOB policy advisory work is performed, among others for the Belgian Directorate General for Development Co-operation, Belgian Technical Co-operation, the regional government of Flanders, other European bilateral donors, the European Union, the World Bank, United Nations organisations and programmes, and many non-governmental organisations. It aims at public authorities, nongovernmental organisations, business, civil society and the public at large.

Born through the pooling of existing resources at the University of Antwerp, IOB strives to become an internationally recognised centre of excellence. It pursues co-operation with other Flemish, Belgian and foreign universities and institutions of higher learning, and considers the best European development studies institutes as a reference.

In the choice of its activities and commitment of resources, IOB privileges the poorest developing countries and, in other countries, the poorest and most disadvantaged groups and regions. IOB defends an open and multicultural society, and advocates a more just and sustainable development throughout the world. Critical sense and intellectual independence are central in the approach of IOB.

IOB also aims at reciprocal capacity-building through joint activities with academic and other partners in the South in the areas of education, research and service to the community.

Areas of interest:

- Aid Policy
- Impact of Globalisation
- Political Economy of the Great Lakes Region
- Poverty and Well-Being as a Local Institutional Process

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NSI, THE NORTH-SOUTH INSTITUTE, Canada

Overview:

The North-South Institute is dedicated to eradicating global poverty and enhancing social justice through research which promotes international cooperation, democratic governance, and conflict prevention. It is Canada's first independent, non-governmental and non-partisan research institute focused on international development. The North-South Institute provides research and analysis on foreign policy and international development issues for policy-makers, educators, business, the media and the general public. For more than 30 years NSI has built a reputation for sound, credible analysis of pressing issues related to global development.

The North-South Institute's key strength is to offer objective policy analysis. Its researchers are recognized for being on the cutting-edge of issues in international development and for their commitment to working with partners in the South. Through Research for a fairer world, the NSI seeks to present the facts and offer policy alternatives, so that Canadians and others can encourage meaningful and practical changes in national and international policies affecting poor people and countries.

The North-South Institute's research examines the role of the public and private sectors, and of civil society in Canada's relationships with developing countries. Its research supports global efforts to increase aid effectiveness; strengthen governance and accountability; prevent conflicts, promote equitable trade and commercial relations; improve international financial systems and institutions; and enhance gender equality.

Areas of interest:

- Employment and migration
- Finance for equitable growth
- Governance, reform and effective development
- Peace-building and conflict prevention
- Trade and natural resources

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ODI, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, United Kingdom

Overview:

ODI is Britain's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues. Our mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. We do this by locking together high quality applied research, practical policy advice, and policy-focused dissemination and debate. We work with partners in the public and private sectors, in both developing and developed countries.

Areas of interest:

Full list of ongoing themes

- Agriculture
- Aid
- Business and the private sector
- Childhood and youth
- Chronic poverty
- Climate change and the environment
- Conflict and security
- Economic growth
- Food
- Foreign policy
- Fragile states
- Forests
- Gender
- Governance and politics
- Global governance (renamed from international institutions)
- Health
- Humanitarian response
- Inequality
- Knowledge and power
- Livelihoods
- Migration
- Natural disasters
- Public finance
- Rights
- Social protection
- Tourism
- Trade
- Urban issues
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CEBRI, BRAZILIAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, Brazil

Overview:

CEBRI is considered one of Brazil's main think tanks for international relations and foreign policy discussions. Since its foundation, CEBRI has become an important space where society can reflect on and discuss issues concerning the international agenda. CEBRI was conceived in 1998 by a group of entrepreneurs, scholars and diplomats as a non-profit, independent, multidisciplinary and non-partisan entity. It is widely recognized for the study and debate of crucial themes of Brazilian foreign policy and international relations.

During its structuring process CEBRI received valuable support both from the government and private sector. More recently, its institutional strengthening was obtained through a fundraising effort that attracted new members and international institutions that sponsor projects, publications and events. Financial and service support from its thirty-two sponsor companies has enabled CEBRI to produce a greater volume of specific information and knowledge.

The Centre is responsible for a number of publications, such as CEBRI Dossier, Articles, and Thesis, Newsletters and weekly clippings (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Middle East). Its projects generate studies, bulletins, working documents and reports. CEBRI also organizes lectures, seminars, round tables, task forces and study groups. The substantial increase in the number of events and the wide range of themes attracted a larger and more diverse public.

CEBRI submits projects proposals to local and foreign institutions, public and private entities, with the purpose of establishing research lines and increasing mutual cooperation. These partnerships are developed through research projects, study groups and task-forces that generate studies, reports and books.

