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PERSONAL DETAILS

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2017- Associate Professor with tenure at the Institute for International Economic Studies, University of Stockholm.
2009-2017 Assistant Professor at the Institute for International Economic Studies, University of Stockholm.
2011-2016 Professor of Development Economics and International Trade at Goethe University, Frankfurt, 2013-2015 on leave.

POSTDOCTORAL/PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2008-2009 Research Officer at the Centre for the Study of African Economies, Department of Economics, University of Oxford.

HIGHER EDUCATION

2007 DPhil in Economics, Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
2003 MPhil in Economics, Jesus College, University of Oxford.
2001 BA (Hons) History and Economics, Jesus College, University of Oxford.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education, Insurance and Risk-Sharing, Political Economy of Public Service Delivery, Technology adoption and climate change

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

CEPR, EUDN

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Publications:

“Experimental Evidence on Scaling up Education Reforms in Kenyan Education” with M. Kimenyi, G. Mwabu, A. Ng’ang’a and J Sandefur, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2018.

“Enrollment Without Learning: Teacher Effort, Knowledge, and Skill in Primary Schools in Africa” with D. Filmer, G. Martin, E. Molina, B. Stacy, C. Rockmore, J. Svensson, and W. Wane, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, November 2017.

“Lemon Technologies and Adoption: Measurement, Theory and Evidence from Agricultural Markets in Uganda” with K. Kaizzi, D. Yanagizawa-Drott and J. Svensson, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2017.

“Can Free Provision Reduce Demand for Public Services? Evidence from Kenyan Education” with M. Kimenyi, G. Mwabu and J. Sandefur, *World Bank Economic Review*, 2015.

“Policies and Institutions for Effective Service Delivery: The Need of a Microeconomic and Micropolitical Approach” with J. Svensson, *Journal of African Economies*, August 2013, vol. 22(suppl_2): ii16-ii38.

“Public and Private Provision of Education in Kenya” with M. Kimenyi and J. Sandefur, *Journal of African Economies*, August 2013, vol. 22(suppl_2): ii39-ii56.

“Implications of endogenous group formation for efficient risk-sharing”, *Economic Journal*, March 2009, vol. 119(536): 562-591.

“Perceptions and reality: Economic voting at the 2004 European Parliament elections” with J. Garry and J. Tilley, August 2008, *European Journal of Political Research*, vol. 47(5): 665-686.

“Group-based funeral insurance in Ethiopia and Tanzania” with S. Dercon, J. de Weerd, and A. Pankhurst, *World Development*, April 2006, vol. 34(4): 685-703.

Working Papers:

“What is the return to quality? Experimental evidence from local markets in Uganda.” with Selene Ghisolfi, Frances Nsonzi and Jakob Svensson, 2020a, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“The low quality trap: Evidence from the market for maize in Uganda”. with Selene Ghisolfi, Frances Nsonzi and Jakob Svensson, 2020b, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“Extension service and Quality Upgrading: Experimental evidence from smallholder farmers in Uganda.” with Selene Ghisolfi, Frances Nsonzi and Jakob Svensson, 2020c, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“Cheating in agricultural markets: experimental evidence from Uganda.” with Selene Ghisolfi, Frances Nsonzi and Jakob Svensson, 2020d, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“What is the probability that Covid-19 will kill you?” with Ingvild Almås, Tillmann von Carnap, Selene Ghisolfi, Justin Sandefur, 2020e, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“An overview of recent economic models of the Covid-19 pandemic and a calibration exercise to developing countries” with Ingvild Almås, Tillmann von Carnap, Selene Ghisolfi, Justin Sandefur, 2020f, Working paper (in progress), IIES, Stockholm University.

“Risk-Sharing in Village Economies Revisited” with T. Broer, CEPR Discussion Paper 11143, 2016,
Conditional accept *Journal of the European Economic Association*

“Destructive Behavior, Judgement, and Economic Decision-making under Thermal Stress”, with Ingvild Almås, Maximilian Auffhammer, Ian Bolliger, Aluma Dembo, Solomon M. Hsiang, Shuhei Kitamura, Edward Miguel and Robert Pickmans, 2019, submitted.

“The impacts of rural electrification on labor supply, income and health: experimental evidence with solar lamps in Tanzania” with A. Aevardsdottir and N Barton, 2017, Working Paper IIES.

“Measuring the Rents from Public Employment: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Kenya” with N. Barton and J. Sandefur, 2017, CEPR Discussion Paper, 12105, 2017, submitted.

“The Lost Human Capital: Teacher Knowledge and Student Achievement in Africa” with D. Filmer, E. Molina, J. Svensson, 2019, Working Paper IIES, submitted.

“What do teachers know and do? Does it matter?”, with D. Filmer, G. Martin, E. Molina, B. Stacy, C. Rockmore, J. Svensson, and W. Wane, World Bank Research Working Paper, 7956, Background Paper for the World Development Report 2018.

“Clientelism in the Public Sector: Why Public Service Reforms May Not Succeed and What to Do About It”, with E. Molina and A. Safir, Background Paper for the World Development Report 2016 Governance and the Law.

“The High Return to Private Schooling in a Low-Income Country”, with M. Kimenyi, G. Mwabu and J. Sandefur, Center for Global Development Working Paper 279, December 2011.

“Insurance Companies of the Poor” with S. Dercon, CEPR Discussion Paper 10278, December 2014.

Work in Progress:

“Testing Endogenous Group Formation in Insurance Groups in the Lab” with T. Broer

“The Effect of Teacher Practices on Student Learning: Evidence from 9 Sub-Saharan African Countries” with D. Filmer, E. Molina and O. Ozier

“Solar energy and technology adoption” with Anna Aevardsdottir and Nicholas Barton

Book chapters:

“Vilka effekter har migration på individer och samhällen”, In *Nationalekonomins frågor*, Natur och Kultur, forthcoming 2017.

“Education, Institutions and Development”, in J-M. Baland, F. Bourguignon, T. Verdier and J-P. Platteau, eds. *Handbook on Institutions and Development* (forthcoming).

“Public service delivery: education”, In P. Collier and C. Adam (eds.), 2010, *Kenya: Policies for Prosperity*, Oxford University Press.

‘Membership-based indigenous insurance associations in Ethiopia and Tanzania’, In M. Chen, R. Jhabvala, R. Kanbur and C. Richards (eds.), 2007, *Membership-Based Organizations of the Poor*, Routledge.

‘Insurance for the Poor?’ In A. Barrientos and D. Hulme (eds.), 2007, *Social Protection for the Poor and the Poorest: Risk, Needs and Rights*, Palgrave.