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Profile

Jamele Rigolini (a Swiss national, born on October 2nd, 1974 in Geneva) is a Lead Economist in the World Bank's Latin America and the Caribbean. He is in charge of coordinating and supervising the Human Development portfolio for the Andean countries (Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela). His areas of expertise include social protection, human development, labor markets, innovation, political economy and economic growth. Prior to joining the World Bank he was an Assistant Professor in Economics at the University of Warwick (UK), where he taught classes on development economics and economic growth. He also worked for the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and McKinsey & Co. At the World Bank, he spent four years working in the East Asia and the Pacific's social protection unit, where he managed cross-sectoral lending projects and advisory activities. In 2010 he moved to the Office of the Chief Economist of the Latin America and Caribbean region, where he managed the yearly thematic Flagship Reports, and maintained a close dialogue with other International Organizations, Latin American academics and Think Tanks. Jamele Rigolini holds a Diploma in Physics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zürich, and a PhD in Economics from New York University. In addition to his policy work he remains active in research and has published in leading academic journals including the Journal of Public Economics, the Journal of Development Economics, Economics & Politics, Economic Letters and World Development. He is fluent in Italian, French, English, Spanish and German.

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| PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH | Geneva, 2 October 1974 (Swiss citizen) |
| LANGUAGES | Italian and French: Native; English, Spanish: Fluent; German: Good |
| EDUCATION | |
| PhD Economics | New York University, 1999- 2004, <i>Distinctions at Core and Field Exams</i> |
| M.A. Economics | University of Lausanne, 1998-99, <i>Best Master Program in Economics</i> |
| Diploma, Physics | Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, 1993-98, <i>Diploma with Special Honors</i> |

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2013 | Lead Economist and Program Leader <i>The World Bank</i> | Coordination and Supervision of the Human Development portfolio for the Andean countries (Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela) |
| 2010 | Senior Economist | Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the |

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| | <i>The World Bank</i> | Caribbean |
| 2009 | Senior Economist <i>The World Bank</i> | East Asia Social Protection unit |
| 2007 | Economist <i>The World Bank</i> | East Asia Social Protection unit |
| 2005 | Young Professional <i>The World Bank</i> | Poverty Reduction and Economic Management unit |
| 2004 | Assistant Professor <i>University of Warwick</i> | Economics Department |
| 2004 | Consultant <i>The World Conservation Union (IUCN)</i> | Dakar office, Senegal |
| 2001 | Consultant <i>Inter-American Development Bank</i> | Research at the Poverty Advisory Unit |
| 2000 | Summer Associate <i>McKinsey & Company</i> | Consultant in the Financial Division |

SELECTED POLICY WORK

- **PERU: POLICY NOTES FOR THE INCOMING GOVERNMENT (2015).** In charge of coordinating the preparation of thematic policy notes for the incoming Government, to be summarized in a report on Productivity and Geographic Development (ongoing).
- **SOUTHERN AFRICA REPORT ON DEMOGRAPHICS, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND LABOR MARKETS (2015).** Co-author of a subregional report on the impacts of changing demographics on social protection, labor markets and growth (ongoing).
- **LATIN AMERICA: REGIONAL REPORT ON CHRONIC POVERTY (2012-2015).** Co-author of a regional report for Latin America on drivers of chronic poverty.
- **2014 IZA / WORLD BANK CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (2014).** Member of the organizing committee.
- **LATIN AMERICA: FLAGSHIP REPORT ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION (2011-2013).** Co-author of the 2013 Flagship Report for Latin America on entrepreneurship and innovation.
- **EDITED VOLUME ON SOCIAL INSURANCE AND LABOR MARKETS (2011-2013).** Co-editor of a World Bank/IADB/IZA edited volume on Social Insurance design and labor markets. Published by Oxford University Press.
- **LATIN AMERICA: FLAGSHIP REPORT ON MOBILITY AND THE MIDDLE CLASS (2010-2012).** Co-author for the 2012 Flagship Report for Latin America on economic mobility and the impacts of a growing middle class.
- **2011 IZA / WORLD BANK CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (2011).** Member of the organizing and scientific committees.
- **CAMBODIA: EVALUATION OF FOOD VS. CASH ASSISTANCE (2011).** Team Leader for a joint World Bank – WFP evaluation of a food vs. cash assistance pilot in Cambodia (ongoing).

