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## Employment and Affiliations

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of New South Wales	2023-present
Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) J-PAL Southeast Asia	2023-present
Research Manager (2016-17), Sr. Research Associate (2015), Research Associate (2014)	
Teacher, Indonesia Mengajar	2012-2013

## Education

PhD, Economics, Boston University, United States	2023
MSc, Astronomy, Kyoto University, Japan	2012
BSc, Astronomy, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia	2009

## Working Papers

Remittances, Economic Development, and Education Investment  
Religion, Education, and the State (with S. Bazzi and B. Marx)  
Less Is More: Choice Overload and Deservingness in Online Charitable Donations (with G. Lim and Y. E. Riyanto)  
Turnover, Morale, and Performance in Bureaucracies: Evidence from Indonesian Villages (with S. Bazzi, B. Marx, M. Shaukat, and A. Stegmann)

## Research in Progress

Can Anti-Corruption Norms Be Taught? (with S. Bazzi, B. Marx, M. Shaukat, and A. Stegmann)  
Demand Effects in the Field (with S. Bazzi, B. Marx, M. Shaukat, and A. Stegmann)  
Improving the Link between Vocational Schools and Industry: Evaluation of Teacher Training in Indonesia (with C. Garro-Marín)

## Publications

Education for the Masses or the Pious? Public and Islamic Schools in Indonesia (with S. Bazzi and B. Marx). In D. Rohner and E. Zhuravskaya (eds.). [\*Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures\*](#). Paris, France: CEPR Press. 2023  
The Impact of Sending Top College Graduates to Rural Primary Schools. *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies*, 2023.

## Grants and Awards

BU Department of Economics, Rosenstein-Rodan Essay Prize runner-up, 2022

J-PAL Governance Initiative and J-PAL Southeast Asia IRF Grant, Building State Capacity at Scale, with S. Bazzi, B. Marx, M. Shaukat, and A. Stegmann, 2021

BU Institute for Economic Development, The Determinants of Altruism, with G. Lim and Y. E. Riyanto, 2021

Weiss Fund and J-PAL Southeast Asia IRF Grant, Improving the Link between Vocational Schools and Industry, with C. Garro-Marín, 2020-2021

Duolingo Language Impact Award, 2021

World Bank Knowledge for Change Program, Institutional Strengthening for Improved Village Service Delivery, with S. Bazzi, Y. Herawati, B. Marx, A. O'Donnell, L. Ralston, M. Shaukat, and A. Stegmann, 2020

Weiss Fund, Exploratory Fieldwork for Research on Education in Indonesia, 2019

BU Institute for Economic Development, Manuel Abdala grant, 2019

Japanese Government Scholarship, 2009-2012

## Presentations (\*co-author presentation)

2023: NUS (Economics, Public Policy), UNSW, Monash, Macquarie, INSEAD, Gottingen

2022: NEUDC

2021: NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Spring Meeting\*; AIFIS Michigan State Univ.; WIDER Dev Conference United Nations University; ADB Institute; NEUDC\*

2020: CILIS Univ. of Melbourne; NBER Development Economics Summer Institute\*; NEUDC\*; J-PAL SEA Brown Bag Seminar

2019: GEA Spring Poster Session (Boston University)

2017: Raskin Reform Inter-ministerial Meeting (Bappenas/Ministry of Development Planning);

2016: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Workshop (Bandung); Sustainable Coffee Platform of Indonesia/SCOPI Workshop (Jakarta); Expert Meeting on Expansion of Informal Sector Enrollment to National Health Insurance (Universitas Gadjah Mada); Generasi Impact Evaluation Inter-Ministerial Workgroup (Bappenas);

2015: Indonesia Regional Studies Association (Universitas Udayana)

2014: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Jakarta); Social Security Agency for Health/BPJS Kesehatan

## Teaching

2022: EC320 Economics of Less-Developed Regions (Instructor, Boston University)  
EC101 OL Introduction to Microeconomics

2021: EC101 Introductory Microeconomic Analysis (Teaching Fellow, Boston University)

2017: J-PAL SEA Course, Introduction to Evaluations and Randomized Evaluations (Teaching Facilitator, Univ. Indonesia)  
 2016: J-PAL SEA Course, Evaluating Social Program (Teaching Facilitator, Univ. Indonesia)  
 2015: J-PAL SEA Course, Evaluating Social Program (Teaching Facilitator, Univ. Gadjah Mada); Mixed Methods Research Training Workshop (Bappenas/Ministry of Development Planning); Regional Development Planning Agency Training (LPEM UI)  
 2012-2013: Trans Batui 5 Public Elementary School, (Grade 4-5 teacher, Banggai, Indonesia)

### Service

Referee: Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Economic Modelling, Singapore Economic Review, International Journal of Public Opinion Research

Mentorship: GAIN/Graduate Application International Network (2021, 2023), Indonesia Mengglobal (2021, 2023), Boston Partners in Education (2019-2020)

### Selected Research Contributions as RA

Banerjee, A., Finkelstein, A., Hanna, R., Olken, B.A., Ornaghi, A. and Sumarto, S. Subsidies and the Dynamics of Selection: Experimental Evidence from Indonesia's National Health Insurance. *American Economic Review*, 2021.  
 Banerjee, A., Hanna, R., Olken, B.A. and Sumarto, S., The (Lack of) Distortionary Effects of Proxy-Means Tests: Results from a Nationwide Experiment in Indonesia. *Journal of Public Economics Plus*, 2020.  
 Bazzi, S., Koehler-Derrick, G. and Marx, B. The Institutional Foundations of Religious Politics: Evidence from Indonesia. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2020.  
 Olken, B.A., Sacks, A., Endarso, G.K.A., Subandoro, A.W. and Wrobel, R.. Indonesia Long-term Impact Evaluation of Generasi. The World Bank, 2018.

### Activities

Queer Indonesia Archive, volunteer, 2020  
 Duolingo Incubator, volunteer, developed a free online [Indonesian course](#) (834K active users) and an [English course](#) (3.49M active users), 2014-2019.

**Programming Skills:** Stata, Mata, R, Matlab, IDL, Fortran, LaTeX, Git.

**Languages:** English (fluent), Indonesian (native), Javanese, Japanese (basic).