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Current Employment

2016- University of Zurich, Assistant Professor

Past Employment

2013-16 Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), Postdoctoral Fellow

Education

2013 Harvard University, Ph.D. Economics
2004 University of Bologna, B.A. Economics *cum laude*
2003-04 University of California Berkeley, *Education Abroad Program Student*

Affiliations

2016- Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Affiliated Professor
2016- Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Affiliate
2016- Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Research Affiliate
2016- International Growth Centre (IGC), Research Affiliate
2014- Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Research Affiliate

Publications

“Demand and Supply of Infrequent Payments as a Commitment Device: Evidence from Kenya” with Rocco Macchiavello, *American Economic Review*, 109.2 (2019): 523-555
“Time vs. State in Insurance: Experimental Evidence from Contract Farming in Kenya” with Jack Willis, *American Economic Review*, 108.12 (2018): 3778-3813
“Ghost-House Busters: The Electoral Response to a Large Anti Tax Evasion Program” with Ugo Troiano, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 131.1 (2016): 273-314
“Contract Farming and Agricultural Productivity in Western Kenya” with Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan, in S. Edwards, S. Johnson, D. Weil (eds.), *African Economic Successes: Volume IV Sustainable Growth*, (2016): 137-160, University of Chicago Press, NBER Books.
“Loyalty, Exit and Enforcement: Evidence from a Kenya Dairy Cooperative” with Rocco Macchiavello, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 105.5 (2015): 286-90.
“Production in Advance versus Production to Order: The Role of Downstream Spatial Clustering and Product Differentiation” with G. Alfredo Minerva, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 70.1 (2011)
“Firms’ International Status and Heterogeneity in Performance: Evidence from Italy” with Valeria Gattai and G. Alfredo Minerva, *Rivista di Politica Economica*, V-VI (2007): 151-187

Working Papers

“The Electoral Impact of Wealth Redistribution: Evidence from the Italian Land Reform” with Bruno Caprettini and Miriam Venturini

“Interlinked Transactions and Competition: Experimental Evidence from Cocoa Markets” with Tristan Reed

“Rural Roads and Intermediated Trade: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Sierra Leone” with Rachel Glennerster and Tavneet Suri

Teaching Experience

2017-18 Development Economics (Master), U Zurich, instructor
2016-19 Development Economics (Ph.D.), U Zurich, instructor
2015 Development Economics (Ph.D.), Stanford, co-instructor
2014-15 Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (B.A.), Stanford, instructor
2010 Development Economics (Ph.D.), Harvard, teaching fellow for Prof. M. Kremer
2009 International Trade (B.A.), Harvard, teaching fellow for Prof. M. Melitz
2004, 2006 Advanced Micro (M.A.), Bologna, teaching fellow for Prof. P. Onofri

Research Experience and Other Employment

2009-11 Government of Sierra Leone, Agricultural Tracking Survey, Technical Consultant
2005-06 Research Assistant to Michael Kremer and Ted Miguel, Kenya

Professional Activities

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Agricultural Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of International Trade and Development*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Routledge*, *World Bank Economic Review*

Conference Program Committee Member: 2019 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society; 2019 EEA-ESEM, 2019 Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, 2019 BREAD/NBER pre-conference

Grant Proposal Reviewer: *J-PAL/CEGA ATAI*, *Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries (PEDL)*, *USAID Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)*

Presentations (includes scheduled)

