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Education

2010: PhD in Economics Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Summa cum Lauda.
2008: MA in Economics Universitat Pompeu Fabra, with Honors.
2006: Diplom Volkswirt University of Mannheim, with Distinction.
2001: Year 12 High School Certificate Australian Capital Territory, Overall Dux.

Current Employment

Senior Lecturer, School of Economics University of Adelaide.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"On the Simultaneity Problem in the Aid and Growth Debate." *Journal of Applied Econometrics* (Forthcoming).

"Oil Rents, Corruption, and State Stability." *European Economic Review* (Forthcoming). Joint with R. Arezki.

"Resource Windfalls and Sovereign Bond Spreads." *World Bank Economic Review* (Forthcoming). Joint with R. Arezki.

"Oil Price Shocks, Income, and Democracy." *Review of Economics and Statistics* (Forthcoming). Joint with A. Ciccone and A. Tesei.

"Rain and the Democratic Window of Opportunity." *Econometrica*, 79 (May, 2011) pp. 923-947. Joint with A. Ciccone.

"Natural Resource Dependence, Non-Tradables, and Economic Growth." *Journal of Comparative Economics* 38 (December 2010) pp. 461-471.

"Wealth Inequality and Credit Markets: Empirical Evidence from Three Industrialized Countries." *Journal of Economic Growth* 15 (June, 2010) pp. 155-176. Joint with H. Grüner and K. Gerling.

"International Commodity Price Shocks, Growth, and the Outbreak of Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Economic Journal* 120 (May, 2010) pp. 519-534. Joint with A. Ciccone.

"Population Size and Civil Conflict Risk: Is there a Causal Link?" *Economic Journal* 120 (May, 2010) pp. 535-550.

"Financial Determinants of Firm Dynamics: Evidence from a European Panel." *Economics Letters* 107 (Feb., 2010) pp. 63-65.

Revised and Resubmitted Papers

"An Instrumental Variables Approach to Estimating Tax Revenue Elasticities: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa." *Journal of Development Economics* (Revised and Resubmitted).

"International Commodity Price Shocks, Democracy, and External Debt." *Economic Journal* (Revised and Resubmitted). Joint with R. Arezki.

"Fiscal Expansions Can Increase Unemployment: Theory and Evidence from OECD Countries." *International Economic Review* (Revise and Resubmit). Joint with E. Pappa.

"Commodity Windfalls, Polarization and Net Foreign Assets." *Journal of International Economics* (Revised and Resubmitted). Joint with R. Arezki.

"Economic Growth, Size of the Agricultural Sector, and Urbanization." *Journal of Urban Economics* (Revise and Resubmit).

Research Papers By Field

Growth and Development

"On the Simultaneity Problem in the Aid and Growth Debate." *Journal of Applied Econometrics* (Forthcoming).

"Natural Resource Dependence, Non-Tradables, and Economic Growth." *Journal of Comparative Economics* 38 (December 2010) pp. 461-471.

"Wealth Inequality and Credit Markets: Empirical Evidence from Three Industrialized Countries." Joint with Hans Grüner (U. Mannheim) and Kerstin Gerling (IMF). *Journal of Economic Growth* 15 (June, 2010) pp. 155-176.

"International Commodity Price Shocks, Growth, and the Outbreak of Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa." Joint with Antonio Ciccone (UPF). *Economic Journal* 120 (May, 2010) pp. 519-534.

"Population Size and Civil Conflict Risk: Is there a Causal Link?" *Economic Journal* 120 (May, 2010) pp. 535-550.

"Financial Determinants of Firm Dynamics: Evidence from a European Panel." *Economics Letters* 107 (Feb., 2010) pp. 63-65.

"Cultural Diversity and Economic Growth: New Evidence from the US During the Age of Mass Migration." Joint with Philipp Ager (UPF). 10/2010.

"Economic Growth, Size of the Agricultural Sector, and Urbanization." *Journal of Urban Economics* (R&R).

"Country Fixed Effects and Unit Roots: A Comment on Poverty and Civil War." 02/2011. Adelaide WP 2011-17.

Political Economy

"Rain and the Democratic Window of Opportunity." Joint with A. Ciccone. *Econometrica*, 79 (May, 2011) pp. 923-947.

"Oil Price Shocks, Income, and Democracy." Joint with A. Ciccone and A. Tesei. *Review of Economics and Statistics* (Forthcoming).

"Resource Windfalls and Sovereign Bond Spreads." Joint with R. Arezki. *World Bank Economic Review* (Forthcoming).

"Oil Rents, Corruption, and State Stability: Evidence from Panel Data Regressions." Joint with R. Arezki. *European Economic Review* (Forthcoming).

