



# The PSDRN

[Private Sector Development Research Network]

**invites you to the 2020 annual conference,  
a 2-day online event:**

## 'Firms' Resilience Innovation and Technology'

**Thursday, December 10th 2020**

9:00AM to 2:35PM EST

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**Friday, December 11th 2020**

9:00AM to 12:35PM EST

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/36hUT7G>

**More details here:** <https://bit.ly/2KGuFDt>

PSDRN [Private Sector Development Research Network] Annual Conference (online event)  
'Firms' Resilience, Innovation and Technology'

Agenda Day 1 : Thursday, 10th of December 2020

- 9:00 AM EST **Opening plenary panel:**  
**How is firm innovation different during covid-19?**  
[Albert Bravo Biosca](#), Founding Director of the Innovation Growth Lab  
[Yasuyuki Todo](#), Professor, Graduate School of Economics at Waseda University  
[Chandran Nair](#), Founder and CEO of Global Institute for Tomorrow  
[Irene Arias](#), Chief Executive Officer of IDB Lab
- 9:45 AM *break*
- 9:55 AM **Presentation session A (parallel):**  
**Heterogeneous impacts of shocks, survival patterns and drivers across firms of different characteristics**  
- Introduction by Chair [Ugo Panizza](#), Professor of Economics and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies  
- Presentation of three papers and Q & A
- Panel discussion and presentation session B (parallel):**  
**COVID-19 and the Impact on women entrepreneurs – what does data tell us in better designing solutions?**  
- Introduction by Moderator [Nancy Lee](#), Senior Policy Fellow at the Center For Global Development  
- Presentation of two papers and panel discussion
- 10:55 AM *break*
- 11:05 AM **Breakout session** **Breakout session**
- 11:35 PM *break*
- 12:35 PM **Keynote address:** [Susan Athey](#), Economics of Technology Professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business
- 1:05 PM *break*
- 1:15 PM **In dialogue with:**  
**Technology, technological change, innovations and their impacts on resilience at the level of firms**
- 1:35 PM **Presentation session:**  
**Technology, technological change, innovations and their impacts on resilience at the level of firms**  
- Introduction by Chair [Patricio Dalton](#), Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Tilburg University  
- Presentation of three papers and Q & A
- 2:35 PM **Conference day 1 close**

Agenda Day 2: Friday, 11th of December 2020

- 9:00 AM EST **Keynote address:** [Sir Suma Chakrabarti](#), Chair of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Board and former President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- 9:30 AM *break*
- 9:40 AM **In dialogue with** [Alexia Latortue](#), Managing Director for Corporate Strategy, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and [Richard Davies](#), Professor at Bristol University and Director of the Economics Observatory:  
**Resilience and support to firms in irregular circumstances, times of crisis and extreme economic environments**
- 10:00 AM **Presentation session A (parallel):**  
**Effectiveness of different support instruments such as credit, cash transfers, or services for firm resilience**  
- Introduction by Chair [Elizabeth Asiedu](#), Professor of Economics at the University of Kansas and President and Founder of the Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAWE)  
- Presentation of three papers and Q & A
- Presentation session B (parallel):**  
**The role of management practices and business training for resilience and growth**  
- Introduction by Chair [Jing Cai](#), Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at University of Maryland  
- Presentation of three papers and Q & A
- 11:00 AM *break*
- 11:20 AM **Breakout session**
- 11:50 AM **Closing plenary panel:**  
**Pushing the knowledge frontier on firm resilience – research priorities and gaps**  
**Moderator:** [Ralph De Haas](#), Director of Research at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
[Caroline Freund](#), Global Director for Trade, Investment & Competitiveness at the World Bank  
[Juanita Gonzalez-Uribe](#), Assistant Professor in Finance at London School of Economics  
[James Zhan](#), Director of Investment and Enterprise at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- 12:35 PM **Conference day 2 close**