2019/20 Lund, CERGE-EI Prague, Tilburg, Tinbergen
2018/19 Euregio Workshop Trento (*keynote*), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Economic Analysis of Electoral Policies, RIDGE political economy (*coauthor presenting*), UZH Workshop Political Economy and Development, AEA Meetings (*discussant*), University of Bolzano, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Liverpool, LMU Munich, Swiss Development Network Conference, Imperial College, University of Sussex, University of Fribourg, UK DFID, University of Maryland, Inter-American Development Bank, IMT Lucca, ETH Zurich
2017/18 Development Economics Conference German Economic Association, New Economic School Moscow, IPA Ghana, IFPRI, University of Vienna, Geneva Workshop on Financial Inclusion, IGC-PEDL Conference, Oxford CSAE, BREAD/NBER (*coauthor presenting*), Nova School of Business and Economics, Pompeu Fabra, TCD/LSE/CEPR Development Workshop
2016/17 Edinburgh Workshop on agricultural productivity, rural-urban migration, and structural transformation, Harvard/MIT, AEA Meetings, NBER Development, LSE/UCL,

- Stockholm University, University of Naples, Georgetown, Montreal Workshop on Productivity, Entrepreneurship and Development, Trinity College Dublin.
- 2015/16 McGill, USAID, Theoretical Research in Development Economics Conference, Bocconi, Brown, Yale, CREI/UPF, New York University, UC Berkeley ARE, UC Davis (Econ/ARE), Cambridge, IIES Stockholm, Toulouse, EIEF, IESE, Zurich, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, University of Southern California, Oxford, Yale School of Management, NEUDC, UC Santa Cruz, Stanford, CEPR/PODER Annual Symposium on Development Economics, Harvard
- 2014/15 NBER Summer Institute Development Economics, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Development Economics, PACDEV, Boston University, American Economic Association Meetings, Columbia, BASIS Annual Conference, IGC Growth Week, Stanford SIEPR
- 2013/14 European Economic Association Meetings, World Bank, Royal Economic Society, CSAE Oxford, UC Berkeley ARE, UC Davis ARE, IPA-SME/PEDL Conference, Millennium Challenge Corporation, National Tax Association Conference, UC San Diego, IGC Growth Week, BASIS Annual Conference, Stanford SIEPR
- 2012/13 Paris School of Economics, NBER Development and Organizational Economics Workshop, Stanford SIEPR, JPAL ATAI
- 2010-2012 NBER Africa Conference, NSF/AERC Agriculture Session

Research Grants, Honors, and Fellowships (selected)

- 2019 Prize for Excellence in Development, German Economics Association & KfW
- 2017, 2018 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2018 Swiss National Science Foundation *Eccellenza Grant* (\$1,170,000)
- 2018 PEDL Exploratory Grant, with Jack Willis (\$50,000)
- 2018 J-PAL ATAI, with Jack Willis (\$50,000)
- 2017 J-PAL Governance Initiative, with Dina Pomeranz (\$50,000)
- 2016 IGC, with Dina Pomeranz (\$65,000)
- 2015 IPA-SME Initiative, Young Scholar Grant (\$20,000)
- 2015 Stanford Global Development and Poverty Initiative, with John Shoven (\$48,800)
- 2014 International Growth Centre, with Jonas Hjort (\$15,000)
- 2013 Anonymous Donor, with Rocco Macchiavello and Tristan Reed (\$113,000)
- 2013 Anonymous Donor, with Michael Kremer (\$630,000)
- 2013 USAID-BASIS, with Michael Kremer, Alphonse Odondo, and John Shoven (\$715,000)
- 2013 PEDL Exploratory Grant, with Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan (\$75,000)
- 2011 J-PAL ATAI, with Tristan Reed and Tavneet Suri (\$31,000)
- 2010 3ie, with Rachel Glennerster, Tavneet Suri and Sullay Kamara (\$165,000)
- 2010 USAID Development Innovation Ventures, with Rachel Glennerster (\$230,000)
- 2010 J-PAL ATAI, with Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan (\$180,000)
- 2010 Harvard Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2009 IGC, with Rachel Glennerster and Tavneet Suri (\$123,000)
- 2008-09 Harvard Interdisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy Fellowship
- 2007-08 Harvard Sustainability Science Program Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowship
- 2004 *Rotary Award*, Best Graduate in Economics at the University of Bologna
- 2000-2004 University of Bologna, Collegio Superiore Fellowship