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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2014 – present Associate Professor of Public Policy (untenured)
 2010 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Public Policy
 John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

VISITING POSITIONS

Sep 2013 – Apr 2014 Visiting Assistant Professor, MIT Economics Department

EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, IIES Stockholm University, 2010
 MSc, Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2005
 BA, Economics and Japanese, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

“Does Religion Affect Economic Growth and Happiness? Evidence from Ramadan” (with Filipe Campante), May 2015, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *forthcoming*

“Propaganda and Conflict: Evidence from the Rwandan Genocide,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2014, 129:4

“Do Political Protests Matter? Evidence from the Tea Party Movement.” (with Andreas Madestam, Daniel Shoag, and Stan Veuger) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2013, 128:4.

“Propaganda vs. Education: A Case Study From Rwanda“, *Oxford Handbook of Propaganda Studies*, December 2013, Handbook editors J. Auerbach and R. Castronovo, Oxford University Press

“The Strategic Determinants of U.S. Human Rights Reporting: Evidence from the Cold War” (with Nancy Qian) *Journal of the European Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, April-May 2009, Vol. 8 (2-3), p. 446–457

“Getting Prices Right: The Impact of the Market Information Service in Uganda” (with Jakob Svensson) *Journal of the European Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, April-May 2009, Vol. 8 (2-3), p. 435-445

“Social Capital vs. Institutions in the Growth Process” (with Pelle Ahlerup and Ola Olsson) *European Journal of Political Economy*, March 2009, Vol. 25, Issue 1, p.1-14

WORKING PAPERS

“Government Distortion in Independently Owned Media: Evidence from U.S. Cold War News Coverage of Human Rights” (with Nancy Qian), June 2013, *Revise & Resubmit Journal of the European Economic Association*

“The Legacy of Political Mass Killings: Evidence from the Rwandan Genocide” (with Thorsten Rogall), Aug 2013

“Can Good Products Drive Out Bad? Experimental Evidence from Local Markets for (Fake?) Antimalarial Medicines in Uganda.” (with Martina Bjorkman-Nyqvist and Jakob Svensson), Jul 2013

“Estimating Impact in Partial vs. General Equilibrium: A Cautionary Tale from a Natural Experiment in Uganda” (with Jakob Svensson), Aug 2012

“Shaping the Nation: The Effect of Fourth of July on Political Preferences and Behavior in the United States.” (with Andreas Madestam), Nov 2011

POLICY REPORTS

“Growth and Poverty Reduction: Evaluating Rwanda’s First PRS”, (with A. Bigsten), Country Economic Report December 2005:9, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated Professor, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL Global)

Affiliate, BREAD

Faculty affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Faculty affiliate, Center for International Development, Harvard University

Faculty affiliate, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

Faculty member, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

INVITED SEMINARS

Upcoming seminars: Stanford/GSB Political Economy, Stanford/SEED Development, Berkeley/Haas OEW, Columbia Development Econ, Kellogg/Northwestern Political Economy, Middlebury Econ

Previous seminars: Yale Development Econ Seminar, U Chicago Harris Political Economy Seminar, NYU Development Econ Seminar, Harvard Labor/Public Seminar, Harvard/MIT Development Seminar, SIEPR/Stanford University, Columbia University, London School of Economics, Dartmouth College, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Paris School of Economics, Toulouse, University of Warwick, University of Namur, University of Gothenburg, Center for Global Development.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

AEA/ASSA 2015, NBER Summer Institute Development, Cambridge, Jul 2013; AEA/ASSA, San Diego, Jan 2013; IGC Growth Week, London, Sep 2012; IPA Impact Evaluation Conference, Bangkok, Aug 2012; Market Information Systems Workshop, Bamako, Nov 2011; BREAD Conference, New York, May 2011 EUDN Scientific Conference, Paris, Dec 2009; Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, 2009, Budapest; CIFAR IOG Meeting, 2009, Stockholm; EUDN Workshop 2009, Oxford University; NEUDC Conference 2008, Boston University; EEA/ESEM Conference 2008, Bocconi University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Game Theory and Contract Theory (API-110), MPA/ID, Harvard University, Spring 2013

Econometrics (API-202), MPP, Harvard University, Spring 2011-13

Microeconomic Theory (API-101), MPP, Harvard University, Fall 2011

REFEREEING

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, American Political Science Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of African Economies, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Peace Research

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

Consultancy for Asian Development Bank, Evidence-Based Policy Design Workshop Lecturer, Sep 2013.

Consultancy for Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Rwanda, 2005 Feb.

Lead Operator (Spaningsledare) of signals intelligence, Försvarets Radio Anstalt/Swedish Armed Forces, promoted to 2nd lieutenant (löjtnant), Each summer 2000-03.

President, Graduate Students’ Council, Dept. of Economics, Stockholm University, 2006 Fall.

Board Member, Department Board, Dept. of Economics, Stockholm University, 2005-06.

President, The Society of International Affairs, Göteborg, 2003.