Additionally, CEBRI uses the promotion of events as one of the main instruments for the fulfilment of its mission. Throughout the past decade, more than three hundred events were carried out, many in partnership with renowned institutions.

Areas of interest:

- Brazilian foreign policy
- International relations

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CEF, CENTER FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY, Argentina**Overview:**

The CEF is an independent think tank devoted to the analysis, development and discussion of financial sector policies.

The CEF's mission is to contribute to the analysis, debate and articulation and creation of public policies in matters related to the financial system in the hopes that its work satisfies a fundamental role in each process of sustainable economic development. Through diverse activities and products, the Centre works to facilitate an exchange of information and opinions between the responsible authorities of the sector, market participants and consumers of financial services, all the while preserving the necessary institutional independence.

The CEF concentrates its work specifically on Argentina and draws on the dissemination and discussion of its work in various countries within the region and in the development of joint projects with institutions of similar interests in neighbouring countries.

The CEF provides assistance to the public and private sectors in the discussion, design, and implementation of policies. It was created in 2002. Founders believed that the financial volatility that Argentina had suffered from in recent decades provided a clear demand for a forum for study and exchange of academic and political ideas. The CEF aims to create an intellectual space that before now was unknown to Argentina. The focus of the CEF is on microeconomic aspects of intermediary finance and its interrelation with the macroeconomic aspects, in the domestic and international level.

Areas of interest:

- Argentina
- Deepening of the access to financing
- Expansion, innovation, and specialization of financial markets
- Strengthening of institutions, including the legal, regulatory and tax frameworks
- Supervision of the financial system.
- Corporate governance standards and transparency

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CELAEP, LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES, Ecuador + Andean region

Overview:

The CELAEP develops and promotes theoretical and applied scientific research in political science. They realise comparative studies at the Ecuadorian and Andean level.

Its main objectives is to strengthen institutions and consolidate democracy in Ecuador and in the Andean region, through

- Theoretical and applied research from a comparative perspective
- Advising and technical assistance
- Capacity building and political actors training
- Creating debate spaces
- Diffusion and publication of results.

More specifically, CELAEP tries to influence public policies by spreading the results of its research to the various actors and institutions at the level of national and local governments. It generates initiatives to reinforce the institutions of the political system, by elaborating propositions of laws and public policies. It disseminates its results through a specialized magazine, books, bulletins and events (fora, seminaries) targeting a large audience. It also generates platforms for debate with the civil society, to build a plural and participative democracy.

Areas of interest:

- Democracy and political institutions
- Decentralization and institutional strengthening of local governments
- Governance, conflicts and democracy
- Defence and security
- Regional Economy, regulation and development
- Public policies
- Integration and international relations
- Migration

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CIEPLAN, CORPORATION OF STUDIES FOR LATIN AMERICA, Chile

Overview:

Cieplan is an academic institution whose mission is to carry out comparative studies in public policy and political economy in the areas of development and democracy, both in Chile and Latin America. This is an academic institution based on strong values and intellectual rigor.

Areas of interest:

- Competitiveness
- Fiscal Policy
- Innovation
- Macroeconomics
- Social policy

- Labour markets, inequality and social mobility
- Education, inequality, social mobility
- Public policies and social cohesion
- Social cohesion and family

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CIES, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM, Peru.**Overview:**

The Economic and Social Research Consortium (CIES) was created in 1989 as a Canadian project constituted of five members, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). It is constituted with 48 institutional members located in 12 regions.

The Consortium supports a critical mass of researchers which now have a major presence in the Peruvian scenario. It accumulated a knowledge base on key policy issues, promoted evidence-based dialogues and began approaching the public sector as an strategic stakeholder. In 1999 the project became a national institution. Since then CIES research agenda has become increasingly multidisciplinary and more policy-oriented.

Objectives:

- Producing new knowledge useful for the analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of policies, programs and projects.
- Improve the quality and relevance of research.
- Strengthen and decentralize the national capacity for research and teaching in economic and social issues.
- To promote dialogue and interaction between academia, the public sector and civil society.
- Promote the recognition and support for economic research in Peru.
- Obtain funding to support research.

During recent years, CIES has improved its linkages with the Peruvian state. The Public Sector Consultative Council, formed by ministers and other high level authorities, was created in 2008. The purpose of this council is to identify research needs from top decisionmakers to inform CIES research agenda, while also promoting interaction of academics with policy makers.