- **CAMBODIA: SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY (2010).** Team Leader for a year-long, joint Government / Development Partners initiative to develop a social protection strategy for Cambodia.
- **CAMBODIA: EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL TARGETING PROGRAM (2010).** Team Leader for the evaluation of the Identification of Poor Households (*IDPoor*), Cambodia's national targeting program.
- **CAMBODIA: SKILLS REPORT (2010).** Team Leader for a study on labor markets and skills development to improve the quality of technical training and the matching with industry's needs.
- **THAILAND: ANALYTICAL WORK ON MIGRATION (2009-2010).** Initiated a three years long analytical exercise in collaboration with local universities studying migration flows and the political economy of migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion.
- **EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: FOOD, FUEL, AND FINANCIAL CRISES MONITORING AND RESPONSE COORDINATION (2008-2009).** Co-Team Leader of a cross-sectoral team that coordinated the World Bank's response to the FFF crises in East Asia and the Pacific.
- **PHILIPPINES: SHARED GROWTH REPORT (2008).** Analyzed the double causal relationship between macro-economic performance and labor market outcomes at the sectoral and regional level.
- **INDONESIA: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION (2007).** Advised the Indonesian government on how to efficiently reform its social protection system with particular focus on the severance pay scheme.
- **ALBRIGHT – DE SOTO COMMISSION FOR THE LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR (2007).** Represented the World Bank in the UN-hosted working group on labor rights of the Albright – De Soto Commission for the legal empowerment of the poor.
- **VENEZUELA: POVERTY ASSESSMENT (2006).** Led the preparation of the poverty profile and of a poverty map for Venezuela.

PROJECTS AND LENDING

- **LATIN AMERICA: DIÁLOGOS DE COHESIÓN SOCIAL (2010-2012).** Team leader for grant to CIEPLAN, a Chilean Think Tank, to organize country dialogues on regional challenges and social cohesion.
- **CAMBODIA: FOOD, FUEL AND FINANCIAL CRISES DEVELOPMENT POLICY OPERATION (DPL – 2009).** Team Leader for social protection of a joint Agriculture/Social Protection Development Policy Operation to support Cambodia's response to the FFF crises.
- **FIJI: SOCIAL PROTECTION SUPPORT PROJECT (2009).** Team Leader for technical assistance to the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) for improving targeting, benefits, management, and implementation procedures of social protection programs.
- **LAO PDR: POVERTY REDUCTION FUND PROJECT (INVESTMENT LENDING - 2008).** Team Leader for the second phase of the Lao Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF), the largest Community Driven Development project in Lao PDR.

REFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- **MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE: DECENTRALIZATION AND SPENDING ABILITY OF PERUVIAN MUNICIPALITIES** (2014), with Norman Loayza and Oscar Calvo, *Economics & Politics*, 26(1), 56-78.
- **DO MIDDLE CLASSES BRING ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS?** (2012), with Norman Loayza and Gonzalo Llorente, *Economic Letters*, 116(3), 440-44.
- **NATURAL DISASTERS AND GROWTH: GOING BEYOND THE AVERAGES** (2012), with Eduardo Olaberria, Luc Christiaensen and Norman Loayza, *World Development*, 40(7), 1317-36.
- **DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERACTION OF ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS** (2011), with Amrita Dhillon, *Journal of Public Economics*, 95, 79-87.
- **INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT: SAFETY NET OF GROWTH ENGINE?** (2011), with Norman Loayza, *World Development*, 39(9), 1503-15.
- **LATIN AMERICA AND THE SOCIAL CONTRACT: PATTERNS OF REDISTRIBUTION THROUGH SOCIAL SPENDING AND TAXATION** (2009), with Karla Breceda and Jaime Saavedra, *Population and Development Review*, 35(4), 721-748.
- **INFORMALITY TRAPS** (2008), with Yusufchan Masatlioglu, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (Contributions)*, 8(1).
- **EDUCATION, WAGES, AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS** (2004), *Journal of Development Economics*, 75(1), 55-77.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVISION

