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Academic appointments

7/2014 – Princeton University, Assistant Professor of Politics

Faculty Associate at:

Princeton Program on Political Economy

Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy and Finance

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance

Princeton Institute for Regional and International Studies

Non-Princeton: AALIMS, Faculty Fellow

Research leave (external fellowships):

9/2018 – 12/2018 Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Visiting Research Fellow

9/2016 – 6/2017 Hoover Institution, William C. Bark National Fellow

Research and teaching interests

Political economy, international politics and economics

Degrees

10/2011 Oxford University, M.A. (Honorary)

9/2007 – 6/2010 University of Chicago, Ph.D.

9/1999 – 6/2003 Northwestern University, M.A. (Economics), B.A. (Math, Economics)

Previous experience

9/2011 – 6/2014 Nuffield College (Oxford University), Prize Research Fellow

9/2010 – 6/2011 Princeton University, Niehaus Fellow

8/2006 – 8/2009 Harvard Business School, Research Consultant

7/2005 – 7/2006 Council of Economic Advisers, Staff Economist for International Finance, Trade, and Macroeconomics

8/2003 – 6/2005 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Associate Macroeconomist

Books

2020. *The Perils of International Capital*, Cambridge University Press (Simultaneous paperback)

Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics, Survival*

Conquest and Rents: A Political Economy of Dictatorship and Violence in Muslim Societies, Invited for revisions

Articles

(forthcoming) “From grievances to civil war: The impact of geopolitics”, *Review of International Organizations*

(forthcoming) “Muslim conquest and institutional formation”, *Explorations in Economic History*

2021. “The Political Transfer Problem: How Cross-Border Financial Windfalls Affect Democracy and Civil War” (with Daniel Schwab and Eric Werker), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 49(2): 313-339
2017. “Market Reactions to Sovereign Litigation” (with Laura Alfaro), *Capital Markets Law Journal* (special edition on sovereign debt), 12(2): 141-163
2017. “Remittances and Incumbency: Theory and Evidence”, *Economics and Politics*, 29(1): 22-47
2016. “Does foreign aid harm political rights?: Evidence from U.S. aid”, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 11(2): 118-217
2015. “Aid and the Rise and Fall of Conflict in the Muslim World” (with Eric Werker), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 10(2): 155-186
2014. “The Paradox of Export Growth in Areas of Weak Governance: The Case of the Ready Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh” (with Anne Greenleaf and Audrey Sacks), *World Development*, 56: 258-271
2014. “Voting for the President: The Supreme Court during War” (with William Howell), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 30(1): 39-71
2013. “Remittances deteriorate governance”, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 95(4): 1166-1182
2012. “The Perils of Unearned Foreign Income: Aid, remittances, and government survival”, *American Political Science Review*, 106(1): 146-165
2010. “Empires and Lawsuits: On the enforcement of sovereign debt in Latin America” (with Laura Alfaro and Noel Maurer), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 73(4): 39-46
2009. “How is Aid Spent?: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” (with Eric Werker and Charles Cohen), *American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics*, 1(2): 225-244
- Reprinted in *Geopolitics of Foreign Aid*, ed. Helen Milner and Dustin Tingley. Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2013
2008. “What do non-governmental organizations do?” (with Eric Werker), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 22(2): 73-92
- Book chapters**
2019. “Foreign aid and repression” in *Lessons in Foreign Aid and Economic Development: Micro and Macro Perspectives*, ed. Nabamita Dutta and Claudia Williamson. Palgrave MacMillan
2017. “The Political Economy of Unearned Foreign Income: An application to non-oil producing Muslim states”, *Palgrave Dictionary on Middle East Economics*
2006. “The History and Future of International Trade” (with Christine McDaniel), *Economic Report of the President*
2006. “The U.S. Capital Account Surplus” (with William Block), *Economic Report of the President*

Book reviews

2021. Review of *Trade Policy in Multilevel Government: Organizing Openness* by Christian Freudlsperger, *Perspectives on Politics*

2018. Review of *From Conflict to Coalition: Profit-sharing institutions and the political economy of trade* by Adam Dean, *Journal of Politics*

