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Speaker Biographies

Panel 5: Borrower Agency

Tuesday, May 4, 9am EDT



Alvin CAMBA is a Sociology PhD Candidate at Johns Hopkins University and an incoming Assistant Professor at the Korbel School at the University of Denver. Alvin is also a research fellow at the Climate Policy Lab at Tufts University. Alvin has been awarded multiple best graduate research paper awards by sections of the American Sociological Association, funded by multiple foundations or institutions (e.g. The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation), and contributed to policy reports (e.g. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,). His research on Chinese capital in Southeast Asia has been published in top development journals, such as *Development and Change*, *Environmental Policy and Governance*, and *Extractive Industries and Society*. He has presented his work at the World Bank, AidData, and the US State Department. He has been interviewed by *The Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, as well as consulted by Southeast Asian politicians and policy makers about China's growing role in Southeast Asia.



Umesh MORAMUDALI is a lecturer attached to the Department of Economics, University of Colombo. He has extensive research experience on public finance and public debt in Sri Lanka. Prior to joining academia, he was a Research Analyst at the Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka where he was involved in research pertaining to tariff reforms, trade negotiations, national budget and trade facilitation under the Economic Advisor to the Ministry. Later he also served as a Senior Research Associate at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, a major private sector representative body in Sri Lanka. He started his career as a journalist in *Ceylon Today*, one of the national newspapers in Sri Lanka where he served for five years performing various roles such as news reporter, feature writer, economic columnist, political analyst and an editorial writer. Umesh

is a recipient of Chevening Scholarship 2018/19. He was awarded the scholarship to pursue MSc in Economics at the University of Warwick and successfully graduated in 2019.



Folashadé SOULÉ-KOHNDOU is a Senior Research Associate at the Global Economic Governance programme (Blavatnik School of Government). Her research areas focus on Africa-China relations, the study of agency in Africa's international relations and the politics of South-South cooperation. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the London School of Economics, and a former Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellow. Folashadé also teaches courses on politics and international relations at the University of Oxford and has been a departmental lecturer at Sciences Po Paris and the University of Lille. As a policy-facing academic, connecting policy and research, she is the initiator of the Africa-China negotiation workshop series bringing together African negotiators and senior policymakers to exchange and build better negotiation practices when dealing with China. She is currently acting as the Africa advisor to the Commission on Global Economic Transformation (CGET) led by Nobel Laureates Joseph Stiglitz and Michael Spence and hosted by the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET).



W. Gyude MOORE is a Senior Policy Fellow at the Center for Global Development (CGD). He previously served as Liberia's Minister of Public Works with oversight over the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure from December 2014 to January 2018. Prior to that role, Moore served as Deputy Chief of Staff to President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Head of the President's Delivery Unit (PDU). At CGD, Mr. Moore's policy analysis and research focus are governance, the financing of infrastructure, and Africa's response to the changing landscape of external actors. Mr. Moore is a lecturer at the University of Chicago's Harris School for Public Policy where he teaches a class on the role of infrastructure in the practice of foreign policy and international development. His writing has been published in newspapers and magazines like Africa Business, The Hill, Quartz, Foreign Policy, and Mail & Guardian in South Africa. Mr. Moore is also a Senior Fellow at the Breakthrough Institute. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Berea College and a Master's degree in Foreign Policy and International Security from Georgetown University.



Ho-Fung HUNG is the Henry M. and Elizabeth P. Wiesenfeld Professor in Political Economy in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and in the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hung's scholarly interests include global political economy, protest, and nation-state formation, with a focus on China and East Asia. He is the author of the award-winning *Protest with Chinese Characteristics* (2011) and *The China Boom: Why China Will not Rule the World* (2016), both published by Columbia University Press. His articles have appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, the *American Sociological Review*, *Development and Change*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Asian Survey*, and elsewhere, and have been translated into ten different languages. He received his PhD in Sociology from the Johns Hopkins University, and taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Indiana University-Bloomington before teaching at Johns Hopkins.