



SESSION 2:

BUILD RESILIENCE TO VULNERABILITIES, SHOCKS AND STRESS



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Her teaching and research areas are related to Quantitative Analysis, Strategic Management, and Project Planning in Agricultural Economics. Her recent publication is analyzing the swine industry and the economic impact caused by COVID-19 lockdown measures on livestock production in Thailand. She has also completed studies into the impacts of the non-zero ractopamine pork import ban policy, and consumer behavior in Thailand affecting the Thai pork industry.



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Dr. Yoshihisa Godo is Professor of Economics at Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo. His research fields include development economics and agricultural economics. Godo's *Development Economics* (3rd edition), co-authored with Yujiro Hayami and published by Oxford University Press in 2005, is especially well known. His Japanese book, *Nihon no Shoku to Nou* (Food and Agriculture in Japan), received the 28th Suntory Book Prize, one of the most prestigious academic book prizes in Japan.

He has frequently been a visiting professor and researcher at many prestigious institutions, including the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore, the Economic Growth Center at Yale University, and the Asia Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. He is also engaged in various social activities such as Special Councillor to the Osaka City Government.

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Dr. Witsanu Attavanich research frequently involves economic analysis of governmental and regional policies (mainly in climate change and the environment; agriculture; and food security and agricultural development). His contributed report won the 2016 Abraham Lincoln Honor Award for Increasing Global Food Security from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In addition to his teaching and impressive record of research, he serves as Associate Editor of the *Kasetsart Journal of Social Sciences* and Associate Deputy Editor of *Climatic Change*.

Dr. Witsanu completed his graduate and doctoral studies in Economics. He earned his M.A. from Thammasat University, Thailand, and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, USA. He then pursued postdoctoral studies at Rutgers University, USA, and served as a visiting scholar at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, UK.



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Dr. Thanaporn Athipanyakul's research and contributions focus on mechanism design for modern agriculture in the central region of Thailand. Her studies have included several case studies of various economic crops, including rice, cassava, and pineapple. Her current research topics are focused more intensely on sustainable global value chains for eco-agri-food systems in Thailand, and the Thai sugar and cane industry. Most notably, she has published widely on sugarcane production in Thailand.

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Dr. Suresh Babu is an international agricultural economist who has conducted policy research, capacity development, and policy advisory activities for more than 30 years in the Sub Saharan Africa, South Asia, Central Asia, and other developing regions. He joined IFPRI in 1992 and has since served in several positions including as Coordinator of IFPRI's Southern Africa Food Security Program, Coordinator of its Central Asia Program, and Coordinator of its South Asia Initiative and its Policy Analysis and Advisory Network.

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Over the course of his distinguished career, he has published 20 books and more than 100 peer reviewed journal papers on food and agricultural policies in developing countries, and he has served on the editorial boards of several leading academic journals including, *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*, *Food Security*, *Agricultural Economics Research Review*, and the *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

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