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Date of Birth: 31/5/1976

Gender: Male

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Current Employment and Affiliations

Associate Professor in Development Studies, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (since 2013)

Education

- PhD London School of Economics (Department of International Development), 2005
Title: *The Politics of Ethnonationalism in Contemporary Uganda: The Case of Buganda*
Supervisors: Dr. E.A. Brett. & Dr. Tim Allen. Field work in Uganda 9–12/2001 and 6-8/2002
- MSc London School of Economics (Nationalism and Ethnicity), 2000. Graduated with merit
- BA Princeton University (German Cultural Studies), 1998. Graduated *cum laude*

Research and Teaching Interests

Research: Ethnic Politics; Ethnic Conflict; Decentralisation; Land Reform; Nationalism; Patronage and Clientelism; Political Demography; African Politics, particularly East Africa

Teaching: International Relations and Politics of Africa; Conflict Studies; Development Policy; The Political Economy of Poverty in the Developing World

Teaching Experience

Department of International Development, LSE (MSc [Master's] level courses)

- Key Issues in Development Studies (2012 – present; Convener)
- Development Theory, History and Policy (2005 – 2006, 2010 – present)

- African Development (2007 – present)
- Complex Emergencies (2006 – 2009: Convener)
- Poverty (2009 – 2014: Convener)

Department of Government, LSE (Undergraduate level courses)

- Theories and Problems of Nationalism (2003 – 2007)
- The Politics of Economic Policy (2005)

Previous Affiliations and Employment

Visiting Fellow, Institute of African Development, Cornell University (January 2015 – July 2015)

Lecturer in Development Studies, Department of International Development, London School of Economics: without tenure (2010-2012), with tenure (2012-2013)

LSE Fellow, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (10/2006 – 8/2010)

Guest Lecturer in Globalization and Development, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London (1-3/2008)

Tutorial Fellow, Department of International Development (DESTIN), London School of Economics (1/2005 – 9/2006)

Class Teacher, Department of Government, London School of Economics (10/2003 – 6/2007)

Research Associate, USAID/UNICEF Project on Abductees in Northern Uganda (6-8/2005)

Research Assistant to Dr. Noreena Hertz, University of Cambridge (6-9/2003)

Consultant on BBC 'Making A Difference' World Service Program and Forum (6/2002 – 3/2003)

Grants

British Academy Small Grant for £7437 on Research into the Origins of State Size and Ethnic Diversity in Modern Africa (2010-2012); awarded February 2010

DfID Research Programme Consortium; Project on Governance, Security and Justice in Conflict-Affected Areas, with Tim Allen, Tim Forsyth, Mary Kaldor, David Keen, Thandika Mkandawire and Diana Weinhold; Department of International Development, LSE, for £7 million; awarded July 2010

Academic Awards

Annual International Development Departmental Teaching Award, LSE (2015) [sole winner]

Annual Major Review Teaching Award, LSE (2012) [one of eight winners across the LSE]

Runner-up, first annual Dominique Jacquin-Berdal ASEN prize for young scholars (2007)

Finalist, first European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) Prize for Development Studies (2005)

Overseas Research Studentship Award for postgraduate study at LSE (2000 – 2003)

Fulbright Scholarship, University of Vienna, Austria (1998 – 1999)

Annual Mary Cunningham Humphreys Junior German Prize, Princeton University (1997)

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Development Studies* (2012 – present)

- Dudley Seers Prize Committee, 2015

Editorial Board Member, *Nations and Nationalism* (2007 – present)

- Book Reviews Editor, 2007 – 2009
- Assistant Book Reviews Editor, 2005 – 2007

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2012 – present)

- Book Reviews Editor, 2012 –

Journal Refereeing

Africa; Africa Today; African Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; Civil Wars; Commonwealth and Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Conflict, Security and Development; Democratization; Ethnopolitics; Global Governance; Government and Opposition; International Journal of African Historical Studies; International Political Science Review; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Eastern African Studies; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Nations and Nationalism; Political Research Quarterly; Public Administration and Development; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism; World Development; World Politics

Other Refereeing

Economic and Social and Research Council, Nuffield Foundation, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Press, Polity Press

Seminar Chair, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), LSE (2002 – 2004)

Various positions (Treasurer, Secretary, Conference Exhibition Chair), ASEN, LSE (2001 – 2002)

Professional Affiliations/Memberships

Africa Studies Association (ASA): 2003 – present

African Politics Conference Group (APCG): 2006 – present

- One of three members of the APCG APSA Panel Committee, 2007-2008
- Chair of the APCG Best Book Award Committee, 2010
- One of three members of the APCG Best Dissertation Prize Committee, 2015

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2004 – present

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN): 2006 – present

Publications

Books and Edited Journals

- 2014 *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, edited with Emil Uddhammar and Johanna Söderström. London: Routledge. [Reprint of *Democratization* special issue]
- 2011 Special Issue on Political Opposition and Democracy in Africa, *Democratization* 18, 5 (edited with Emil Uddhammar and Johanna Söderström)
- 2006 *World Development: Distance Learning Course for Development Studies* (with Dr. Tim Forsyth and Dr. Jon Lunn), University of London
- Explaining Ethnic Change: How Urbanization Promotes Homogenization in the Modern World*; book manuscript in preparation

