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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 African Studies, UC Berkeley (CAS)

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

Education

2014 Ph.D. Economics Columbia University
Dissertation title: "Essays on the Economics of Statelessness and State Formation"

2008 M.Sc. Development Economics Sciences-Po, Paris

2004 B.Sc. Economics Carlos III Madrid; L. Maximilians U. Munich

Journal Articles

“On the Origins of the State: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo,”
Journal of Political Economy, *Forthcoming*. Coverage: [Marginal Revolution](#), [Christopher Blattman's blog](#), [Frankfurter Allgemeine](#), [Die Zeit](#), [Kris Berwouts](#), [BBC Radio trade](#)

“Magical Warfare Technology and the Persistence of False Beliefs” with Nathan Nunn,
American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings (2017). Coverage: [VOXeu](#), [CIFAR](#)

“Exporting Democratic Practices: Evidence from a Village Governance Intervention in Eastern Congo” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt **Journal of Development Economics**, *Forthcoming*. Media coverage: [Financial Times](#), [World Bank Development blog](#), [Tim Hartford's blog](#)

“Can Externally Mandated Gender Requirements Empower Women?” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt, **Journal of Development Economics** (2018)

“Fishing, Commitment, and Communication: Comprehensive Nonbinding Registration” with Macartan Humphreys and Peter Van der Windt, **Political Analysis**, 2012, 21 (1) pp 1-20. Coverage: [World Bank's Development Impact blog](#)

Working Papers

“When Formal Contracts Fail,” **Econometrica**, *Revision requested*,
Winner: CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award in Applied Microeconomics

“Corruption (with a Hierarchy)” with Aimable A. Lameke, Albert J. Malukisa,
and Kristof Titeca, Coverage: [Foreign Affairs](#), [The Economist](#)

“Traditional Belief Systems and Economic Behavior: Evidence from Beer Retailers in the DRC,” with Lewis D. Butinda, Aimable A. Amani, Nathan Nunn, and Max Winkler

“Why people join armed groups,”
with Gauthier Marchais and David Qihang Wu

“Indirect Rule: Causes and Consequences,”
with Gauthier Marchais and Soeren Henn

“Dis-organizing violence: stationary bandits, and the time horizon,”
with Miguel Ortiz and David (Qihang) Wu

“Indirect rule and conflict: Theoretical insights from Congo,”
with Gauthier Marchais and Soeren Henn

“On the mechanics of Kleptocratic states”
with Soeren Henn, Laura Paler, Cyrus Samii, Wilson Prichard

Research Grants

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

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

Invited Presentations

- 2019** London School of Economics PE seminar, University College London Government Department, Harvard Business School (BGIE), U Michigan Development seminar, Barcelona Summer Forum, CESifo Area conference Microeconomics, Paris political economy workshop, Long-Run Latin American development (Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota), Conference on the economics of conflict (Paris School of Economics), NBER PE, NBER Dev
- 2018** New Economic School (Moscow), 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 University Applied Economics/Development seminar, WZB Berlin, MIT Organizational Economics, Harvard Political Economy seminar
- 2017** American Economic Association 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, Econometrics Society Asian Meeting, DEVPEC keynote, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Canadian Institute For Advanced Research
- 2015** Berkeley Economics, Harvard Africa Conference, Harvard Positive Political Economy Seminar, Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar, NYU Political economy seminar, World Bank applied micro seminar, Inter-american Development Bank seminar, California Consensus, Berkeley Haas
- 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</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
2014-2015	Columbia University Dissertation Fellowship
2010-2014	Columbia University 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

Graduate level

Political Economy of Development (all levels, Spring 2021)
African Development (all levels, Spring 2021/co-taught with James Robinson)
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)

Undergraduate level

International Business (Spring 2015)

Dissertation committees: UC Berkeley

Other

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 (19 months), Chile (7 months), Kyrgyzstan

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.