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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-present Assistant Professor of Economics, Social Science Division, New York University Abu Dhabi
2019-2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, Precision Agriculture for Development

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2022-present Lead Academic for Zambia, International Growth Centre

EDUCATION

2014-2019 Ph.D. Economics, London School of Economics
2012-2014 M.Res. Economics, London School of Economics
2010-2012 Visiting Scholar at Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
2007-2010 B.Sc. Economics, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary Fields: Development Economics
Secondary Fields: Labor Economics, Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“Misallocation in the Public Sector? Cross-Country Evidence from Two Million Primary Schools”, 2022. Submitted.
“Using Data for Development: Evidence from a Phone System for Agricultural Advice” (with Michael Kremer, Ofir Reich, Zhengyun Sun, Sam van Herwaarden, Habtamu Yesigat, Elias Nure and Temesgen Gebeyehu), 2021. R&R World Development.

TEACHING

2021-2022 Development Economics (Econ UH2410), NYUAD (Undergraduate)
2020-2022 Economic Growth (Econ UH3030), NYUAD (Undergraduate)
2015-2016 Development Economics (EC307), LSE (Undergraduate, TA)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023 Economic Policy and Research in the UAE and beyond, American University of Sharjah; Seminar, Hitotsubashi University; Seminar, Development Innovation Lab, University of Chicago; Seminar, National University of Singapore; Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Nairobi (all scheduled)

- 2022 Seminar, Hitotsubashi University; Micro-Macro Linkages Workshop, University of Oxford; Y-RISE Conference, Kingston
- 2021 DevLab, NYUAD
- 2020 AEA Annual Meeting, San Diego; Labor, Human Capital and Development Workshop, NYUAD
- 2019 NCID, University of Navarra (JM); Trinity College Dublin (JM); NYUAD (JM); RISE Annual Conference, Center for Global Development
- 2018 OXDEV, University of Oxford; NEUDC, Cornell University; EDePo-STICERD Workshop, IFS; National Development Coordinating Committee Meeting, Republic of Zambia
- 2016 International Growth Week, LSE

REFEREE SERVICE

Economica, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Review of Economic Studies

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 02/2023 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 70,000]
Project: Clean Air in the Classroom (with Samreen Malik, Talha Naeem, David Blakeslee and Nithin Barthi)
- 02/2023 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 40,000]
Project: Complementarities in Public Infrastructure Provision (with Niclas Moneke)
- 02/2022 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 19,920]
Project: The Heterogeneous Effects of Rural Electrification (with Niclas Moneke)
- 01/2022 Development Innovations Lab (DIL), Chicago [USD 7,675]
Project: Teacher Swap Markets (with Guthrie Gray-Lobe)
- 11/2021 Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG), Oxford [GBP 25,000]
Project: On the Microfoundations of National Statistics in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Niclas Moneke)
- 05/2020 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 19,115]
Project: Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Smallholder Farmers and Agricultural Value Chain in Kenya (with Tomoko Harigaya, Hannah Timmis, Kaitlyn Turner and Jessica Zhu)
- 12/2019 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 18,649]
Project: Complementarities in the Provision of Public Services (with Fenella Carpena and Simon Galle)
- 07/2019 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 4,800]
Project: Electrification of Schools in Zambia (with Niclas Moneke)
- 03/2019 NICHD Population Dynamics Center
Project: The Spatial Distribution of Health Care Services within Countries (with Juan Pablo Atal)
- 12/2018 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 4,952]
Project: Teacher Gender and the Gender Gap in Education (with Celine Zipfel)
- 02/2018 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 12,860]
Project: The Distribution of Health Services in Zambia
- 08/2017 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 2,599]
Project: The Allocation of Schools and Teachers in Mozambique
- 06/2017 International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 54,997]

- 04/2016 Project: (Mis)allocation of Teachers and State Capacity
International Growth Center (IGC), London [GBP 52,768]
Project: Productivity in the Civil Service: Understanding the Impact of Payroll Reform on Worker Performance (with Nava Ashraf and Oriana Bandiera)
- 06/2013 Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD), London [GBP 1,290]
Project: Firm-level Productivity Determinants

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

- 01/2019-06/2020 Consultant at the World Bank
- 08/2015-06/2016 Research Assistant at the International Growth Center, London, UK
- 05/2010-07/2010 Research Assistant at the German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany

LANGUAGES

- German Native
English Fluent
Portuguese Advanced
Spanish Advanced
French Intermediate

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 10/2012 Economic Social and Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Centre Studentship for Graduate Studies at the London School of Economics
- 07/2011 Cusanuswerk Scholarship for Graduate Studies at the University of California, Berkeley
- 07/2010 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarship for Graduate Studies at the University of California, Berkeley
- 11/2009 Certificate of International Competence awarded by the University of Bonn for international experience, ambassadorship, and intercultural studies
- 10/2009 German National Academic Foundation Fellowship
- 09/2008 Cusanuswerk Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies at Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 01/2008 Cusanuswerk Fellowship