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Rachel Lipson is the founding Project Director of the Project on Workforce at Harvard University's Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy. Launched in 2019, the Project on Workforce is a cross-school, interdisciplinary Harvard initiative focused on policy and research at the intersection of education and labor markets, and is a collaboration between the Harvard Kennedy School, the Harvard Business School Managing the Future of Work Project, and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In this role, Rachel is responsible for shaping the Project's cross-disciplinary and cross-sector research agenda. She also leads the project's research-practice partnerships with policymakers and the Cross-Harvard Study Group on Future of Work. Prior to co-founding the Project on Workforce, Rachel was Director of Special Projects at Year Up, an acclaimed workforce development training provider. She has previously worked on economic development at the World Bank, on community colleges for the State of California, on workforce development at JPMorgan Chase, and in training and organizing on President Obama's re-election campaign. Rachel is a magna cum laude alum of Harvard College and the joint MBA/MPP program with Harvard Business School and the Kennedy School where she was a Rubenstein Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership. Her writing has been published in the Boston Globe, Washington Post's Wonkblog, Forbes, The Huffington Post, and RealClearPolicy and her work has been featured by C-SPAN, the Economist, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and MIT Technology Review. Rachel's master's thesis research on community colleges and economic mobility was awarded the Kennedy School's Frederick Fischer Prize for outstanding research on social policy. She is also a past recipient of the Harvard Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching for the Harvard College course "The Political Economy of Globalization."