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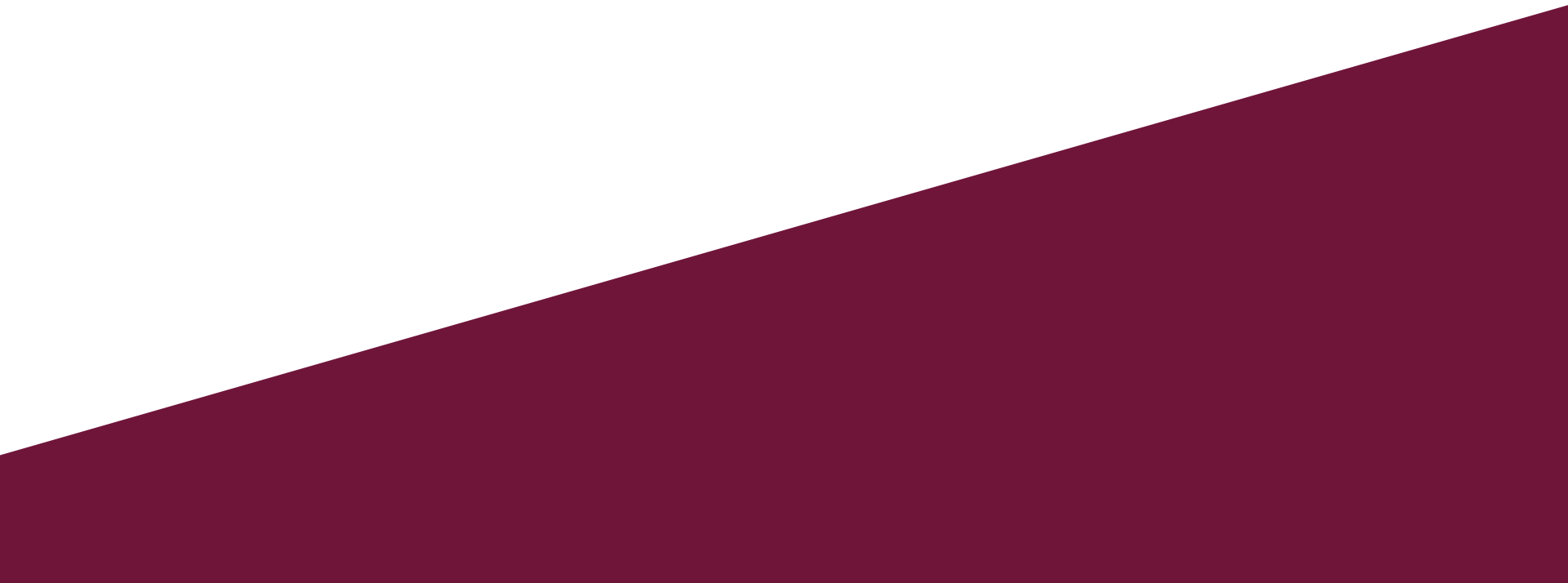
Hi, I'm Gisela Martins da Fonseca!

- GAIN Director
- PhD Candidate at the Berlin School of Economics
- Worked as a predoc in economic and social policy evaluation between KOF Swiss Economic Institute (ETH Zurich) and the University of Zurich
- Completed my MSc in Statistics and Information Management from NOVA University Lisbon and my BA in Business and Economics from the University of Zurich

