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Development Impact Evaluation Unit, World Bank, Washington D.C.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Economist (ETC), Development Impact Evaluation Unit, World Bank.
- 2016-2019 Research Assistant, University College London.
Working With Marcos Vera-Hernandez on “Can Bureaucrats Really Be Paid Like CEOs? School Administrator Incentives for Anemia Reduction in Rural China”
- 2015-2019 Consultant, World Bank.
Field Manager for the Ethiopian Civil Servant Survey 2016 and Analyst for “Moving Further on Civil Service Reforms in Ethiopia”
- 2014-2019 Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant, University College London.
Econometrics with Andrew Chesher and Daniel Wilhelm (PhD Level); Economics of Development with Beatriz Armendariz (Undergraduate Level); Issues in Economics of Development with Marcos Vera Hernandez (Undergraduate Level)
- 2010-2012 Economist, Ministry of Education, Ethiopia.
Overseas Development Institute Fellowship
- 2009-2010 Economic Analyst, Frontier Economics, London.

EDUCATION

- May, 2019 PhD Economics, University College London
“Essays on Labour Economics in Developing Countries and the Role of the Public Sector” Viva Committee: Imran Rasul and Florian Englmaier
- Fall, 2017 Visiting Researcher, Bocconi University
- 2014 MRes Economics (Distinction), University College London
- 2010 MSc Economics (Distinction), University College London
- 2008 BEconSc Economics (First Class Honours and Manchester School Award), The University of Manchester

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Labour Economics, Public Policy and Public Administration

WORKING PAPERS

"The Returns to Higher Education and Public Employment"

"Bureaucrat Time Use and Productivity: Evidence from a Survey Experiment" (with Jozefina Kalaj and Daniel Rogger)

"Hierarchy and Information" (with Daniel Rogger)

Public coverage: [VoxDev](#), [2018 Ibrahim Forum Report on Public Service in Africa](#)

"Information and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from an E-Governance Initiative"

Public coverage: [2018 Ibrahim Forum Report on Public Service in Africa](#)

“Subjective Performance Evaluations and Supervisor Bias: Evidence from the Ethiopian Civil Service.”

POLICY REPORTS

["Moving Further on Civil Service Reforms in Ethiopia"](#)

“Liberia Forestry Development Authority : An Institutional Capacity Assessment”

HONOURS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

2016-2019 Bureaucracy Lab Doctoral Fellow, World Bank.
2016-2017 Teaching Excellence Award, University College London.
2014-2018 Ricardo Scholarship, University College London.
2013-2014 David Pearce Scholarship, University College London.
2010-2012 Overseas Development Institute Fellowship.
2008 Manchester School Award, The University of Manchester.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2016-2019 International Growth Centre (\$25,742): “A Study of the Constraints to Civil Servant Productivity in Ethiopia”
Co-PI with Stephan Dercon and Dan Rogger

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2018 ENTER Jamboree, Toulouse (Discussant); Ethiopian Development Research Institute / IGC Seminar, Addis Ababa (Presentation); IGC Annual Conference, Addis Ababa (Presentation); Queen Mary University of London PhD Conference (Presentation); Sussex University PhD Conference (Presentation); UCL Summer Conference (Presentation); University of Oxford (Presentation); Warwick PhD Conference (Presentation); World Bank DIME Seminar (Presentation)
2017 Bocconi University (Visitor and La Strada Presentations); SSDEV Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, Italy (Presentation)
2016 Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Presentation and Discussant); Stockholm School of Economics (Presentation)

OTHER

Languages: English (Native), Gujarati (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Amharic (Intermediate)
Citizenship: UK and Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder
Software: Stata, Matlab, R, Tex, Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

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