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EDUCATION

Stockholm University: Ph.D. in Economics, June 2001.

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

CURRENT MAIN POSITIONS

2010-present: Deputy Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm, Sweden.

2010-present: Associate Professor, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden.

CURRENT OTHER POSITIONS

2017-present: Affiliated Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University.

2014-present: Board member Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE)

2015-present: Member of Governing Board and Academic Board, ISET at Tbilisi State University, Georgia.

2021-present: Member of General Agreement on Parttime Owners (part of governing board) at European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2011-2016: Visiting Associate Professor (spring semesters), Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2007-2010: Associate Professor (with tenure), Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2002-2010: Associated faculty, Department of Economics, Georgetown University.

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.

ONGOING PROJECTS

“Inclusiveness, Cooperation and Covid Resilience: A Case Study of the Seva Mandir Village Institution Program” Field work in rural Rajasthan, India. Joint with Raj M. Desai.

“Building Lasting Institutions: Inclusive Governance and Cooperation in Rural Communities.” Field work in rural Rajasthan, India. Joint with Raj M. Desai.

PUBLICATIONS, GRANTS, AND SERVICE

Refereed Journal Articles

“Incentivizing Textbooks for Self-Study: Experimental Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” (with Marieke Huysentruyt and Jean-Benoit Falisse). *The Economic Journal*, (forthcoming).

“Foreign Aid and Female Empowerment.” (with Maria Perrotta Berlin and Evelina Bonnier). *Journal of Development Studies*, (forthcoming).

“The middle class and the modalities of political protest: Evidence from the Arab world.” (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef), *Social Sciences Quarterly*, (2023), 104, 684-701.

“Trading Favors? UN Security Council Membership and Regional Favouritism in Aid Receiving Countries.” (with Raj Desai and Maria Perrotta Berlin), *Review of International Organizations*, (2023), 18, 237–258.

“Can the poor organize? Public goods and self-help groups in rural India” (with Raj Desai), *World Development*, (2019), 121, 33-52.

“From abnormal to normal—Two tales of growth from 25 years of transition” (with Torbjörn Becker), *Economics of Transition*, (2018), 26, 769-800.

“The economics of transition literature” (with Charles Becker and Paul Wachtel), *Economics of Transition*, (2018), 26, 827-840.

“Aid Effectiveness in Times of Political Change: Lessons from the Post-Communist Transition” (with Emmanuel Frot and Maria Perrotta), *World Development*, 56 (2014), 127-138.

“Union Leaders as Experts: Wage Bargaining and Strikes with Union-Wide Ballot Requirements”, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 114 (2012), 200–227.

“The Costs of Political Influence: Firm-level Evidence from Developing Countries” (with Raj Desai), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 6 (2011), 137-178.

“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.

Book Chapters, Invited Journal Articles, Reports and Book Reviews

“Rethinking Development Finance in Response to 21st Century Challenges: Islamic Climate Finance and Post-Conflict Recovery”, (with Bradley Hiller, Nader Kabbani, Raj M. Desai, and Daouda Ndiaye), T-20 Policy Brief for G-20 2023 New Delhi Meetings, 2023.

(In Swedish) “Rysslands krig i Ukraina – ett geopolitiskt och makroekonomiskt perspektiv”, (with Torbjörn Becker, Maria Perrotta Berlin, and Jesper Roine), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, Vol. 51, No. 4, 2023.

(In Swedish) “Åter ur askan: Det svenska och globala bidraget till Ukrainas återuppbyggnad”, (with Maria Perrotta Berlin), The Expert Group for Aid Studies, report 2023:01.

(In Swedish) “Utvecklingsbistånd - vad säger forskningen om dess effekter och potential?”, *Ekonomisk Debatt*, Vol. 49, No. 3, 2021.

“The Economics of Transition: Developing and Reforming Emerging Economies, edited by Iwasaki, Ichiro.”, (2021) book review in *Economic Record* 97, 131-133.

“Days Of Rage and Silence: Explaining Political Action by Arab Youth”, (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef) in *Young Generation Awakening*, Oxford University Press, 2016.

“The Economics of Authoritarianism in North Africa”, (with Raj Desai and Tarik Yousef) in *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

“Randomized Controlled Trials: Strengths, Weaknesses and Policy Relevance”, Nordstedts Juridik AB, Stockholm, 2014.

“The Political Economy of the Investment Climate”, background paper to the IEG, the World Bank Group, Washington DC, 2013.

“Job Creation in the Private Sector: the Case of the Kyrgyz Republic”, USAID report, Washington DC, 2012.

“JOBS: A Conceptual Framework”, USAID report, Washington DC, 2011.

