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Plenary session: Food Policy in the Shadow of Skyscrapers

Steven Jaffee is a Lead Agricultural Economist in the World Bank's Agriculture Global Practice and is currently based in Singapore. His research, policy, and investment project work during 25 years at the WB has spanned multiple areas, including food and nutritional security, agricultural risk management, trade and SPS standards, agricultural modernization, and agro-environmental policy. He has had considerable field experience in Southeast Asia and Africa and is currently leading a major study on the economics of food safety capacity building. He has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a D. Phil. in Agricultural Economics from Oxford University. His talk on "Food Policy in the Shadow of Skyscrapers" emphasizes the emerging food system opportunities, challenges and risks associated with rapid urbanization and dietary changes, the implications of these for how we define food security and frame food policy, and a set of issues which governments throughout the region are grappling with.