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CURRENT POSITIONS

Inter-American Development Bank
Research Department, Senior Economist (Sep 2015 – Present).
University of Maryland
Department of Economics, Adjunct Lecturer (Dec 2015 – Present).

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, United States, 2006.
Dissertation Chair: David Austen-Smith.
M.A. Economics, top honors, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001.
B.A. Finance, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania, 1998.

OTHER TRAINING

Executive Certificate, Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2021.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
MEDS Department, Visiting Assistant Professor of Managerial Economics and
Decision Sciences (Jun 2014 - Sep 2015).
University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
Department of Economics, Assistant Professor (Aug 2006 - Jun 2014).
The World Bank, Washington, DC.
Public Sector Governance, Short-Term Consultant (Nov 2009 - Mar 2010).
Development Research Group, Short-Term Consultant (Apr - Aug 2004).
Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, IL.
MEDS Department, Research Assistant (Jun-Aug 2005).
Ford Center for Global Citizenship, Research Assistant (Jun 2003 - Nov 2004).

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Economics Teaching Award, University of Maryland, 2012.
General Research Board (GRB) Summer Award, University of Maryland, 2008.
Global Supplementary Grants, Open Society Institute, New York, 2001 and 2003.
University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2001.
Outstanding M.A. Student Award, Central European University, 2001.
Graduate Fellowship, Central European University, 1999-2001.
Republican Scholarship, Academy of Economic Studies, 1995 and 1996.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Political Economics, Governance, Institutions, Development.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- “Democracy, Credibility, and Clientelism,” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, October 2008, 24(2): 371-406, with P. Keefer.
- “Parties, Coalitions, and the Internal Organization of Legislatures,” *American Political Science Review*, May 2011, 105(2): 359-380, with D. Diermeier.
- “Executive Control and Legislative Success,” *Review of Economic Studies*, July 2011, 78(3): 846-871, with D. Diermeier.
- “Do Housing Bubbles Generate Fiscal Bubbles? Evidence from California Cities,” *Public Choice*, October 2011, 149(1-2): 89-108, with A. Whalley.
- “Multiyear Budgets and Fiscal Performance: Panel Data Evidence,” *Journal of Public Economics*, March 2014, 111: 79-95, with M. Verhoeven, F. Grigoli, Z. Mills.
- “Procedural Choice in Majoritarian Organizations,” *American Journal of Political Science*, October 2015, 59(4): 866-879, with D. Diermeier, C. Prato.
- “Hierarchical Accountability in Government,” *Journal of Public Economics*, February 2016, 134: 85-99, with A. Whalley.
- “A Bargaining Model of Endogenous Procedures,” *Social Choice and Welfare*, December 2016, 47(4): 985-1012, with D. Diermeier, C. Prato.
- “Vote Buying and Campaign Promises,” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, December 2017, 45(4): 773-792, with P. Keefer.
- “Inequality, Participation, and Polarization,” *Social Choice and Welfare*, April 2018, 50(4): 597-624.
- “A Structural Model of Electoral Accountability,” *International Economic Review*, May 2019, 60(2): 517-545, with S.B. Aruoba, A. Drazen.
- “Self-Enforcing Partisan Procedures,” *Journal of Politics*, July 2020, 82(3): 937-954, with D. Diermeier, C. Prato.
- “How Issue Framing Shapes Trade Attitudes: Evidence from a Multi-Country Survey Experiment,” *Journal of International Economics*, March 2021, 129: 103428, with M. Rodriguez-Chatruc, E. Stein.
- “Demand-Side Determinants of Public Spending Allocations: Voter Trust, Risk and Time Preferences,” *Journal of Public Economics*, forthcoming, with P. Keefer, C. Scartascini.

Chapters in Books

Chapter 4 in *Beyond the Annual Budget: Review of Global Experience with Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks*, Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, November 2012, with M. Verhoeven, F. Grigoli, Z. Mills.

Chapter 10 in *Better Spending for Better Lives*, Washington DC: IDB Publications, November 2018, with P. Keefer, C. Scartascini.

Chapter 6 in *Trading Promises for Results*, Washington DC: IDB Publications, November 2019, with M. Rodriguez-Chatruc, E. Stein, V Zuluaga.

Chapter 13 in *The Inequality Crisis: Latin America and the Caribbean at the Crossroads* Washington, DC: IDB Publications, September 2020.

“Trust, Populism, and the Quality of Government,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Quality of Government*, forthcoming, with P. Keefer, C. Scartascini.

Chapter 3 in *Development in the Americas*, Washington, DC: IDB Publications, September 2021, with S. Perilla.

Other Publications

Book Review of *Learning While Governing* by Sean Gailmard and John W. Patty, University of Chicago Press,” *Journal of Politics*, July 2014, 76(3): e16.

“Las Causas de un Amplio Apoyo,” *Integración & Comercio*, December 2019, 23(45): 80-91, with M. Rodriguez-Chatruc, E. Stein, V Zuluaga.

WORKING PAPERS

“Social Trust and Electoral Populism: Explaining the Quality of Government,” IDB-WP-1052, with P. Keefer, C. Scartascini.

“Trust, Collaboration, and Policy Attitudes in the Public Sector,” IDB-WP-1196, with P. Keefer, S. Perilla.

“Civic Engagement in the Americas,” IDB-WP-883, with C. Scartascini.

“Political Accountability for Public Spending.”

“Executive Performance under Direct and Hierarchical Accountability Structures.”

“Voting Eligibility and Political Engagement: Evidence from High School Seniors in Mexico,” with P. Keefer.

