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Research/current interests

- 1) Federal government's expenditure management system (including evaluation policy)
- 2) Cost-benefit analysis of government programs, particularly those related to R&D and innovation
- 3) Market failures in the financing of innovative projects; and entrepreneurship policy