

School/Department:	International Institute of Social Studies
Project Title:	Regional Development Strategies in Western China
Abstract:	<p>This research project investigates various aspects of state-led development strategies in Western China, with a particular focus on minority areas and of the socio-economic transformations that are occurring in these areas, from both micro and macro perspectives, including livelihood changes in both rural and urban areas, migration flows, education and other aspects of social policy, resettlement policies, land use changes, commodity speculation, state-led industrial and infrastructure policy, or the role of state policy in determining urbanization dynamics.</p> <p>Of particular interest is how these structural trends since the mid-2000s have been related to emerging patterns of social stratification, inequality, disadvantage and discrimination in the multi-ethnic urban areas of Western China over this period.</p> <p>This project proposes three PhD scholarships to research these issues under the supervision of Professor Arjun Bedi, a renowned scholar on human capital, education, and labour markets in development, and Associate Professor Dr Andrew Fischer, an expert on development in western China. Both Professor Bedi and Dr Fischer will serve as promoters. Applications are invited on any aspect of the research project described above.</p>
Requirements of candidate:	<p>Background: Social Sciences (ideally with background in economics, political economy, politics science, development studies, social policy or related field)</p> <p>Master degree: Yes (in Social Sciences, as specified above) IELTS Grade: 7.0 (<i>minimal 6.0 per component</i>) or TOEFL: 100 (<i>minimal 20 per component</i>)</p> <p>(<i>or exemption if MA degree was in English</i>)</p> <p>Other requirements: experience in western China; knowledge of one or several minority languages is desirable.</p>

<p>Supervisor information:</p>	<p>Promoter:</p> <p>Prof. dr. Arjun Bedi, Professor of Development Economics Email address bedi@iss.nl Personal website: www.iss.nl/bedi</p> <p>Selected Recent publication list, last 5 years (1-2 pages)</p> <p>“Impact of Ethiopia’s Community Based Health Insurance on household economic welfare” (with Zelalem Yilma, Anagaw Mebratie, Robert Sparrow, Marleen Dekker, Getnet Alemu). <i>World Bank Economic Review</i> 29 (Suppl. 1) (2015): S164-S173.</p> <p>“Dropping out of Ethiopia’s Community Based Health Insurance Scheme” (with Anagaw Mebratie, Robert Sparrow, Zelalem Yilma, Getnet Alemu). <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> (2015); doi: 10.1093/heapol/czu142.</p> <p>“Enrolment in Ethiopia’s Community Based Health Insurance Scheme” (with Anagaw Mebratie, Robert Sparrow, Zelalem Yilma, Getnet Alemu). <i>World Development</i> 74 (2015): 58-76.</p> <p>“Sickness and Death: Economic Consequences and Coping Strategies of the Urban Poor in Bangladesh” (with Farid Khan, Robert Sparrow). <i>World Development</i> 72 (2015): 255-266.</p> <p>“The effects of Rwanda’s Biogas Program on energy expenditure and fuel use” (with Luca Tasciotti, Lorenzo Pellegrini). <i>World Development</i> 67 (2015): 461-474.</p> <p>“Enrollment in Community Based Health Insurance Schemes in Rural Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, India” (with Pradeep Panda, Arpita Chakraborty, David Dror). <i>Health Policy and Planning</i> 29 no. 8 (2014): 960-974.</p> <p>“Coping with shocks in rural Ethiopia” (with Zelalem Yilma, Anagaw Mebratie, Robert Sparrow, Degnet Abebaw, Marleen Dekker, Getnet Alemu). <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> 50 no.7 (2014):1009-1024.</p> <p>“Transnational Trafficking, Law Enforcement and Victim Protection: A Middleman Trafficker’s Perspective” (with Randy Akee, Arnab Basu and Nancy Chau). <i>Journal of Law and Economics</i> 57 no. 2 (2014): 349-386.</p> <p>“Child Malnutrition and Antenatal Care” (with Nohora Forero, Luis Gamboa, Robert Sparrow). <i>Pan American Journal of Public Health</i> 35 no. 3(2014):163–71.</p> <p>“Health care seeking behavior in rural Ethiopia: Evidence from clinical vignettes” (with Anagaw Mebratie, Ellen Van de Poel, Zelalem Yilma, Degnet Abebaw, Getnet Alemu). <i>BMJ Open</i> 4 (2014): doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004020.</p> <p>“Regional dimensions of Somali piracy and militant Islamism: anthropological</p>