CIES has built a relationship with the private sector, the media and civil society organizations, since it has been perceived as a guarantee of neutrality and independence.

CIES has developed strategic alliances with national institutions (the Central Bank, the Statistic National Bureau, and the public regulating agencies) and international institutions (as the Overseas Development Institute, Latin American Studies Association, IPEA – Brasil and RTI International - USA).

Areas of interest:

- Employment, income distribution and social policy.
- Poverty, gender and quality of life.
- Public Education´s equity and quality issues
- Health reform and human rights
- Decentralization and State Reform.
- Structural reforms, investment and growth.
- Relations between Peru and the global economy.
- The environment and natural resources
- Macroeconomic stability.
- Productivity and sectoral policies.

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FEDESARROLLO, Colombia

Overview:

FEDESARROLLO is a private, independent, non-profit foundation dedicated to non-partisan research in the fields of economics, political science, and public administration. The Foundation aims to contribute to the development of economic and social policy and to provide a forum for the discussion of national problems. It is also dedicated to dissemination of original research on Colombian and Latin American

Areas of interest:

- banking
- health and education policies
- impact evaluation of social programs
- international trade
- labour economics
- monetary and exchange rate policies
- public finance
- regional development

FGV, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil**Overview:**

Founded in 1944 with the main purpose of training qualified personnel for the administration of the nation's public and private sectors, Fundação Getulio Vargas has pushed the boundaries of teaching and advanced into the research and information areas, becoming a Center of quality and excellence. A pioneer in the education field, Fundação Getulio Vargas is considered a reference not only for its undergraduate, master's and doctorate programs and for its research, but also for its constant search for modernity and innovation.

Fundação Getulio Vargas is an educational center of quality and excellence that dedicates its forces to the intellectual development. Its policy of promotion and incentives for the production and improvement of ideas, facts and information makes Fundação Getulio Vargas one of the most important institutions in the national and international arena, in addition to enabling the formation of ethical citizens, aware of their responsibilities as agents for social transformation.

Its key objectives are:

- to push the boundaries of knowledge in social sciences and related fields through the production and dissemination of ideas, data and information, as well as their preservation and systematic organization;
- to contribute to the country's social and economic development, improving the nation's ethical standards, promoting a responsible and shared government, and inserting the country into the international stage.

Areas of interest:

- Economic research
- Business research
- Law research
- Social policy

MERCONET, NETWORK OF MERCOSUR UNIVERSITIES

- Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES) / Argentina
- Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT) / Argentina
- Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (ITDT) / Argentina
- Universidad de San Andrés (UDES) / Argentina
- Instituto de Economía, Universidade Estadual de Campinas (IE/UNICAMP) / Brasil
- Instituto de Economía, Universidade Federal de Río de Janeiro (IE/UFRJ) / Brasil
- Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA) / Brasil
- Fundação Centro de Estudos do Comércio Exterior (FUNCEX) / Brasil
- Centro de Análisis y Difusión de Economía Paraguaya (CADEP) / Paraguay
- Universidad Católica Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (UCNSA) / Paraguay
- Centro de Investigaciones Económicas (CINVE) / Uruguay
- Departamento de Economía, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de la República (DECON-UDELAR) / Uruguay

Overview:

MERCONET comprises a number of multidisciplinary institutions that focus on the study of social, political, and economic problems in Latin America. MercoNet was created in 1998 following an initiative supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, which gathered nine research institutions belonging to the four MERCOSUR member countries.

Nowadays, MercoNet has twelve affiliated research institutions and after ten years of existence has generated a significant stock of knowledge through research activities aimed at analyzing the evolution and perspectives of the integration of MERCOSUR countries in the world economy.

Its research outputs have been acknowledged not only by their high academic quality but also by its relevance to the policy making process in MERCOSUR countries. MercoNet research activities continue to be one of the few experiences oriented to building a truly regional network viewpoint.

Areas of interest:

- Trade policy
- Macroeconomics
- Integration processes
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Productive instruments and competitiveness
- South America and the world

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Overview:

UCA (Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Graduate School of Business) has established a new centre for applied research.

The mission of the new Centre for Applied Research at the Graduate School of Business is twofold. First, it aims to serve as an open forum for the Graduate School of Business and to set up a dynamic, rigorous and multidisciplinary platform at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina to conduct and assess high quality research projects in areas linked to the School's academic curricula and dissemination activities, or other academic departments alike. The research program will build on a state-of-the-art, integrative and sector-oriented approach to modern businesses. Among such areas or research are the banking system, capital markets, corporate finance, international finance, micro financial services, management of small and medium enterprises –including family-owned firms, agribusiness, strategic management, marketing and entrepreneurial communication.

