

# Giles Dickenson-Jones

*Applied Economist*

## Key Skills and Attributes

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- **Skilled quantitative economist** – An applied economist with experience applying quantitative analysis tools (incl. Excel, R, Python and Eviews) for undertaking research, analysing data, developing economic forecasts and evaluating public policy.
- **Effective writer and confident speaker** – Accredited speaker and published researcher with experience communicating complex concepts in an accessible fashion to different audiences via newspapers, blogs, journal articles, workshops, speeches and policy briefings
- **Experienced policy advisor** – Skilled in developing policy advice for decision makers, senior officials and clients, through statistical analysis, economic modelling, field research managing stakeholders and conducting policy dialogue with stakeholders.
- **Experienced research manager** – Experienced in research and project planning, external and internal stakeholder consultations, contract negotiations, staff management and research dissemination.

## Education

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<b>Data Science - 10 Course Specialization</b> via coursera.org John Hopkins University, United States.	2017 - 2018
<b>Masters of International Development</b> (Distinction) University of Sydney, Australia.	2013
<b>Bachelor of Economics with Honours</b> (Distinction) University of New England, Australia.	2004-2007

## Career to Date

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**July 2018 to current** ~ **Public Policy and Analytics Lead,** **Phoensight Sydney, Australia**

Responsible for providing expert advice from a public policy and data analytics perspective in relation to Phoensight's product strategy and provision of consulting services.

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**Oct 2016 – July 2018** ~ **Senior Expert (Economics)** **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance**  
**Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

Responsible for providing training and technical support to staff and members of Myanmar Parliament's Joint Public Accounts Committee. Duties include economic analysis, project management and staff management.

## Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Designed and led the organisation of a variety of large-scale capacity-building events focussed on Myanmar's budgeting, planning and audit processes. Participants included parliamentarians, senior government officials, international parliamentarians and local civil society organizations.
- Developed research, training and policy advice for parliamentarians, civil servants and donors on fiscal decentralization and public financial management reform.

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**Aug 2014 - Sept 2016 ~ Team Leader**

**Centre for Economic and Social Development  
Yangon, Myanmar**

Provided staff oversight, coordination, strategy and intellectual leadership to help teams of local and international staff develop research and policy briefings across the fields of macroeconomics, public finance and governance. Involved in economic analysis, research planning, staff management, convening policy dialogues and training.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Led teams of local and international staff to conduct in-depth quantitative studies on Myanmar's public finances, fiscal decentralization, intergovernmental fiscal relationships and SME policy.
- Provided briefings to parliamentarians, international experts, senior civil servants and civil society on public financial management and fiscal issues in Myanmar.
- Led the development of Myanmar's first online public finance data repository to encourage greater public engagement with Myanmar's budget processes - <http://mmbudgets.info>

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**Nov 2012 - Aug 2014 ~ Economist**

**The Institute for Economics and Peace  
Sydney, Australia**

Provided advice and analysis on topics relating to peace, conflict and economic development. Role involved research management, economic modelling and the quantitative analysis of cross-country and regional economic and social statistics.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Led a team of economists to produce a number of major inaugural reports including the '[2013 Mexico Peace Index](#)' and the '[Economic Costs of Violence Containment](#)'.
- Developed the methodology for estimating the cost of violence to the global economy as part of the 2013 Global Peace Index report. Methodology was subsequently expanded on by prominent experts James Fearon and Anke Hoeffler in [their research on interpersonal violence](#).

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**July 2012 to Nov 2012 ~ Consultant**

**Social Program Evaluation Team  
Department of Family and Community Services, Sydney, Australia**

Evaluated social welfare programs for the NSW Government through economic analysis and cross-agency consultations.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Developed a number of performance evaluation methodologies for evaluation of social welfare programs.

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**Aug 2011 - July 2012 ~ Consultant**

**Economics and Modelling Practice  
The Allen Consulting Group, Sydney, Australia**

Provided expert advice to clients from industry, government and academia through research, stakeholder consultations, economic analysis, forecasting and modelling. Involved client engagement, staff management and economic analysis.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Developed detailed estimates of the market value of government owned infrastructure for a peak industry body. Infrastructure included roads, bridges, ports and water processing facilities.

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May - July 2011

~ Researcher

*Pacific Department and South Asia Department  
The Asian Development Bank, the Philippines*

Developed and evaluated desk-based climate change risk assessment methods for existing and proposed road infrastructure projects. Involved project management, research and statistical analysis.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Successfully verified proposed methodology against past expert climate assessments undertaken on road projects in Bangladesh, Nepal, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.
- Presented research paper to international experts at the 2012 Transportation Research Board Conference in Washington D.C.

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2008 - May 2011

~ Senior Policy Analyst

*International Development and Tax Divisions  
Dept. of Treasury (Federal), Canberra, Australia*

Advised Ministers and senior civil servants on the likely economic and social impact of Government policies through the analysis of economic data, social statistics and legislation. Focus policy areas included Australia's aid and technical assistance to Pacific Island Countries, international taxation reform and economic stimulus measures during the global financial crisis.

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Monitored economic and political developments in Australia and the Pacific for the purposes of providing policy advice to Ministers and senior civil servants on Australia's economic policies and provision of technical assistance and aid in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Used statistical analysis and partial equilibrium models to project the economic implications of proposed changes in Government policy.

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**Publications**

- 2017** Bernhardt, T. & Dickenson-Jones, G. & De, S. K. "New Kids on the ASEAN Block: Myanmar SMEs and Regional Economic Integration." *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies (JSEAE)*, vol. 34 no. 1, 2017, pp. 4-38.
- 2016** Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Myanmar: current processes and future Priorities in public financial management reform, Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Centre for Economic and Social Development, Yangon, Myanmar [with Lauren Dunn, Cindy Joelene, S Kanay De and Mai Betty].
- 2015** State and Region Public Finances in Myanmar, The Asia Foundation and Centre for Economic and Social Development, Yangon, Myanmar [with S Kanay De and Andrea Smurra].
- 2015** Myanmar SMEs' Participation in ASEAN and East Asian Regional Economic Integration – with a Focus on Food and Apparel Manufacturing, Centre for Economic and Social Development, Yangon, Myanmar [with Thomas Bernhardt and S Kanay De].
- 2014** Making Public Finance Work for Children in Myanmar - An Overview of Public Finance Trends 2011-12 to 2014-15, UNICEF and the Centre for Economic and Social Development, Yangon, Myanmar [with Zaw Oo, A. Bonnerjee, Phoo Pwint Phyu].
- 2014** Estimating the Global Costs of Violence, *Journal of Business, Peace and Sustainable Development*, Issue 2 2013 [with Matias Vaira and Daniel Hyslop].
- 2011** The second international food and fuel price shock and Forum island economies, *Economic Roundup*, the Department of the Treasury [with Richard Wood and Martin Gould].
- 2010** An Empirical Analysis of Price and Income Elasticities of Papua New Guinea's Exports, *Pacific Economic Bulletin*, Volume 25 Number 2, pp.140-151 [with Dr Albert Wijeweera].