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## Employment

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy  
Assistant Professor, 2019-

UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business  
Assistant Professor, 2015-2019

Harvard University, Harvard Academy for international and area studies  
Academy Scholar 2014-2015 and 2017-2018

## Other affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Faculty Research Fellow (POL, DEV)

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Azrieli Global Scholar, 2016-2018

International Growth Centre (IGC)

JPAL-CVI

CESifo Distinguished Affiliate

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

Pearson Institute, Faculty Affiliate

## Education

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|------|-----------------------------|--|
| 2014 | Ph.D. Economics             | Columbia University<br><i>Dissertation title: "Essays on the Economics of Statelessness and State Formation"</i> |
| 2008 | M.Sc. Development Economics | Sciences-Po, Paris   |
| 2004 | B.Sc. Economics             | Carlos III Madrid; L. Maximilians U. Munich  |

## Journal Articles

“Whither Formal Contracts?” **Econometrica**, Vol. 89, No. 5 (September, 2021). CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award in Applied Microeconomics

“On the Origins of the State: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo,” **Journal of Political Economy**, January 2020.

“Exporting Democratic Practices: Evidence from a Village Governance Intervention in Eastern Congo” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt, **Journal of Development Economics**, 2019, Volume 140, Pages 279-301

“Gender quotas in development programming: Null results from a field experiment in Congo,” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt. **Journal of Development Economics**, 2018, vol. 133(C), pages 326-345.

“Why Being Wrong can be Right: Magical Warfare Technology and the Persistence of False Beliefs” with Nathan Nunn, **American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings**, 107 (5): 582-87, May 2017

[2012] “Fishing, Commitment, and Communication: Comprehensive Nonbinding Registration” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt, **Political Analysis**, 2012, 21 (1) pp 1-20

## Working Papers Under Revision

“Monopoly of Taxation Without a Monopoly of Violence: The Weak State’s Trade-Off Between Taxation and Safety” (with Soeren Henn, Christian Mastaki Mugaruka, Miguel Ortiz, David Qihang Wu). *Revision requested*, at **Review of Economic Studies**

## Working Papers

“The Real State: Inside The Congo’s Traffic Police Agency” (with Kristof Titeca, Haoyang Stan Xie, Albert Jolino Malukisa, Aimable Amani Lameke)

“Kickbacks Inside the State: Magnitude, Motivations, and Their Implication For The Significance of Supervisor Collusion” (with Kristof Titeca, Haoyang Stan Xie, Albert Jolino Malukisa, Aimable Amani Lameke)

“The Pro-Social Determinants of Violent Collective Action: Evidence from Participation in Militias in Eastern Congo” (with Gauthier Marchais, Christian Mastaki Mugaruka, and David Qihang Wu)

## Research Grants

<b>2019</b>	PI	JPAL/CVI, <i>Decreasing abuse in armed groups</i>	<b>\$319,000</b>
<b>2019</b>	PI	Hellman Fellows Fund ( <i>declined due to change of academic institution</i> ), <i>Participation to armed groups</i>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>2018</b>	PI	Private Enterprise in Developing and Low-income Countries Grant, <i>Human resource management in armed groups</i>	<b>\$36,000</b>
	PI	Initiative for Poverty Action, <i>Who becomes a rebel commander?</i>	<b>\$200,000</b>
	PI	JPAL/CVI, <i>Who becomes a rebel?</i>	<b>\$150,000</b>
	PI	IBI Center, Haas School of Business, <i>Who becomes a rebel?</i>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>2016</b>	PI	Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, <i>Azrieli global scholar fellowship</i>	<b>\$80,000</b>
	PI	International Center for Taxation and Development <i>The Beer distribution sector in conflict</i>	<b>\$267,000</b>
	PI	Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, <i>Participation in Armed Organizations</i>	<b>\$69,000</b>
	PI	Electronics industry <i>Regulating electronics global supply chain and human rights</i>	<b>\$421,000</b>
	PI	Clausen Center for International Business and Policy <i>Indirect rule by armed groups</i>	<b>\$7,000</b>
	PI	Haas School of Business Deans's office competition <i>The beer sector in conflict</i>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>2015</b>	PI	International Growth Center, <i>Police corruption</i>	<b>\$30,000</b>
	PI	Department For International Development, U.K., <i>Taxation, DRC</i>	<b>\$675,000</b>
	PI	Private Enterprise in Developing and Low-income Countries Grant, <i>Private sector development, DRC</i>	<b>\$240,000</b>
	PI	International Center for Taxation and Development <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$120,000</b>
	PI	Private Enterprise in Developing and Low-income Countries Exploratory Grant, <i>Police corruption</i>	<b>\$53,000</b>

