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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, 2015-Present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar, Centro de Investigación Económica, ITAM, August 2017
Associate Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, 2015-2016
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2015

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Member, Institutions Trade and Economic Development Network (InsTED)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, 2015
M.A., Political Economy, Boston University, Boston MA, 2012
B.A., Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*), Pomona College, Claremont CA, 2005

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Econometrics

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Research Grant (\$19,423), Tata Centre for Development at University of Chicago, 2017
Research Grant (€300,000), TaiwanBusiness - EBRD Technical Cooperation Fund, 2017
Funded Participant, Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop, 2014
Funding for Research Assistant (\$9,600), Boston University Department of Economics RA Mentor Program, 2013-2014
Research Grant (\$20,734), Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, 2013
Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), Boston University Department of Economics, 2013
Department Fellowship, Boston University Department of Economics, 2011-2014
Morris B. Pendleton Prize, Pomona College Department of Economics, 2005
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College, 2005
Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award, Pomona College Department of Economics, 2004
Student Undergraduate Research Grant, Pomona College, 2004

WORKING PAPERS

“Indian Labor Regulations and the Cost of Corruption: Evidence from the Firm Size Distribution” (with Amrit Amirapu), revision requested by the *Review of Economics and Statistics*
“Generalizing the Results from Social Experiments: Theory and Evidence from Mexico and India”

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“Efficiency And Equity Of Land Policy In Developing Country Cities: Evidence From The Mumbai Mills Redevelopment” (with Nick Tsivanidis)

“Dynamic Effects of Product Market Regulation: Evidence from India” (with Amrit Amirapu and Gabriel Smagghue)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Market Structure and Competition in the Indian Fertilizer Industry” (with Stefan Hoderlein, Beáta Itin-Shwartz and Hiroaki Kaido)

“Combining Experimental and Observational Studies in Meta-Analysis: Leveraging Experimental Structures to Eliminate Selection Bias” (with Rachael Meager)

“Alleviating the Congestion Effects of Rapid Urbanization: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Amman” (with Nick Tsivanidis and Nathaniel Young)

“Evaluating Counterfactual Predictions” (with Cyrus Samii, Rajeev Dehejia, and Kiki Pop-Eleches)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2017-18: Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI-Delhi, Cornell/Penn State Econometrics & Industrial Organization Conference, UPitt, Reserve Bank of India, Workshop in Economics Research at IIM-Bangalore

2016-17: Columbia University Causal Inference Conference, Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development (EPED) in Emerging Economies Workshop, ITAM, NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU New York

2015-16: Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, CSAE Conference, Georgetown, George Washington, IADB/Cornell Conference on Size and Type Dependent Regulations, IFPRI, RES Annual Conference

2014-15: EEA Annual Meeting, BU, BU-BC Econometrics Conference, Cambridge, Carlos III, CIDE, Cornell PAM, Hebrew U, IFPRI, ITAM, Laval, NEUDC, Penn State, Sciences Po, WEAI Graduate Student Workshop

2013-14: IGIDR, ISI-CSO-IGC International Workshop on Official Data

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic Development (Ph.D.), The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2018, Fall 2016
Labor Economics and Labor Markets: Theory, Evidence, and Policy (Undergraduate), Fall 2017
Growth and Development (Undergraduate), The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2017
Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomic Analysis (Undergraduate), Boston University, Spring 2011

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

The American Economic Review, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of the European Economic Association, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Singapore Economic Review, Urban Affairs Review

GRANT REVIEW EXPERIENCE

African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Hiroaki Kaido, Boston University, 2011-2015

Principal and Co-Founder, Idealistics, Inc., 2005-2013

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Research Assistant for Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College, 2003-2005

LANGUAGES: Fluent in English, French and Spanish. Basic Dutch and Hindi.

CITIZENSHIP: USA, Belgium