	<p>and econometric evidence” (with Currun Singh)”. <i>Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy</i> 19 no. 3(2013): 369-380). doi: 10.1515/peps-2013-0037. On October 23, 2013, an op-ed in the <i>International New York Times</i> referred to this paper.</p> <p>“The Dynamics of Job Creation and Job Destruction in an African Economy: Evidence from Ethiopia” (with Admasu Shiferaw). <i>Journal of African Economies</i> 22 no. 5 (2013): 651-692 (lead article).</p> <p>“Census 2011 and Child Sex Ratios in Tamil Nadu” (with S. Srinivasan). <i>Journal of Human Development and Capabilities</i> 14 no. 3 (2013): 441-451.</p> <p>“Foreign Direct Investment, Black Economic Empowerment and Labour Productivity in South Africa” (with Anagaw Derseh Mebratie) <i>Journal of International Trade and Economic Development</i> 22 no. 1 (2013): 94-115.</p> <p>“Ensuring Daughter Survival in Tamil Nadu” (with Sharada Srinivasan). <i>Oxford Development Studies</i> 39 no.3 (2011): 253-283. Reprinted in Chinese in Li, Shuzhuo, Shang Zijuan and Yang Bo (eds.) (2012) <i>Gender and sustainable social development</i>, pp.298-333. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press (China).</p> <p>“Marital Violence and Women's Employment and Property Status: Evidence from North Indian Villages” (with Manasi Bhattacharyya and Amrita Chhachhi). <i>World Development</i> 39 no. 9 (2011): 1676-1689.</p> <p>“Unemployment Assistance and Transition to Employment in Argentina” (with Ana Iturriza and Robert Sparrow). <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> 59 no. 4 (2011): 811-837.</p> <p>“Guyana’s Poverty Reduction Strategy and Social Expenditure” (with Niek de Jong). <i>European Journal of Development Research</i> 23 (2011): 229-248.</p> <p>“The Impact of a Cash Transfer Program on Cognitive Achievement: The Bono de Desarrollo of Ecuador” (with Juan Ponce). <i>Economics of Education Review</i> 29 no. 1 (2010): 116-125.</p> <p>Co-promoter</p> <p>Dr. Andrew M. Fischer Email address: fischer@iss.nl Personal website: www.iss.nl/fischer</p> <p>Brief bio: Dr. Andrew M. Fischer is Associate Professor of Social Policy and Development Studies at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), and laureate of the prestigious European Research Council Starting Grant, which he won in the 2014 round. He is also the founding editor of a new book series recently signed with Oxford University Press entitled Critical Frontiers of International Development Studies, editor of the journal Development and Change, and Scientific Director of CERES, the Dutch Research School for International</p>
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Development. His current ERC Starting Grant is on the political economy of externally financing social policy in developing countries, with a focus on the emerging social protection agenda among donors. His earlier work was on the impact of Chinese regional development policies in the minority areas of Western China. At ISS, Dr. Fischer led the establishment of the MA major in Social Policy for Development, which he convened from 2012 to 2014. He also convened the specialisation in Poverty Studies and Policy Analysis from 2009 to 2012 and is currently the chair for the Political Ecology Research Group within the Institute. He has worked with and advised various multilateral agencies and NGOs, including UNRISD, UNW, UNDP, UNICEF, UNECOSOC.

Selected Recent publication list, last 5 years (1-2 pages)

- 2021 (with Emma L. Dadap-Cantal and Charmaine G. Ramos), 'Targeting versus social protection in cash transfers in the Philippines: Reassessing a celebrated case of social protection.' *Critical Social Policy*. May. doi:[10.1177/02610183211009891](https://doi.org/10.1177/02610183211009891)
- 2021 (with Bram Buscher, G. Feola, R. Fletcher, W. Harcourt, J.F. Gerber, K. Martijn, M. Spirenborg, V. Walstra and H. Wiskerke). 'Planning for a World beyond COVID-19: Five Pillars for Post-Neoliberal Development.' *World Development* (early online view) doi: [10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105357](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105357)
- 2021 (with Jimi Adesina and Nimi Hoffmann). '[Reflections on Aid and Regime Change in Ethiopia: A Response to Cheeseman](#).' *CODESRIA Bulletin*, no.1, January 2021: 47-51 [[open access](#)].
2020. '[The Dark Sides of Social Policy: From Neoliberalism to Resurgent Right-wing Populism](#).' *Development and Change* 51(2): 371-97 [[open access](#)]
2019. 'Bringing Development Back into Development Studies.' *Development and Change* 50(2): 426-444 ([open access](#)).
2018. [Poverty as Ideology: Rescuing Social Justice from Global Development Agendas](#). London: Zed Books; initial draft awarded International Studies in Poverty Prize by Comparative Research Programme on Poverty in Bergen, Norway, and Zed Books. Fully open access at <http://bora.uib.no/handle/1956/20614>.
2018. 'Debt and Development in Historical Perspective: The External Constraints of Late Industrialisation Revisited through South Korea and Brazil.' *World Economy* (online, open access; <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/twec.12625/full>).
- 2017 (with Adrian Zenz). 'Neo-*fenpei* in Tibet? Tibetan representation and preferentiality in public employment since the end of *fenpei* in China.' *China Quarterly* 234: 527-51.
2016. 'Aid and the Symbiosis of Global Redistribution and Development: Comparative Historical Lessons from Two Icons of Development Studies.' *ISS Working Paper* No. 618 (AIDSOCPRO working paper No. 1), April 2016.
2016. 'On the Macroeconomics of Universalistic Social Policy and Economic and Social Rights.' *Global Social Policy* 16(1): 97-104.

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	<p>2015. 'The End of Peripheries? On The Enduring Relevance of Structuralism for Understanding Contemporary Global Development.' <i>Development and Change</i> 46(4): 700-32.</p> <p>2015. 'Subsidising Tibet: an interprovincial comparison of western China up to the end of the Hu-Wen administration.' <i>China Quarterly</i> 221 (March 2015): 73-99.</p> <p>2015. 'Economic Restructuring and Labour Market Reforms in Amdo, Qinghai: Insights into Contemporary Tibetan-Muslim Conflict.' In Marie-Paule Hille, Bianca Horlemann and Paul K. Nietupski (eds.), <i>Amdo and Islam</i>. Lanham: Lexington (forthcoming).</p>
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English requirements: Please refer to Erasmus University China Center official website for your information www.eur.nl/eucc

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