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Areas of expertise

- Employment & social policy
- Skills analysis & anticipation
- Immigration policy
- Inequality & social justice
- Informality
- Training & education systems
- Policy & program evaluation
- Data analysis & insights
- Employment forecasts
- New forms of employment
- Qualitative research
- Labour market information systems
- International best practices

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Publications

The following are a selection of recent publications and appearances.
A full list is available upon request.

Recent publications

- Jobs in trade and global supply chains in Viet Nam (with Felix Weidenkaff, forthcoming December 2025)
- [Employment in the critical minerals sector: A case study of Indonesia, Mongolia and the Philippines](#) (with Quentin Mathys) (September 2025)
- [Advancing decent work in garment supply chains in Asia and the Pacific](#) (joint with Better Work) (September 2025)
- [World Employment and Social Outlook 2025: Asia and the Pacific May Update](#) (ILO, 2025)
- [Employment implications of the earthquake in Myanmar A preliminary rapid assessment](#) (with David Mosler and Matthieu Charpe) (ILO, 2025)
- [Innovative approaches to formalization in Asia and the Pacific](#) (ILO, 2025)
- [Regional mapping of labour market information for skills and employment policies in ASEAN Member States](#) (with Richard Horne) (ILO, 2025)
- [Employment Diagnostic Analysis: British Virgin Islands](#) (ILO, 2025)
- [A Just Transition With and For Youth](#) (with E. McGirr, ILO, 2025)
- Future Skills Centre, State of Skills Series:
 - [Working Collaboratively to Close Skills-Related LMI Gaps](#) (FSC, 2025)
 - [Enhancing Career Prospects and Well-Being for Canadian Youth](#) (FSC, 2024)
- [World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2024](#) (ILO, 2024)

Appearances and presentations

- *Jobs in Trade and Supply Chains in Viet Nam* — Presentation to ILO constituents, 4 December 2025, Hanoi
- *Trade-dependent employment patterns in Thailand* — Presentation to ILO constituents, 25 November 2025, Bangkok
- *Informality trends and consequences* – Presentation at the Conference on informal-economy, October 8-9, 2025, Vientiane
- *AI and labour market implications* – Presentation at the 6th ASEAN-ROK Policy Sharing Workshop, September 22, 2025, Seoul
- *Future of work in Asia and the Pacific* – Presentation at the APAC Employment Law Conference, September 17, 2025, Hong Kong
- [House of Commons, Standing Committee on Finance](#) (Appearance at Parliament of Canada Committee, 2022)

Blogs, op-eds and podcasts

- [Worker skills must be central to Canadian immigration efforts](#) (IRPP Policy Options, 2022)
- [Higher interest rates will cause a recession - How do we pick up the pieces?](#) (Op-ed, Globe and Mail with Parisa Mahboubi, 2022)
- [Canada keeps making labour market mistakes by missing recession-era opportunities](#) (Op-ed, Globe and Mail, 2022 and C.D. Howe, 2022)
- [Addressing labour and skill shortages](#) (podcast)