



Meet the Investors Behind Mobility Finance

With Guests: Amit Patel, Ed Shapiro, Galina Chifina, and Smitha Das

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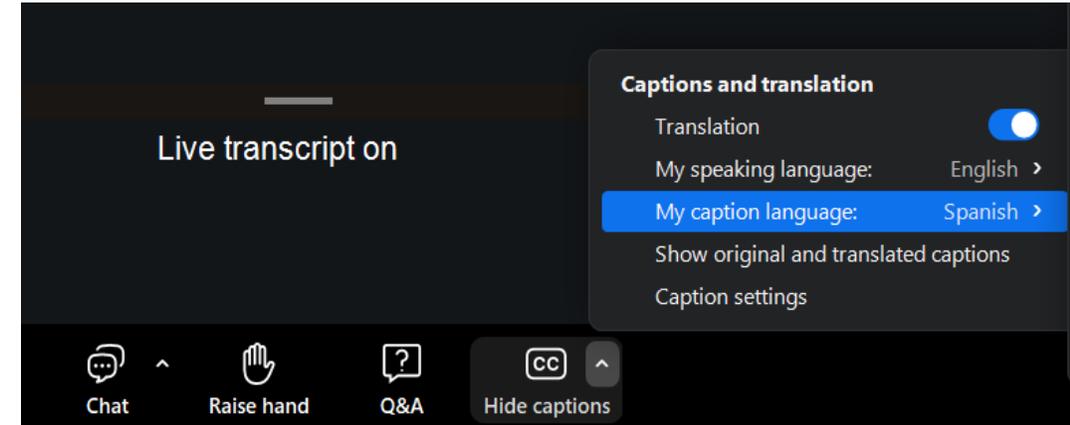
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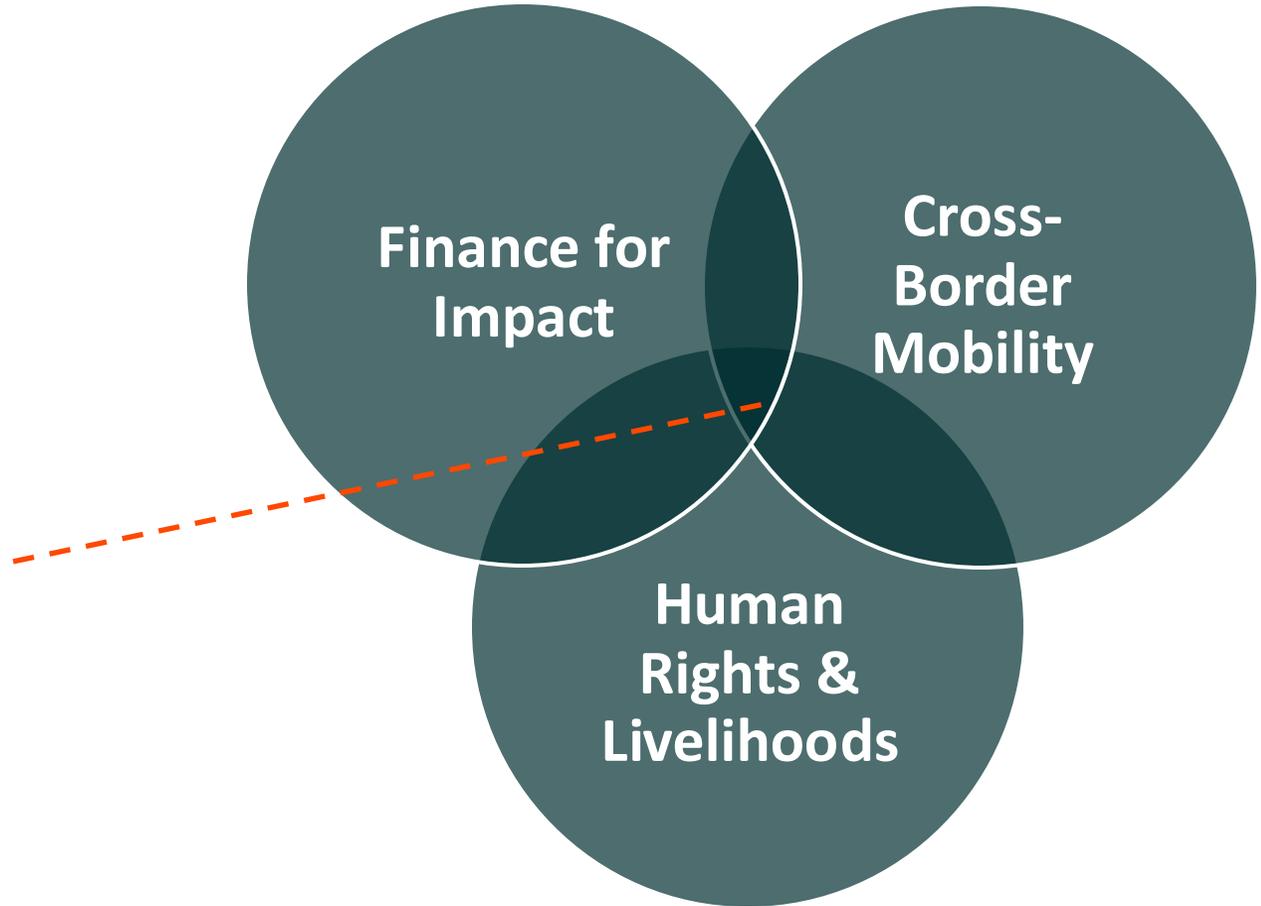


