

Amy Finkelstein



Amy Finkelstein (USA, 1973) received her PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2001. She is the *John & Jennie S. MacDonald* Professor of Economics at the MIT and the co-founder and co-Scientific Director of J-PAL North America.

Finkelstein is specialized in health economics. Her research focuses on market failures and government intervention in insurance markets, and on the economics of healthcare delivery. She has contributed to better understand adverse selection in insurance markets. Using novel empirical designs, based on randomized control trials, combined with sophisticated econometric techniques and theoretical models, Finkelstein has shed light on the intended and unintended consequences of extending public health insurance in the US.

She has received several awards including the John Bates Clark Medal (2012), for being “the leading scholar in Health Economics and one of the most accomplished applied micro-economists of her generation.”

*“The empirical work that I’ve done has gone in the direction of, “How do we design empirical tests that are robust to the fact that the real world is more complicated than the simple theory suggested, and how do we think about welfare in that context?” **

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