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Her area of interest is development economics and my research focuses on analyzing the behavior of firms in developing economies.

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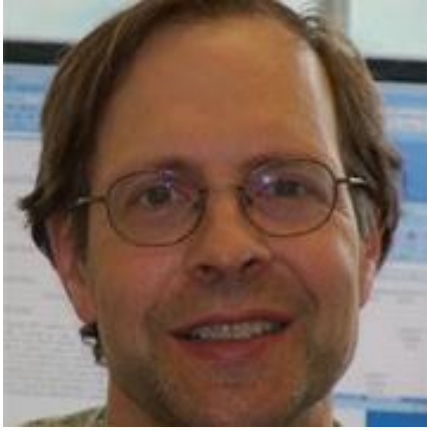
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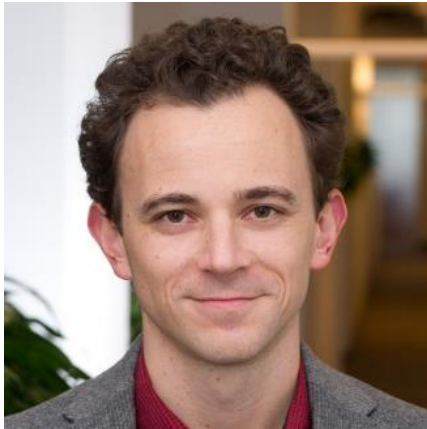
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