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We connect people, ideas, and resources at the intersection of finance for impact, cross-border mobility, and human rights & livelihoods.



Strengthening the Mobility Ecosystem

Focus Areas



Migrant Finance

Develop cross-border skilling loans and income share agreements (ISAs) to upskill workers without risk of debt bondage.



Business Support

Adapt financial solutions (e.g. working capital and insurance products) to support companies facilitating legal and ethical cross-border mobility.



Tech Investment

Invest in platforms that will streamline the mobility process (e.g. corridor matching, skilling, financing, and job placement).



The Shapiro Foundation

Focus: Refugee relief and resettlement

Priorities: Lawful pathways, community sponsorship, serving refugee kids, and meeting basic needs

Investor, supporter, and collaborator of: Malengo, RefugePoint, Canada's Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program, WelcomeCorps, and Pathways International



Ed Shapiro
Trustee
The Shapiro Foundation

World Education Services, Mariam Assefa Fund

Focus: Catalytic efforts that drive inclusion, opportunity, and community integration for immigrants and refugees in the U.S. and Canada.

Instruments: Grants, Impact Investments in Funds and Businesses, Capitalization of Loan Portfolios

Investments: Cell-Ed, RIN-CEO Social Impact Fund, MDF Capital Partners, MICC Financial, Windmill Lending, and more



Smitha Das

Senior Director, Investments
World Education Services



Owl Ventures

Focus: Ed Tech

- **Past investments:** Codecademy (acquired by Skillsoft), RaiseMe (acquired by CampusLogic), Securly (acquired by Golden Gate Capital), Thinkful (acquired by Chegg), Lingo Live (acquired), Tinkergarten (acquired by Highlights for Children) and Whitehat Jr (acquired).
- **Currently supporting:** BorderPlus, Authentica Solutions, Amira Learning, Apna, Fiveable, Genially, Honorlock, Kualu, Leap, Mighty Networks, Panorama Education, Splashlearn, and Swing Education



Amit Patel
Co-Founder & MD
Owl Ventures



RTP Global

Focus: Entrepreneurs

Led investments in standout companies such as: CRED, Delivery Hero, Rebel Foods, M League, and Varaha.

Board seats with: TERNGroup, CoachHub, Practo, M League, GoKwik, Varaha and DeHaat, among others.



Galina Chifina

CEO & Partner
RTP Global



Please tell us about your investment philosophy regarding cross-border mobility. (Why are you investing in this space?)

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Please tell us about a mobility investment that is particularly relevant to today's conversation. (What are your hopes for the futures of these enterprises?)





What kinds of enterprises do you invite to reach out to you?
(And which ones would you advise to wait or mature?)



What's next in this series?

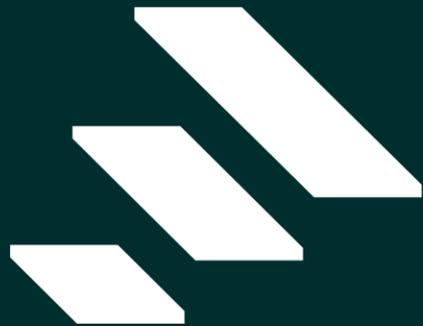
On March 12, we are hosting in-person sessions in Washington DC to discuss:

- The fall of American big aid and the rise of the private sector in mobility investments
- Practical advances in mobility finance
- Intersections of policy and practice

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We will be back online in April!

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