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### **International Economy, World Trade Organization Economics, Financial Crisis in Foreign Countries**



**Rick Bond, Joe L. Roby Chair in Economics**—Bond is a renowned international economist with particular strength in emerging economies. An expert in the linkage between trade and economic growth, he is a frequent consultant to the World Bank on trade and foreign investment projects. His current research focuses on the economics of the World Trade Organization and whether lessons learned from WTO agreements can be applied effectively to international agreements on antitrust policy, intellectual property rights and environmental policy.

Funded by a National Science Foundation grant, Bond also is studying the effects of the risk of financial crises on the entry and exit of firms, information useful to policymakers in crisis-prone economies in Latin America and elsewhere. He has studied trading blocs and economic integration, the role of tax holidays in attracting foreign investment, and the role of information in markets for insurance and durable goods.

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### **Economic Effects of Poverty & Inequality; World Bank Poverty Measure**



**James Foster, professor of economics; senior fellow, Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies**—Foster is an expert on evaluating inequality and poverty and understanding their economic and social consequences. His 1984 paper introduced the well known FGT poverty measures, which have been frequently invoked in theoretical and empirical analyses of poverty. Adopted as the standard poverty measure by the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, this poverty formula also is used as the basis for Mexico's \$1.6 billion Progres program; as such, the formula appears in the Mexican constitution. With a grant from the National Institute of Health, he is studying the long-term effects of the Head Start program on the health of its participants.

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**Corporate Governance in Europe & Asia, Corporate Political Connections**



**Mara Faccio, assistant professor of management, Owen Graduate School of Management**—Faccio's experience in analyzing corporate governance practices in Europe and Asia has earned her wide recognition among her peers in the field. Her recent studies on politically connected firms was the first to closely examine the legal connections to politicians and the various restrictions placed on their behavior. Her other recent work analyzes privatizations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries.

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**International Finance, Exchange Rates/Prices, Sovereign Debt**



**David Parsley, associate professor of management, Owen Graduate School of Management**—Parsley is an expert in international finance, having focused most recently on purchasing parity; sovereign debt; and exchange rates, prices and the relationship between the two.

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