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She is also part of a team of economists working on a project to map, forecast and monitor human capital development and career pathways. Her current research investigates the role of education and socioeconomic factors in intergenerational education mobility.