Working papers and research in progress

“Does diplomacy facilitate trade?: Evidence from US ambassadors” (with Alexander Slaski)

“Crony Globalization: The politics of partial liberalization in Muslim societies” (with Adeel Malik)

“Geopolitics and the Aiding of Political Violence” (in progress)

“The politics of unilateral transfers” (in progress)

Crony Globalization and Pernicious Political Economy (book project in progress with Adeel Malik)

Awards and fellowships (selected)

2018 Mohammed Bin Laden Fellowship, Centre for Islamic Studies (Oxford University)

2016 – 2017 William C. Bark National Fellowship, Hoover Institute (Stanford University)

2016 US Foreign Policy and National Security Fellowship, Dartmouth College (declined)

2011 – 2014 Nuffield Prize Fellowship, Oxford University

2010 Niehaus Fellowship, Princeton University

2010 Hewlett Fellowship, Stanford University (declined)

2009 Marcus Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies

2007 – 2012 Graduate Fellowship (5 year; only 3 years used), University of Chicago

2003 Phi Beta Kappa, *Cum Laude*, Northwestern University

2003 B.A./M.A. Award, B.A. degree honors, Northwestern University

1999 – 2003 John Scott and Mary-Lou Scholarship (full academic, 4 years), Northwestern University

Conference and invited seminar presentations

2021 AALIMS, ISA

2020 PIDE (Islamabad), IPES, Princeton

2019 Princeton, AALIMS, APSA, IPES

2018 University of Essex, University College London, LSE, Oxford University, Nuffield College, University of Copenhagen

2017 Trinity College Dublin, American University of Beirut, Princeton, Stanford, University of Colorado – Boulder, UC Santa Barbara, LSE, EPSA

2016 DebtCon1 (Georgetown Law), Development Economics and Policy (Heidelberg), NICEP, Nuffield College, Univ. of Seattle, Chicago, UC Riverside, Politics of Multinational Corporations Conference (Princeton), Princeton (2x), IPES, SPSA, MPSA, EPSA, APSA

2015 Political Economy of Government Revenues Conference (Princeton), World Bank ABCA (UC-Berkeley), FGV (Rio de Janeiro), FEA-USP (Sao Paulo), IPES, EPSA, ISA, MPSA

2014 ODI Migration Symposium (Columbia), Princeton, OxCarre (Oxford), Chicago, APSA, ISA, MPSA

2013 Cairo University, Blavatnik School of Government, Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Chicago, Oxford (5x), APSA, MPSA, EPSA

2012 Princeton, Yale, Illinois, Goldman School (UC-Berkeley), UC Irvine, LSE, Fletcher School, Nuffield, IPES, MPSA

2011 Nuffield, LSE, Maryland, Georgetown, NYU, APSA, MPSA

2010 Princeton, Michigan, Chicago, IPES, MPSA

2009 IPES, MPSA, Chicago (3x)

2008 IPES, MPSA, Chicago (3x)
2007 NEUDC

Teaching

At Princeton University

2015 – Political Economy of Development (PhD seminar)
2014 – 2019 International Political Economy (undergraduate lecture)
2018 – Politics of International Finance (undergraduate seminar)
2020 – Globalization and Politics (junior research workshop)
2014, 2015 Resource Curse and Governance (junior research workshop)

At Oxford University

2013 – 2014 Time Series Analysis (graduate lecture)

Short-term employment

2012 – 2013 World Bank, Consultant
2008 International Monetary Fund, Economist

Service

2015 – *World Politics*, Associate Editor

At Princeton University

2016 – 2018 University Priorities Committee, Member
2015-16, 2021 Senior Prize Committee (Dept. of Politics), Member
2018 – 2021 Senior Poster Prize Committee (Dept. of Politics), Judge/Member
2021 Graduate Admissions Committee (Dept. of Politics), Member

Referee for: *AEJ Applied Economics*, *AEJ Economic Policy*, *AEJ Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economics and Politics*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Choice*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Review of International Organizations*, *World Development*, *World Politics*

Reviewer for: Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, National Science Foundation

Professional affiliations: American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, International Political Economy Society

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