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Professor Duflo was born in 1972 in France. She received her Ph.D. in 1999 from MIT. In her short career, she has already received numerous honors and prizes, including the American Economic Association Elaine Bennett Prize for Research in 2003, and the “Best French Young Economist Prize” in 2005. She is co-founder and co-director of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab, and the founding editor of the American Economic Journal– Applied Economics.

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Experiments, Science, and the Fight Against Poverty

In her work in development economics and poverty, Professor Duflo has been a driving force in advancing field experiments as an important methodology to discover causal relationships in economics. She has used randomized trials in analyzing a wide range of issues in health, education, gender and politics, and the provision of credit. In particular, the Lab she co-directs



has produced research on boosting girl’s attendance to school, improving the output of farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa, and the role of women political leaders in India.

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