Secondly, the Centre's mission is to foster academic debate, cooperation and exchange with a wide array of institutions from the private real, financial, public, international (i.e. multilateral organizations, embassies, bilateral development and cooperation agencies to mention only a few) and high-level education sectors, including other sister research centres running within catholic universities the world over. Furthermore, the Centre's milestone is the development of a researcher's core at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in order to nurture a plural, interactive and interdisciplinary working agenda in collaboration with the foregoing sectors, to produce valuable information and analysis for our university, the scientific community as a whole, the civil society and private businesses.

The following constitute the foundational areas of research undertaken by the Centre:

- Domestic Resource Mobilization for development, including financial instruments and capital markets (bond markets in local currencies are paid a special attention)
- Microfinance: discovering the demand for micro-financial services in Argentina
- Bio-businesses, social responsibility and the environment
- Competitiveness and the State
- Ethics and Business
 - Sustainable Finance
 - Corporate Governance
 - The role of graduate business school in training responsible managers
- Innovation, value and strategy

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CERSS, CENTRE D'ETUDES ET DES RECHERCHES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES, Morocco**Overview:**

The Centre for Studies and Research in Social Sciences (CERSS) was created in 1993 by a group of academics, researchers and practitioners in social sciences at Moroccan universities. Its headquarters are located in the Faculty of Juridical, Economic and Social Affairs, Mohamed V University, Agdal Rabat.

The CERSS, which is governed by the legislation of associations, conducts studies and research in social sciences to contribute to a better knowledge of Moroccan society and its regional and international environment.

In this regard, it carries out research, studies, work, consultations, appraisals and reviews related to the objectives of the centre, and the establishment of background documents in the field of social sciences. It ensures the publication of periodicals and research, and organizes conferences, seminars, scientific meetings and training cycles.

The establishment collaborates with other national or international institutions, pursuing goals similar to those of the Centre.

Finally, the Centre publishes a journal (Abhath), an Annual Report (Strategic Morocco) and a monthly periodical (Dafatir Siyassia).

Areas of interest:

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(EEPRI, ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE)****Overview:**

Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) is a non-profit making, non-political and non-religious professional Association. EEA has actively engaged in Economic research, training, organization of International and National conferences and round table discussion forums on the Ethiopian economy and the dissemination of the results of these activities through its professional journals and various other publications. In order to achieve these objectives the Association has established a research and training wing in 2002 under the name of the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI).

Objectives:

- to contribute to the economic policy formulation capability and broadly to the economic advancement of Ethiopia;
- to promote the professional interest of its members;
- to promote the study of economics in the country's educational institutions;
- to promote economic research and assist in the dissemination of the findings of such research in Ethiopia;
- to provide fora for the discussion of economic issues, and
- to promote professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

Areas of interest:

The Ethiopian Economics Association had organized its research and training activities under four major units, namely the Agriculture and Natural Resource unit, the Macroeconomics unit, the Trade and Industry unit and the Poverty and Human Resource Economics unit. It undertakes two types of research activities, core program research activities and demand driven research activities.

Recent core research undertakings:

1. An Annual Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy (Volumes 1-7)
2. Publication of a Quarterly Macro-economic Report (four issues every year)
3. Publication of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics (EJE) (two issues per year)
4. Publication of the Proceedings of the International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
5. Evaluation of the Ethiopian Agricultural Extension with particular Emphasis on the Participatory Demonstration and Training Extension System (PADETES)
6. Construction of a Macro econometric Modelling for Ethiopia
7. Industrialization and Industrial Policy in Ethiopia
8. Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export:
9. Making Rural Services Work for the Poor:
10. A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between China and India and Ethiopia:
11. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa:
12. The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change- Social Component:

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EPRC, ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE, Uganda**Overview:**

The EPRC was established in 1993 in a period of far-reaching donor-supported economic reforms in Uganda. It was designed to fill fundamental voids in economics research, policy analysis, and capacity building for effective in-country contributions to Uganda's policy processes. In this context, the EPRC was created to provide analytical backstopping for policy dialogue, formulation, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

With intellectual design inputs from the Oxford-Cambridge Society of Uganda, seed grant from the African Capacity Building Foundation, and land for office block given by Makerere University, the EPRC commenced activities in 1994. Since then, the Centre has benefited from sustained core institutional grants from the ACBF and Government of Uganda.

