

<b>School/Department:</b>	<b>International Institute of Social Studies</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Understanding urban-led development in the Tibetan areas of western China</b>
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Urbanisation in the Tibetan areas of China are fairly unique in that rural-to-urban migration is contributing to a rapid increase in urbanization in the absence of any significant increases in labour productivity in agriculture, where most of the population was employed at the beginning of their urbanization transitions. This is partly explained by the presence of huge subsidies flowing into the region, which allow for rising incomes, particularly in urban areas where subsidies are concentrated. However, there are no parallel increases in productivity in rural areas, thereby disassociating the classical synergies between rural and urban development. Instead, rapid increase in urbanisation in the 2000s was fuelled by the heavily subsidized rapid growth of Tibetan towns and cities, which stimulated both local Tibetan and interprovincial migration. Moreover, despite this rapid transformation since the early 2000s, a persisting feature of urban employment in Tibetan areas has been the extremely limited supply of non-state (private or corporate) formal employment. As a result, the state-sector has remained as the almost exclusive supply of jobs that are appropriate for university graduates, resulting for an all or nothing prospect for such graduates, with important implications on the rising numbers of Tibetans receiving such levels of education. The persistence of this situation is unique in comparison to all other regions and provinces in China.</p> <p>This research project investigates various aspects of these transitions occurring in Tibetan 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, or the fundamental 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 Tibetan urban areas over this period, with a focus on the Tibetan areas of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), Qinghai, Gansu and Sichuan.</p>

	<p>This project proposes two 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, particularly with respect to education and employment. Both Professor Bedi and Dr Fischer will serve as promoters. Applications are invited on any aspect of the research project described above.</p>
<p><b>Requirements of candidate:</b></p>	<p><b>Background:</b> 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>(or exemption if MA degree was in English)</p> <p>Other requirements: experience in western China and knowledge of Tibetan.</p>
<p><b>Supervisor information:</b></p>	<p><b>Promoter:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. dr. Arjun Bedi, Professor of Development Economics</b>          Email address <a href="mailto:bedi@iss.nl">bedi@iss.nl</a>          Personal website: <a href="http://www.iss.nl/bedi">www.iss.nl/bedi</a></p> <p><b>Selected Recent publication list, last 5 years (1-2 pages)</b></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).</p>

	<p><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 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 Dersch 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</i></p>
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### Co-promoter

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### 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 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 (with a focus on Tibetan areas, encompassing five provinces). 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)

- 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.

	<p>2016. 'On the Macroeconomics of Universalistic Social Policy and Economic and Social Rights.' <i>Global Social Policy</i> 16(1): 97-104.</p> <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> <p>2014. 'Redistribution as social justice for decarbonising the global economy.' <i>The Economic and Labour Relations Review</i> 25(4): 574-586.</p> <p>2014. 'The Social Value of Employment and the Redistributive Imperative for Development.' In K Malik (Ed.), <i>Safeguarding Human Progress: Reducing Vulnerabilities, Building Resistance</i>. New York: UNDP Human Development Report Office, pp. 81-149.</p> <p>2014. <i>The Disempowered Development of Tibet in China: a study in the economics of marginalisation</i>. Lanham, MD: Lexington/Rowman and Littlefield (cross-listed with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute Book Series at Columbia University).</p> <p>2013. 'The Political within the Depoliticised: Poverty Measurement and Implicit Agendas in the MDGs.' Chapter five in Malcolm Langford, Andy Sumner, and Alicia Ely Yamin (eds.), <i>The MDGs and Human Rights: Past, Present and Future</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 119-142.</p> <p>2012. 'The Perils of Paradigm Maintenance in the Face of Crisis.' Chapter two in Peter Utting, Shahra Razavi and Rebecca Buchholz (UNRISD) (eds.), <i>The Global Crisis and Transformative Social Change</i>. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 43-62.</p> <p>2011. 'Beware the Fallacy of Productivity Reductionism.' <i>European Journal of Development Research</i> 23: 521-526 (special issue on 2010 report by UNRISD, <i>Combating Poverty and Inequality</i>, with co-contributors including Naila Kabeer, James Galbraith and Robert Wade).</p> <p>2011. 'Chinese Savings Gluts or Northern Financialisation? The ideological expediency of crisis narratives.' Chapter 6 in Peter A.G. van Bergeijk, Arjan de Haan and Rolf van der Hoeven (eds.), <i>The Financial Crisis and Developing Countries: a Global Multidisciplinary Perspective</i>. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 85-100.</p> <p>2011. 'The Great Transformation of Tibet? Rapid labour transitions in times of rapid growth.' <i>Himalaya</i> 30(1-2): 63-77.</p> <p>2011 (with U. Kothari). '<a href="#">Resilience in an Unequal Capitalist World</a>', Introduction to <a href="#">special virtual issue</a> of <i>Journal of International Development</i>, co-edited with Uma Kothari, in preparation for the upcoming <a href="#">DSA-EADI conference</a> from 19-22 September 2011, in York, UK.</p> <p>2011 (with U. Kothari). 'A Challenge for Research in Development Studies on Values, Ethics and Morals.' <i>Journal of International Development</i> 23(6): 767-</p>
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	<p>770 (introduction to Special Issue on Values, Ethics and Morality, co-edited with Uma Kothari).</p> <p>2010. 'Zhongguo zhengzai lameihua ma? zai quanqiu shiheng langchaozhong, zhongguo zai shili yu yifuxing zhijian de pingheng xingwei' (tr. 'Is China Turning Latin? China's balancing act between power and dependence on the wave of global imbalances'), <i>Zhengzhi Jingjixue Pinglun</i> (tr. <i>China Review of Political Economy</i>) 1(4), October 2010: 36-53.</p> <p>2010. 'Is China Turning Latin? China's balancing act between power and dependence in the lead up to global crisis.' <i>Journal of International Development</i> 22(6): 739-757.</p> <p>2010. 'Towards Genuine Universalism within Contemporary Development Policy.' <i>IDS Bulletin</i> (Special Issue on MDGs and Beyond) 41(1): 36-44.</p>
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**Table Information about English requirements**

<b>Admission office</b>	IELTS: 7.0 (min. 6.0 for all subs.)	TOEFL: 100 (min. 20 for all subs.)	-
<b>Admission office English-speaking countries and NL</b>	Not required for Master student	Not required for Master student	-
<b>Rotterdam School of Management</b>	IELTS: 7.5 (min. 6.0 for all subs.)	TOEFL: 100 (internet) or 600 (paper)	GMAT-test or GRE-test: 85%
<b>Erasmus School of Economics</b>	IELTS: 7.5 (min. 6.0 for all subs.)	TOEFL: 100 (min. 20 for all subs.)	GMAT: 680 or GRE-test: top 15%
<b>Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	IELTS: 7.5 (min. 6.0 for all subs.)	TOEFL: 100 (min. 20 for all subs.)	

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