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Current position:

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), School of Economics, University of East Anglia, 2016-present

Research Fields:

Political Economy, Development Economics, Economics of Education, Long-Run Growth

Education:

Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2010 – 2015
Title: *Economic Determinants and Consequences of Political Institutions*
Discussant: Professor Sascha O. Becker
Advisors: Professor Ola Olsson and Associate Professor Andreea Mitrut

Visiting Ph.D. student
Queen Mary University of London, Economics Department, sponsor: Professor Randi Hjalmarsson, Spring 2015.
Brown University, Economics Department, sponsor: Professor Louis Putterman, Fall 2013

M.Sc. courses, B.A. Economics (with distinction), University of Gothenburg, 2008-2010
B.A. courses, Informatics and Cybernetics Faculty, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania, 2006-2008

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

“Fighting Corruption in Education: What Works and Who Benefits?” (with Mikael Lindahl and Andreea Mitrut), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* (forthcoming).

“The Impact of an Unexpected Wage Cut on Corruption: Evidence From a “Xeroxed” Exam” (with Mikael Lindahl and Andreea Mitrut), *Journal of Public Economics*, December 2014, Volume 20, pp. 32-47.

Working Papers:

“The Illicit Benefits of Local Party Alignment in National Elections”, UEA Working Paper Series 2016-10, October 2016 ([link](#))

“State History and Economic Development: Evidence from Six Millennia” (with Ola Olsson and Louis Putterman), Brown Working Paper 2014-8, July 2014 ([link](#)).

“Curbing Adult Student Attrition: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Raj Chande, Michael Luca, Michael Sanders, Xian-Zhi Soon, Netta Barak-Corren, Elizabeth Linos, Elspeth Kirkman, and Sean Robinson), Harvard Business School Working Paper, No. 15-065, February 2015 ([link](#)).

Work in Progress:

“Reporting, Information and Vote-Buying” (with Amrish Patel)

“The Neolithic Transition and State Formation” (with Ola Olsson and Louis Putterman)

“Ethnocentric favoritism, ethnic polarization and corruption tolerance – evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina” (with Adnan Habibija)

Other publications:

“Variation in sub-national QoG in Romania”, Book chapter in Charron, N., V. Lapuente and B. Rothstein eds., “*Quality of Government and Corruption from a European perspective*,” Edward Elgar, 2013

“Nord-Vest”, in Charron, N., V. Lapuente and B. Rothstein eds. “*Measuring the Quality of Government in the EU and Sub-national Variation*,” Report for the European Commission Directorate-General Regional Policy Directorate, December 2010.

Teaching:

Lecturer, Introductory Statistics (Undergraduate), Spring 2017

Seminar leader, Applied Economic Analysis (Undergraduate), 2016-2017

Lecturer, Political Economy and Policy Instruments in Environmental Economics (Master), 2015

Course Coordinator, with Prof. Måns Söderbom, Basic Statistics (Undergraduate), 2013-2014

Teaching Assistant, Basic Econometrics (Undergraduate), 2012-2014

Teaching Assistant, Mathematics (Ph.D. level), 2012

Supervisor theses in applied microeconometrics (undergraduate), 2012-2015

Previous positions:

Advisor, Behavioural Research Centre for Adult Skills and Knowledge, Behavioural Insights Team, London, Sep - Dec 2014

Seminars and Conference Presentations:

2016: University of East Anglia (job talk); Lunch Seminar, The Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg, Behavioural Economics Workshop, University of Gothenburg.

2015: Workshop on Political Economy & Public Finance, IEB Barcelona; Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Queen Mary University, London; ERMAS Conference Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

2014: Contemporary Economics Issues, University of East Anglia (Invited speaker); RES Conference Manchester, UK; Annual PhD Conference, University of Gothenburg;

2013: Applied Micro Lunch Seminar, Brown University; Development Economics Workshop, University of Gothenburg; Economics of Education and Education Policy workshop, The Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU), Uppsala; EEA/ESEM Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden; DIAL Development Conference, Paris, France;

2012: 11th European Development Research Network PhD Workshop, TSE, Toulouse, France; Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), Sweden, 2012

Awards and Grants:

Department Award for Best Published Paper in 2014, University of Gothenburg, 2014
Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius grant (£10,000), 2014-2015
Paul and Marie Berghaus, Adlerbertska and Siamon Stiftelsen grants (£8000), 2009-2014
Erasmus Scholarship, University of Gothenburg, 2008
Best Research Paper Award and Merit scholarships, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, 2006-2008

Administrative Roles:

Ph.D. training officer and summer schools coordinator, 2016 –
Organizer, department seminar series, fall 2014
PhD student volunteer, the EEA Annual Congress, Gothenburg, 2013
Vice-president, PhD Association at the School of Business, Economics and Law, 2012-2013

Refereeing:

Journal of Economic Growth

Languages:

Romanian (native), English (fluent), French, Spanish and Swedish (conversational).