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About GAIN

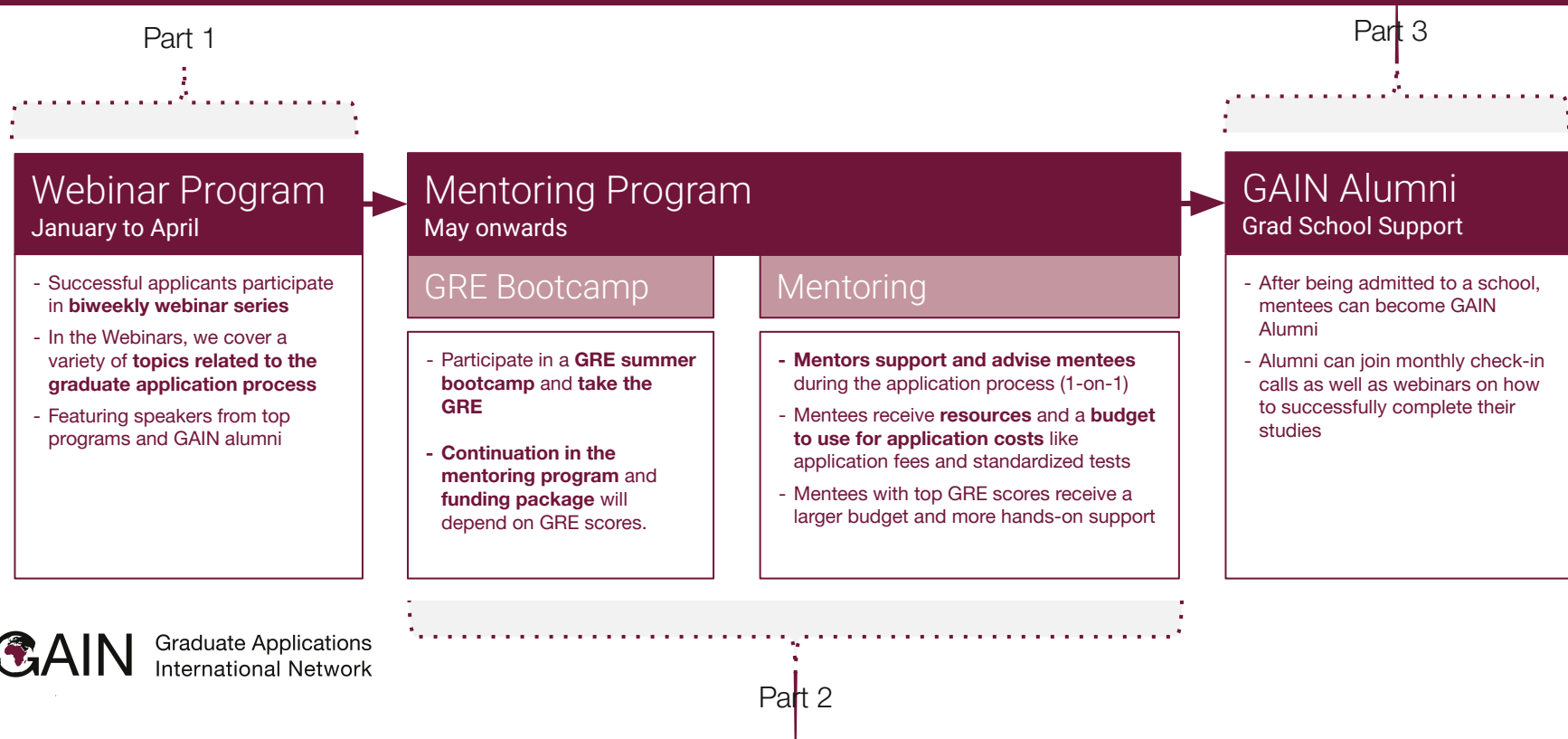


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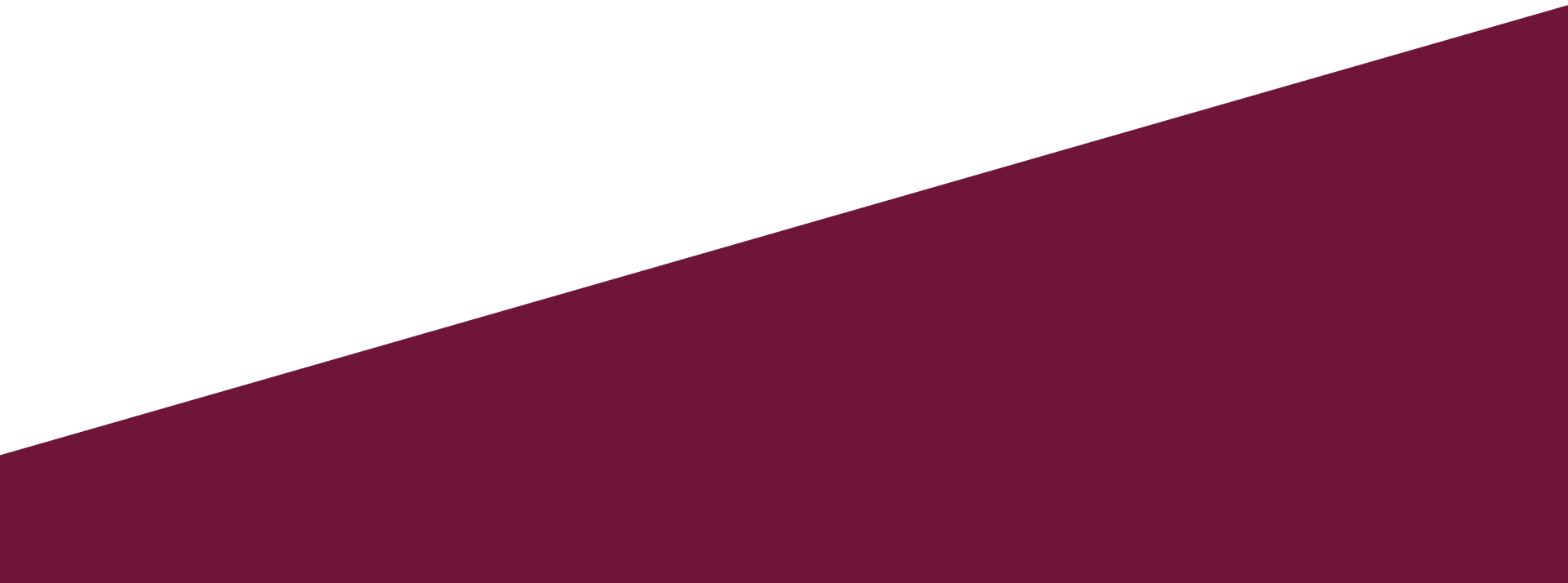
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About IDEA

- **Who we are:** IDEA is the first global, democratically governed professional association for development economists. It was founded in 2026 by 89 scholars from over 40 countries.
- **Open to all:** Any scholar who works in or studies development economics can join, at any career stage and in any country, with particular attention to scholars in low- and middle-income countries.
- **What we do:** A series of programs are in development at IDEA, including upcoming virtual research seminars and career development opportunities, a working paper series, and in-person programming/local chapters.

Panel Discussion



Panelists - Sanjay Jain



Senior Fellow in the Department of Economics at the University of Oxford

Sanjay Jain is a Senior Fellow in the Department of Economics at the University of Oxford and a Research Fellow at IZA. He has held academic posts at Cambridge, the University of Virginia, George Washington University and Princeton, and has consulted for the World Bank and UNU-WIDER. His research spans development economics, political economy and applied microeconomic theory.

Panelists - Tarun Jain



Professor of Economics at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

Tarun Jain is a Professor of Economics at IIM Ahmedabad, where he holds the Reserve Bank of India Chair in Finance & Economics. He previously taught at the Indian School of Business. His research examines human capital formation in health and education in fast-growing developing countries, with a particular focus on gender.

Panelists - Wayne Sandholtz



Assistant Professor of Economics at Nova School of Business and Economics

Wayne Sandholtz is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Nova School of Business and Economics and a resident member of NOVAFRICA. He works primarily in the fields of development, education, and political economy. Some of his recent projects have examined the learning impacts of public-private school partnerships in Liberia, and electoral returns to public service provision in developing democracies.

Panelists - Jordan Loper



Associate Professor of Economics at Clermont Auvergne University

Jordan Loper is an Associate Professor of Economics at Clermont Auvergne University (CERDI). He was previously a visiting scholar at Harvard University and the Toulouse School of Economics and was part of the founding team of the French Association of Development Economists (AFEDEV), where he served on the steering committee. His research sits at the intersection of development, political and environmental economics, examining how information, informal norms and formal institutions shape behavior and governance, with a focus on gender, culture and environmental governance.

Panel



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Wayne Sandholtz
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Sanjay Jain
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