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He holds the highly prestigious National Research Chair under the theme of Economic Growth, Poverty and Inequality: Exploring the Interactions for South Africa. He was recently appointed by UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Phakeng as the university's "SDG academic focal point" to help guide UCT's strategic approach to engagement with the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals.

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Her research interests are broadly around issues concerning cross-national comparative analysis of welfare states and their labour markets. She is currently researching how working time flexibility impacts an individual's work-life balance, and the role of contexts in moderating that influence and how welfare state institutions and socio-economic factors shape individual's perceived employment insecurity.

Andrew Clark is a CNRS Research Professor at the Paris School of Economics (PSE). He previously held posts at Dartmouth, Essex, CEPREMAP, DELTA, the OECD and the University of Orléans. He joined IZA as a Research Fellow in February 2004.

His work has largely focussed on the interface between psychology, sociology and economics; in particular, using job and life satisfaction scores, and other psychological indices, as proxy measures of utility. The broad area is social interactions and social learning.

Pedro Conceição, is the Director of the Human Development Report Office and lead author of the Human Development Report. Prior to this, Pedro served as Director, Strategic Policy, at the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (from October 2014), and Chief Economist and Head of the Strategic Advisory Unit at the Regional Bureau for Africa (from 1 December 2009).

Prior to coming to UNDP, he was an Assistant Professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, teaching and researching on science, technology and innovation policy. He has published in numerous journals on inequality, the economics of innovation and technological change, and development and co-edited several books.

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He is also a member of the OECD's High-Level Expert Group on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress. He was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Sangheon Lee is the Director of the Employment Policy Department of the ILO which leads ILO's action for promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies.

He previously served as the Special Adviser to the Deputy Director-General for Policy on Economic and Social Issues (2014-18), providing advice on analytical work, policy development and advocacy across a range of economic, employment and social issues as well as coordinating ILO's work at multilateral fora such as G20, G7, and BRICS.

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He previously directed the Independent Review of the Police Federation and has also worked in partnership with Google, the BBC, the BMA, the Education and Training Foundation, the Association of Colleges and the Metropolitan Police. He is author of three books and regularly appears in national and international media.

Philipp Rehm is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Ohio State University; previous posts include the Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship at Nuffield College, Oxford University. His work is located at the intersection of political economy and political behaviour.

He is interested in the causes and consequences of income dynamics (such as income loss, income volatility, and risk exposure). At the micro-level, his research explores how income dynamics shape individual preferences for redistribution, social policies, and parties. At the macro-level, his work analyzes the impact of labour market and income dynamics on polarization, electoral majorities, and coalitions underpinning social policy.