<b>2014</b>	PI	i2i, World Bank, <i>Public sector reform, Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>2013</b>	PI	Private Enterprise in Developing and Low-income Countries Exploratory Grant, <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$55,000</b>
	PI	National Science Foundation Graduate Dissertation Improvement Grant <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$30,000</b>
	PI	Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics <i>Ethnicity, state contracts, and trade. Evidence from DRC</i>	<b>\$7,500</b>
	PI	International Peace Research Association Foundation Grant <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$5,000</b>
	PI	Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>2012</b>	PI	Program for Economic Research grant, Columbia University <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$5,000</b>
	PI	Cross-Cutting Initiative, Earth Institute <i>Conflict and resources in DRC</i>	<b>\$5,000</b>
	PI	Economics Development Colloquium Research Funds, Columbia University, <i>Armed groups in DRC</i>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>2011</b>	PI	CSDS Research Grant, Columbia University <i>Ethnicity, state contracts, and trade. Evidence from DRC</i>	<b>\$9,000</b>
		Lead researcher on 3ie grant. <i>Impact evaluation of development aid</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>2010</b>		Lead researcher on a 3ie grant <i>Impact evaluation of development aid</i>	<b>\$400,000</b>

## Invited Presentations

- 2021** Paris School of Economics/Sciences-Po Political Economy Seminar, McGill University Development Seminar, Wisconsin-Madison Development Seminar
- 2019** London School of Economics PE seminar, University College London Comparative Politics, Harvard Business School (BGIE), U Michigan Development seminar, Barcelona Summer Forum, CESifo-Microeconomics, Paris political economy workshop, Long-Run Latin American development conference (Universidad de Los Andes), Conference on the economics of conflict (Paris School of Economics), NBER PE, Dev, Org Econ
- 2018** New Economic School), Yale Economics, UC Berkeley Williamson Seminar, University of Southern California, Cultural Evolution Society Conference (Arizona State University), U Chicago Development Seminar, Boston University Development seminar, DFID, Princeton Applied Economics seminar, WZB Berlin, MIT Org Econ, Harvard Political Economy seminar
- 2017** AEA invited session, Arizona State University Evolution of Social Complexity colloquium, NYU PE seminar, Cornell Development seminar, DFID DRC, DRC Ministry of Finance, DRC Civil society, DEVPEC keynote, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Canadian Institute For Advanced Research
- 2015** Berkeley Development seminar, Harvard Africa Conference, Harvard PPE Seminar, Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar, NYU PE seminar, World Bank applied micro seminar, Inter-american Development Bank
- 2014** Stanford Development Workshop, Harvard Development retreat, NEUDC (BU), Harvard Academy, Oxford (CSAE), Oxford (OxCarre), Santa Fe (Workshop on the Co-evolution of Institutions and Behaviors), CEMFI, Lausanne (Conference on the Political Economics of Conflicts and Development), NHH Bergen (Symposium on Economic Experiments in Development Countries), World Bank, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, U Toronto (ICTD/Munk School of global affairs), APSA
- 2014** *(job market)* Toulouse School of Economics, MIT, Chicago Booth, Brown, Berkeley Haas, LSE (ID), Warwick, IIES Stockholm, Sciences-Po, Universtitat Pompeu Fabra, Fundacao Getulio Vargas (Rio), Georgetown Qatar
- 2013** NEUDC (Harvard), Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar (Columbia), Development Seminar (Columbia), Chicago Summer School in Socioeconomic Inequality, WGAPE (MIT), Social Impact (DC)
- 2011** INET Conference (New York), Columbia Political Economy Colloquium, Columbia Workshop on Experiments in Political Economy, Columbia Social Impact Workshop

## **Fellowships and Awards**

2019	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Faculty Research Fellow
2019	Hellman Fellows Fund ( <i>declined due to change of institution</i> )
2019	CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Prize
2017	Academy Scholar, Harvard University
2016-2019	Azrieli Global Scholar, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
2014	Academy Scholar, Harvard University
2013	Leitner Family student fellowship for research in Africa
2013	University of Chicago Summer School in Socioeconomic Inequality
2010-2015	Columbia University Dissertation, Teaching and Research Fellowships
2009	IGERT Fellow (with J Stiglitz and A Noman)
2008-2010	La Caixa Foundation Scholarship for Postgraduate studies in the United States
2004-2005	Leonardo/Goya Fellowship
2004-2005	Erasmus Scholarship for Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich

## **Professional Service**

*Referee for:* American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economics Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Theoretical Economics, World Development, *Economica*

## **Teaching**

At the University of Chicago (Spring 2021)

Political Economics of Development (Graduate level)  
Political Development and Policy (Undergraduate level)  
Economics, Politics, and African Societies (Graduate level), with James Robinson

At University of California, Berkeley

Causal Inference methods (PhD, Fall 2018)  
Political Economy and development (PhD, Spring 2016, Spring 2019)  
Ethics for Business (MBA, Spring 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)  
International Business (Spring 2015)

**Dissertation committees:** UC Berkeley (Sam Leone, Caroline Brandt)

**Nationality:** Spanish

**High School diploma:** Baccalauréat Scientifique (specialization Mathematics), France

**Languages:** Spanish (Native), French (Native), English (Fluent), German (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), Portuguese (beginner), Swahili (beginner), Arabic (beginner)

**Fieldwork:** Democratic Republic of Congo, last 12 years

**Co-Founder,** [Marakuja Kivu Research group](#)

**[Congo Calling](#):** Documentary about research and humanitarian aid in Eastern Congo. Concept inspiration and advice, and lead story. Audience Prize to the best Documentary at the Max Ophuls Film Festival and nominated for best German-Produced Documentary Award.