INVITED TALKS (P presenter, ^d discussant)

- ^PUniversity of Maryland, College Park, MD, January 2006.
- ^PCentral European University, Budapest, Hungary, January 2006.
- ^PCharles University, Prague, Czech Republic, January 2006.
- ^PMannheim University, Mannheim, Germany, February 2006.
- ^PLondon School of Economics, London, UK, February 2006.
- ^PCanadian Economic Theory Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 2007.
- ^{Pd}Public Choice Society, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 2008.
- ^PMidwest Political Science Association, National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008.
- ^PEconometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2008.
- ^PWallis Institute Annual Conference on Political Economy, Rochester, NY, October 2008.
- ^PAmerican Economic Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, January 2009.
- ^PMidwest Political Science Association, National Conference, Chicago IL, April 2009.
- ^{Pd}LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting, Cartagena, Colombia, May 2009.
- ^PEconometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Boston, MA, June 2009.
- ^PAmerican Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 2009.
- ^dIndividual Preferences and Social Outcomes Workshop, College Park, MD, October 2009.
- ^PStanford University GSB, December 2009.
- ^PUniversity of California, Merced, December 2009.
- ^PPrinceton University, Woodrow Wilson School, December 2009.
- ^PUniversité Laval, February 2010.
- ^PThe World Bank, Public Sector Governance, May 2010.
- ^PErasmus Political Economy Workshop, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2010.
- ^PUniversity of Houston / Rice University, March 2011.
- ^PAmerican Economic Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, January 2012.
- ^PPrinceton Political Economy Conference, April 2012.
- ^PNew York University, April 2012.
- ^dAnnual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Washington, DC, May 2012.
- ^PWorld Congress of the Game Theory Society, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2012.
- ^{Pd}American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 2012.
- ^PWallis Institute Annual Conference on Political Economy, Rochester, NY, September 2012.
- ^{Pd}Econometric Society, North American Winter Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 2013.
- ^PGeorgetown Center for Economic Research Conference, Washington, DC, May 2013.
- ^PSGE Conference, Washington, DC, November 2013.
- ^PAmerican Economic Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2014.
- ^PUniversità Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, January 2014.
- ^PUniversity of California, Santa Barbara, May 2014.
- ^PEconometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, June 2014.
- ^PNorthwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, October 2014.
- ^PUniversity of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, November 2014.
- ^PUniversity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 2014.
- ^PInter-American Development Bank, Research Department, March 2015.
- ^PFederal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics, Washington, DC, April 2015.
- ^PERMAS, Cluj, Romania, July 2015.

- ^PAmerican Economic Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 2016.
^PMidwest Economic Theory Conference, Rochester, NY, April 2016.
^{Pd}Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 2016.
^PLACEA Annual Meeting, Medellin, Colombia, November 2016.
^PBRIDGE/LACEA Political Economy Group, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 2017.
^PGeorgetown Center for Economic Research Conference, Washington, DC, June 2017.
^PEconometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, St. Louis, MO, June 2017.
^dStony Brook 3rd Summer Workshop on Political Economy, Stony Brook, NY, July 2017.
^{Pd}Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 2018.
^{Pd}LACEA BRAIN Conference, Washington, DC, June 2019.
^PMidwest International Trade Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2019.
^PGeorgetown-Johns Hopkins Research Workshop, Washington, DC, October 2019.
^PLACEA Annual Meeting, Puebla, Mexico, November 2019.
^PPERMAS, Sibiu, Romania, virtual, July 2021.
^PEconometric Society, Australasian Meeting, Melbourne, Australia, virtual, July 2021.
^PEconometric Society, European Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark, virtual, August 2021.
^PLACEA Annual Meeting, Bogota, Colombia, virtual, October 2021.
^PLAPOP-ITAM Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, virtual, October 2021.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association
Econometric Society
DC Political Economy Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees, University of Maryland, Department of Economics:
Junior Recruiting Committee: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2010-2011.
Senior Recruiting Committee: 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012.
Graduate Studies Committee: 2012-2013.

Coordinator: University of Maryland, Department of Economics Seminar on Trade, Institutions, and Politics (TIP), 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014.

Coordinator: Political Economy Seminar Series, IDB Research Department, 2017-Present.

Co-organizer: Annual Collective Choice Center Conference, University of Maryland, May 2007.

Co-organizer: Washington Political Economy Conference (W-PECO), joint conference Georgetown University and IDB Research Department, May 2018, May 2019, May 2020.

Reviewer for:
AEJ Economic Policy, AEJ Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Comparative Political Studies, Economica, Economics of Governance, European Journal of Political Economy, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of

Theoretical Politics, National Tax Journal, Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Choice, Public Finance Analysis, Public Finance and Management, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, World Development, World Politics.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES - University of Maryland

ECON422 Econometrics I (2006-2014)

GRADUATE COURSES - University of Maryland

ECON644 Empirical Analysis II (2015-present)

ECON757 Topics in Political Economy II (2006-2014)

SHORT COURSES

Political Economy Summer School, Trento, Italy 2015.

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING - University of Maryland

Honors Theses: Zach Burroughs, Alexander Per.

Econ Tutoring Club: Faculty Advisor.

GRADUATE ADVISING - University of Maryland

Ph.D. Committee: Simona Andrei, Piyush Chandra, Lixing Li, Sebastian Miller,

Yerzhan Mukashev, Niko Hobdari, Bingjie Hu, Shrayes Ramesh, Haishan Yuan.

OTHER

U.S. Citizen.