Areas of interest: Various

- EPRC generated core research undertaken by our in-house research team
 - Collaborative core research undertaken by partnering external researchers (Bank of Uganda, Makerere University Institute of Economics, the World Bank)
- Organizations (including the Government of Uganda and international donor organizations) commission the Centre to carry out studies on specific policy issues

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ESRF, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania**Overview:**

The Economic and Social Research Foundation was established in 1994 as an independent, not-for-profit institution for research and policy analysis. The formation of ESRF was based on the assumption that there was need and demand for an improved understanding of policy options and development management issues, and that the capacity for this was lacking in the Tanzania civil service. ESRF addressed this gap by putting into place qualified professional staff, modest resources and a favourable research environment for the analysis and discussion of economic and social policy.

The primary objectives of the Foundation are to strengthen capabilities in policy analysis and development management and to enhance the understanding of policy options in the government, the public sector, civil society, and the donor community and the growing private sector.

Specific Objectives are:

- To undertake policy research and analysis to increase stakeholders' knowledge on major issues affecting society
- To strengthen capacity for policy research analysis and mainstream democratic governance through innovative capacity development initiatives such as training, outreach programmes, policy dialogue,
- To increase the awareness of national decision-makers on specific policy issues that affect communities.
- To facilitate debate and discourse on issues pertinent to the national development
- To encourage national, regional and international networking and the creation of social capital around policy issues,
- To host national, regional and international policy research professionals and programmes.

Areas of interest:

- Growth and Wealth Creation
- Good Governance
- Globalization
- Social Services & Quality of Life

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ISSER, INSTITUTE OF STATISTICAL, SOCIAL AND ECON RESEARCH, Ghana**Overview:**

A semi-autonomous research institution within the Faculty of Social Studies at the University of Ghana, ISSER is committed to carrying out research and training that is geared towards promoting the socio-economic development of Ghana in particular and Africa in general. The Institute strives to maintain its reputation for solid social science research, paying close attention to exploratory, explanatory and evaluative aspects of the dynamics of development. They cover a wide range of issues on macro, micro, household, institutional, social issues.

Areas of interest:**ECONOMICS DIVISION**

- **Macroeconomics Unit:**
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Growth, Poverty, Trade and Exchange Rate Policy;
Macro-econometric Modelling;
- **Household Economics Unit:**
Micro-econometric Modelling;
Household Production Behaviour;
Household Consumption Behaviour and Patterns;
- **Institutional Economics:**
Institutional Economics and Development;
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SOCIAL DIVISION

- **Rural Institutions Unit:**
Poverty, Decentralization and Technology Development;
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- **Population and Health Unit:**
Poverty and Women's Health
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- **Gender and Technology Unit:**
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- **Spatial Development and Environment Unit:**
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LEDNA, LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF AFRICA

Overview:

This network gives you access to peer checked, free, local economic development knowledge and practitioners in Africa and globally.

“Throughout this knowledge hub we aim to share as many resources on local economic development (LED) as possible - those that are free and in the public domain. We are not supporting any particular approach, rather presenting in an unbiased way as many approaches and experiences as we can that are in the public domain. Our focus is LED resources that are either adaptable and or applicable to Africa.”

Areas of interest:

- Economic Governance
- Enterprise Development
- Livelihoods Development
- Locality Development
- Workforce Development

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SAIIA, SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, South Africa

Overview:

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) has been ranked the best think tank for 2009 in southern and sub-Saharan Africa in the annual international survey conducted by the University of Pennsylvania in the United States.

SAIIA is a non-governmental research institute focused on South Africa's and Africa's international relations. They provide analysis, promote dialogue and contribute to African policy making in a dynamic global context.

Areas of interest:

Governance & Democracy

- Governance and APRM
- Governance of Africa's Resources Programme
- Democracy and Political Party Systems

Trade & Investment

- Development through Trade Programme
- Business in Africa

Security & Conflict Resolution

- SADC Security Integration
- Security and terrorism in Africa
- War and Organised Crime

Emerging Powers & Global Challenges

- China in Africa
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Areas of interest:

1. Good Governance Program
 - Local Governments
 - Right to Information
 - Fiscal Transparency
 - Corruption
 - Social Policy
2. Democratization
3. Foreign Policy

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Areas of interest:

- Africa's Economic Development
- Development and Finance
- Employment and Industry
- Global Governance and Conflict
- Globalization and Trade
- New Directions
- Poverty, Inequality and Well-being
- Transition to the Market

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