“Transition all Over? Lessons from the Experience of the Post-communist Countries for the Countries of the Arab Spring”, PapersIEMed 10, Barcelona, 2011

“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*.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2024-2028** The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies, research grant, principal investigator, 28.184 334 SEK budget.
- 2021-2023** Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (MISUM), research grant, principal investigator, 200 000 SEK budget.
- 2019-2021** Swedish Research Council, Research project grant within development research, principal investigator, 2.921 000 SEK budget.
- 2019-2020** Swedish Research Council, Research project grant within humanities and social sciences, principal investigator, 1.800 000 SEK budget.
- 2016-2018** World Bank, REACH Knowledge, learning and innovation grant, principal investigator, US\$ 200 000.
- 2013-2015** Sida U-forsk, principal investigator, 3.400 000 SEK budget.
- 2012-2015** Qatar National Research Fund, Grant No. NPRP 5-1177-5-174, investigator US\$ 730.000.
- 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.

Conference Presentations

FREE 2022 Conference in Warsaw, ASWEDE Development Conference 2021, 2020 PEIO Conference in Vancouver, FREE 2019 conference in Gdansk, 2019 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa, CSAE 2019 in Oxford, ASWEDE Development Conference 2019, FREE 2018 conference in Minsk, CSAE 2017 in Oxford, FREE 2016 Conference in Kiev, The BEROC 2016 International Conference in Economics and Finance, FREE 2015 Conference in Vilnius, SEEDDEC 2014, ASWEDE Development Conference 2014, ERF Paris workshop 2014, FREE 2014 Conference in Tbilisi, ERF Cambridge workshop 2014, American Economic Association annual

meeting 2014, American Political Science Association Conference 2008, European Economic Association annual meeting 2006, Econometric Society European meeting 2006, Midwest Theory Conference 2006, IMF Annual Research Conference 2005, American Political Science Association Conference 2005, European Economic Association annual meeting 2005, Econometric Society European meeting 2004, European Economic Association annual meeting 2004, International Conference on Transition Economics 2004, Politics and Service Delivery Conference The World Bank 2004, Political Economy of Transition Conference 2003, Nordic Conference in Development Economics 2003, Public Economic Theory Conference 2003, European Economic Association annual meeting 2002, Econometric Society European meeting 2002, Georgetown University Political Economy Conference 2002, European Economic Association annual meeting 1999, Econometric Society European meeting 1999, The changing role of the government in an integrated world in Jerusalem/Tel Aviv 1997.

Invited Presentations

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, Stockholm Institute for Transition Economics, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, 3ie Delhi, University of Chicago, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Georgian Economic Association.

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, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Journal of Public Economics, Corporate Governance: An International Review, European Economic Review, Palgrave, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Comparative Political Studies, Review of International Organizations, World Development,

Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Economica, Review of Development Economics, Economics of Governance, Economics of Transition, Energy Economics.

SELECTED CONSULTING

The World Bank Group

Field work on results based financing in education in DRC to the Results in Education for All Children (REACH) program.

Background report on the political economy of the investment climate to the Independent Evaluation Group, 2013.

Background report on the political economy of reforms. Prepared for the World Development Report 2005.

Background report on the use and abuse of an authoritarian bargain in non-democratic countries. Prepared for a Regional Report on labour and economic reform in the MENA region, 2003.

The Expert Group for Aid Studies

A report on the financing and organization of support to Ukraine reconstruction, 2023.

A report on the merits and drawbacks of using randomized controlled trials to evaluate Swedish development aid, 2014.

United States Agency for International Development

The development of a conceptual framework for understanding the political economy of job creation in the private sector, 2011.

An application of the developed conceptual framework to the Case of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2012. (field work)

Background report for a case study on the political economy of job creation in the private sector in Jordan, 2013.

The Swedish Parliament (Commission for Analysis of Swedish Development Assistance)

An evaluation of Swedish Development Co-operation with Guinea-Bissau, 1994. (field work)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Thesis project”, mentoring Masters and Bachelors students writing their thesis, Stockholm School of Economics, 2013-present.

“Crisis and the Future of Europe”, Master of Arts in International Business and Policy at Georgetown University, 2017-present.

“Business & Government in a Globalized World”, Executive Master's in Leadership in Qatar, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, 2021.

“Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2016.

“Economic & Political Analysis of Emerging Markets”, Master in Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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

“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, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016.

“Political Economy of growth, redistribution and poverty”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

“Capstone in political economy”, undergraduate level, Georgetown University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016.

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

“Microeconomics”, teaching assistant, undergraduate level, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 1998 and 2000.