"International Commodity Price Shocks, Democracy, and External Debt." Joint with R. Arezki. *Economic Journal* (R&R).

"Commodity Windfalls, Polarization and Net Foreign Assets: Panel Data Evidence of a Voracity Effect." *Journal of International Economics* (R&R). Joint with R. Arezki.

"Economic Growth and the Rise of Political Extremism: Theory and Evidence." Joint with H. Grüner. 03/2010 CEPR DP 7723.

"Food Prices, Conflict, and Democratic Change." Joint with R. Arezki. 01/2011 IMF WP 11/26.

Fiscal Policy and the Business Cycle

"An Instrumental Variables Approach to Estimating Tax Revenue Elasticities: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa." *Journal of Development Economics* (R&R).

"Fiscal Expansions Can Increase Unemployment: Theory and Evidence from OECD Countries." Joint with E. Pappa. *International Economic Review* (R&R).

"The Effectiveness of Government Expenditures During Crisis: Evidence from Regional Government Spending in Japan 1990-2000." Joint with A. Tuladhar. 04/2010. IMF WP 10110.

"For an Olive Wreath? Anticipation Effects in Macroeconomics." Joint with E. Pappa. 02/2011. Adelaide WP 2011-18.

Popular Writings

"Debt and Democracy." Joint with R. Arezki. *Finance and Development*. 06/2010.

"Fast-Growing African Populations Risk More Civil Wars." *Royal Economic Society Press Release*. 05/2010.

"The OECD Growth Prospects and Political Radicalism." Joint with H. Grüner. *VoxEU*. 05/2010.

"Economic Growth Boosted When Immigration Leads to Cultural Diversity: Evidence from the Age of Mass Migration." Joint with P. Ager. *Economic History Society Press Release*. 03/2011.

"Aid and Growth in the Least Developed Countries." *VoxEU*. 05/2011.

Selected Press Coverage

"Going to Extreme." *New York Times* (May 16, 2010).

"Recession and Extremism." *Economist* (May 17, 2010).

"Unrest is the Price of Soaring Food Costs." *Financial Times* (March 23, 2011).

"Rising Food Prices Threaten Democracy, Cause Conflict, IMF Says." *Bloomberg* (March, 23, 2011).

"Food Inflation Foments Political Unrest." *Wall Street Journal* (March 26, 2011).

Referee Activity

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics (x2), Economic Journal (x4), International Economic Review (x1), Journal of Development Economics (x2), Journal of the European Economic Association (x5), Journal of Economic Growth (x2), Journal of African Economies (x2), Journal of Peace Research (x1), Peace Economics, Journal of Human Resources (1), Peace Science, and Public Policy (x1), Quarterly Journal of Economics (x3)

Presentations / Conference Attendance

2011: AEA, Denver; Australasian Trade Workshop, Adelaide; Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Perth; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, London; ANU Macro Seminar, Canberra; Monash Economics Seminar, Melbourne; NUS Economics Seminar, Singapore; Econometric Society Asian Meeting (scheduled), Seoul; Econometric Society Australian Meeting (scheduled), Adelaide; European Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled), Oslo; International Economic Association World Congress (scheduled), Beijing; Shanghai Macroeconomics Workshop (scheduled), Shanghai; Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics (scheduled), Brisbane; UWA Economics Seminar (scheduled), Perth; ANU Arndt-Corden Economics Seminar (scheduled), Canberra; University of Melbourne Economics Seminar (scheduled), Melbourne

2010: Australian Conference on Quantitative Macroeconomics, Adelaide; CREI Macro Breakfast Seminar UPF, Barcelona; European Economic Association Annual Meeting, Glasgow; Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Rome; INFINITI Conference on International Finance, Dublin; Midwest Macro Meeting, East Lansing; Money Macro and Finance Conference, Larnaka; North Eastern Development Conference, Boston; Political Economy Workshop, Mannheim; UAB Macro Seminar, Barcelona; Tsinghua-Columbia Conference on International Finance, Beijing; World Bank, Research Department Trade Group; World Bank, Research Department Macro and Growth Group

2009: Applied Economics and Econometrics Seminar, Mannheim; CREI Macro Breakfast Seminar, Barcelona; CREI International Finance Seminar, Barcelona; CSAE Conference on African Development, Oxford; European Society of Population Economics Annual Meeting, Sevilla; Econometric Society Far Eastern Meeting, Tokyo; Econometric Society European Meeting, Barcelona; IMF Fiscal Affairs Department, Washington; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Surrey; SAE Meeting, Valencia

2008: CAEPS Seminar Universitat Barcelona, Barcelona; CEPR Workshop on Conflicts, Globalization and Development, Paris; Labor Seminar UPF, Barcelona; Ricardo Faini Doctoral Conference on Development Economics, Milan
