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Education

Stockholm University: Ph.D. in Economics, with specialization in political economy, development economics and applied microeconomic theory, June 2001.

Stockholm University: B.S. in Economics and Political Science, 1994.

Current Positions

2007-present: Associate Professor (with tenure), Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2002-present: Associated faculty, Department of Economics, Georgetown University.

2010-present: Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm School of Economics.

Previous Experience

2001-2007: Assistant Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2002-2006: Visiting fellow (summers), Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University.

2005-2007: Associate Editor, The Journal of the Swedish Economic Association.

Spring 2006: Visiting Scholar, IMF Research Department.

1996-2000: Teaching Assistant, Stockholm University.

Publications in Refereed Journals

“The Costs of Political Influence: Firm-level Evidence from Developing Countries” (with Raj Desai), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

“Union Leaders as Experts: Wage Bargaining and Strikes with Union-Wide Ballot Requirements”, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.

“The Logic of Authoritarian Bargains” (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef), *Economics and Politics*, 21 (2009), 93-125.

“Delegation versus Communication in the Organization of Government” (with Rod Ludema), *Journal of Public Economics*, 92 (2008), 213-235.

“Corruption and Economic and Political Reforms: A Structural Breaks Approach” (with Zaki Zahran), *Economics and Politics*, 20 (2008), 156-184.

“Foreign Aid: An Instrument for Fighting Communism?” (with Anne Boschini), *Journal of Development Studies*, 43 (2007), 622-648.

“Political Constraints and Public Support for Market Reform” (with Raj Desai). *IMF Staff Papers*, 53 (2006), 92-114.

“Constitutionalism and Credibility in Reforming Economies” (with Raj Desai), *Economics of Transition*, 14 (2006), 479-504.

“The Political Advantage of Soft Budget Constraints” (with Raj Desai), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 22 (2006), 370-387.

”Inflation and Inequality: Does Political Structure Matter?”, (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef), *Economics Letters*, 87 (2005), 41-46.

“Secessions and Political Extremism: Why Regional Referenda Do Not Solve the Problem”, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2 (2004), 805-32.

“Incentives for Secession in the Presence of Mobile Ethnic Groups”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 87 (2003), 2105-2128.

“Democracy, Inequality and Inflation”, (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef) *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97 (2003), 391-406.

Invited Journal Articles, Book Chapters, Reports and Book Reviews

“The Breakdown of Nations: The EU and Demands for Sovereignty” (in Swedish), in *EU Perspectives 2007*, Santerus Press, Stockholm Sweden.

“When Decentralization is not Enough” (in Swedish), *The Journal of the Swedish Economic Association*, Vol. 5 (2005), 19-32.

“The Political Economy of Reform: Institutional Change as a Tool for Political Credibility”. Background Paper for the World Bank’s World Development Report 2005.

“The Cost of Legitimacy: Political Liberalization, Welfare and Support for Autocratic Regimes” (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef). Background Paper for the World Bank’s MENA Regional Report on Labour and Economic Reform, 2003.

“Swedish Development Aid to Guinea-Bissau: What has it achieved? What can it achieve?” (in Swedish), with Björn Ekman and Peter Svedberg. In Enrique Ganuza and Mats Lundahl, eds., *Swedish Development aid; is it effective?*, SNS Förlag, 1995.

“Evaluation of Swedish Development Co-operation with Guinea-Bissau”, (with Björn Ekman and Peter Svedberg) Ds 1994:77, Stockholm, Sweden.

“A Guide to Econometrics”, by Peter Kennedy. Book report for MIT Press.

“The Size of Nations”, by Alberto Alesina and Enrico Spolaore. Book report for *Economics of Transition*.

Conference Presentations and Seminars

Conference Presentations: American Political Science Association Conference 2008, European Economic Association, annual meeting, Vienna, 2006. Econometric Society, European meeting, Vienna, 2006, Midwest Theory Conference 2006, IMF Annual Research Conference 2005, American Political Science Association Conference 2005, European Economic Association, annual meeting, Amsterdam, 2005. Econometric Society, European meeting, Madrid, 2004. European Economic Association, annual meeting, Madrid, 2004. International Conference on Transition Economics, Hanoi, 2004. Political Economy of Transition Conference, Bonn, 2003. Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Copenhagen, 2003. Public Economic Theory Conference, Duke University, 2003. European Economic Association, annual meeting, Venice, 2002. Econometric Society, European meeting, Venice, 2002. European Economic Association,

annual meeting, Santiago de Compostela, 1999. Econometric Society, European meeting, Santiago de Compostela, 1999.

Conference Discussant: Politics and Service Delivery Conference, The World Bank, 2004. Georgetown University Political Economy Conference, 2002. Conference on The changing role of the government in an integrated world, Jerusalem/Tel Aviv, 1997.

Seminars: Princeton University, Stockholm University, Stockholm School of Economics, Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University, University of British Columbia, University of Rochester, The World Bank, University of Maryland, University of Virginia, The IMF, Center for Global Development, George Mason University, Northwestern University (Kellogs), The Inter-American Development Bank, Research Institute of Industrial Economics, The Brookings Institution, Kyiv Economics Institute.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2009-2011** Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation, principal investigator, 1.200 000 SEK budget.
- 2006** Georgetown University, SFS Summer Grant.
- 2005** Georgetown University Graduate School: Summer Academic Grant.
- 2004** Georgetown University Graduate School: Summer Academic Grant.
- 2004** Georgetown University, SFS Summer Grant.
- 1999-2001** Graduate scholarship, Stockholm University.
- 1997-1999** Grants from Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation.
- 1995-1997** Graduate scholarship, Stockholm University.

Refereeing

Review of Economic Studies, Economics and Politics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, MIT Press, Journal of Economic Growth, American Political Science Review, Blackwell Publishing, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Corporate Governance: An International Review, European Economic Review, Palgrave, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization.

Teaching experience

“The political economy of economic reforms and corruption”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

“Political Economy: a survey of issues”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

“Political Economy of growth, redistribution and poverty”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

“Capstone in political economy”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009.

“Macroeconomics and Firm-level Decisions”, Master in General Management, Stockholm School of Economics, 2010.

“Development Economics”, undergraduate level, Department of Economic History, Stockholm University, 1996.

Teaching Assistant in Microeconomics, undergraduate level, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 1998 and 2000.

Relevant Consulting

The World Bank

Together with Tarik Yousef and Raj Desai I wrote a background paper for the MENA Regional Report on Labor and Economic Reform. (2003)

I wrote a background paper titled “The Political Economy of Reform: Institutional Change as a Tool for Political Credibility”, for the World Development Report. (2005)

The Swedish Parliament

I conducted a six month long evaluation of Swedish development co-operation with Guinea-Bissau, including a one month long field study. The study was commissioned by a committee of the Swedish Parliament, and it was a joint project with Peter Svedberg, Professor of Development Economics at Stockholm University, and Björn Ekman. (1994)