- **ELECTORAL COMPETITION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL BENEFITS** (2015), with Ryan Booth and Deon Filmer, Reject and Resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*.
- **THE LOCAL IMPACT OF MINING ON POVERTY AND INEQUALITY: EVIDENCE FROM THE COMMODITY BOOM IN PERU** (2015), with Norman Loayza, Revise and Resubmit, *World Development*.
- **THE UNFAIRNESS OF (POVERTY) TARGETS** (2015), with Melanie Allwine and Luis-Felipe Lopez-Calva, Revise and Resubmit, *Oxford Economic Papers*.
- **ADDRESSING ACCESS AND BEHAVIORAL CONSTRAINTS THROUGH SOCIAL INTERMEDIATION SERVICES : A REVIEW OF CHILE SOLIDARIO AND RED UNIDOS** (2014), with Adriana Camacho, Wendy Cunningham and Veronica Silva, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 7136.
- **IS THERE SUCH THING AS MIDDLE CLASS VALUES? CLASS DIFFERENCES, VALUES AND POLITICAL ORIENTATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA** (2013), with Luis-Felipe Lopez-Calva and Florencia Torche, Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Development Studies*.
- **POVERTY, INEQUALITY, AND THE LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCE CURSE** (2013), with Alfredo Mier y Teran and Norman Loayza, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 6366.
- **SHOULD CASH TRANSFERS BE CONFINED TO THE POOR? IMPLICATIONS FOR POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN LATIN AMERICA** (2011), with Pablo Acosta and Philippe Leite, *IZA Policy Papers*, No. 34.
- **MANAGING EAST ASIA MACRO-ECONOMIC VOLATILITY** (2009), with Eduardo Olaberria. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 4989.
- **INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS CORRUPTION: DO SOCIAL EFFECTS MATTER?** (2003), with Roberta Gatti and Stefano Paternostro, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 3122.
- **POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: THE DOUBLE CAUSALITY** (2001), with Nora Lustig and Omar Arias, *IADB Technical Papers Series*.

SELECTED BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

- **LEFT BEHIND: CHRONIC POVERTY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN** (2015). With Renos Vakis and Leonardo Lucchetti. World Bank.
 - **SOCIAL INSURANCE, INFORMALITY AND LABOR MARKETS: HOW TO PROTECT WORKERS WHILE CREATING GOOD JOBS** (2014). With Markus Froehlich, David Kaplan, Carmen Pages, and David Robalino. Oxford University Press.
 - **LATIN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS: MANY FIRMS BUT LITTLE INNOVATION**. 2013 Flagship Report for Latin America and the Caribbean. World Bank.
 - **ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND THE RISE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS**. 2012 Flagship Report for Latin America and the Caribbean. World Bank.
 - **CAMBODIA: TOWARDS A SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE** (2010). Background Report for developing Cambodia's social protection strategy. World Bank.
 - **PROVIDING SKILLS FOR EQUITY AND GROWTH: PREPARING CAMBODIA'S YOUTH FOR THE LABOR MARKET** (2010). Report. World Bank.
 - **COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACHES IN LAO PDR: MOVING BEYOND SERVICE DELIVERY** (2008). Report. World Bank.
 - **INTERNATIONAL EVIDENCE ON SEVERANCE PAY REFORMS: SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHTS FOR INDONESIA'S CURRENT REFORM PROPOSAL** (2007), with Ana Revenga. World Bank.
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OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

IZA Research Fellow since 2011. Referee: B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Economic Papers.