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2015? 'Pre-Colonial Political Centralization and Contemporary Development in Uganda,' with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming
- 2013 'On the Relationship Between Fertility and Wealth: Evidence from Widow Suicides (Satis) in Early Colonial India,' with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *Economics Letters*: 120, 2 (August): 302-304
- 2013 'Explaining African Ethnic Diversity,' *International Political Science Review*: 34, 3 (June): 235-253
- 2013 'Nation-Building and Conflict in Modern Africa,' with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *World Development* 45 (May): 108-118
- 2012 'The Political Demography of Conflict in Modern Africa,' *Civil Wars* 14, 4 (December): 477-498 [lead article]
- 2012 'The Reversal of Fortune Thesis Reconsidered,' with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *Journal of Development Studies* 48, 7 (July): 817-831
- 2012 'On the Size and Shape of African States,' *International Studies Quarterly* 56, 2 (June): 229-244 [lead article]

- 2011 ‘Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa,’ with Emil Uddhammar and Johanna Söderström; *Democratization* 18, 5 (October): 1057-1066
- 2011 ‘Democratization and Decentralization in Contemporary Africa: Evidence from Sudan and Ethiopia,’ *Democratization* 18, 5 (October): 1087-1105
- 2011 ‘Patronage as Institutional Choice: Evidence from Rwanda and Uganda,’ *Comparative Politics* 43, 4 (July): 421-438
- 2011 ‘The Political Economy of Nation Formation in Modern Tanzania,’ *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49, 2 (April): 223-244
- 2010 ‘Patronage, District Creation and Reform in Uganda,’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* 45, 1 (March): 83-103
- 2010 ‘Ethnicity and Nationhood in Pre-Colonial Africa: The Case of Buganda,’ *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 16, 1 (January): 1-21 [lead article]
- 2008 ‘Decentralization and Conflict in Uganda,’ *Conflict, Security and Development* 8, 4 (December): 427-450
- 2008 ‘Understanding the Limits to Ethnic Change: Evidence from Uganda’s “Lost Counties”,’ *Perspectives on Politics* 6, 3 (September): 473-485
- 2007 ‘Demography, Diversity and Conflict in Contemporary Africa: Evidence from Uganda,’ *Nations and Nationalism* 13, 4 (October): 717-736
- Runner-up for the first annual Dominique Jacquin-Berdal ASEN prize (LSE), April 2007
- 2006 ‘Ethnicity and the Politics of Land Tenure Reform in Central Uganda,’ *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 44, 3 (November): 370-388

Editor-Reviewed Publications (Book Chapters, Comments, Debates, etc.)

- 2015 ‘Structuralism,’ in *Oxford Handbook on the Politics of Development*, ed. Carol Lancaster and Nicolas van de Walle (Oxford: Oxford University Press): forthcoming
- 2013 ‘The 2011 Obi Igwara Special Memorial Event to mark 50 Years of Decolonization in Africa, 1960-2010,’ *Nations and Nationalism* 19, 3 (July): 434-455 (with Athena Leoussi, Jack Spence and Paul Nugent)
- 2012 ‘The Political Economy of Nation Formation in Modern Tanzania’ in *Nationalism and Conflict Management*, edited by Eric Woods, Robert Schertzer and Eric Kaufmann (London: Routledge) [Reprint of 2011 article with the same title]
- 2012 ‘Demographic Change and Conflict in Contemporary Africa’ in *Political Demography: How Population Changes are Reshaping International Security and National Politics*, edited by

Jack A. Goldstone, Eric Kaufman and Monica Duffy Toft (New York: Oxford University Press), pp. 238-251

2009 ‘Debate on David Laitin’s *Nations, States and Violence*,’ *Nations and Nationalism* 15, 4 (October): 557-574 (with Michael Banton, Montserrat Guibernau and David Laitin)

Working Papers

2013 ‘The Rise and Fall of Decentralization in Contemporary Uganda,’ UNU-WIDER Working Paper #WP/2013/078, United Nations University

2012 ‘Pre-Colonial Political Centralization and Contemporary Development in Uganda,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; Afrobarometer Working Paper #WP141

2012 ‘Pre-Colonial Political Centralization and Contemporary Development in Uganda,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; Economic Organization and Public Policy Discussion Paper #39, STICERD, LSE

2011 ‘Nation-Building and Conflict in Modern Africa,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; Economic Organization and Public Policy Discussion Paper #26, STICERD, LSE

2010 ‘On the Size and Shape of African States,’ Political Science and Political Economy Working Paper #4/10, Department of Government, LSE

2010 ‘The Reversal of Fortune Thesis Reconsidered,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; EOPP Discussion Paper #16, STICERD, LSE

2010 ‘The Political Demography of Conflict in Modern Africa,’ DESTIN Working Paper #111

2008 ‘District Creation and Decentralization in Uganda,’ Crisis States Research Centre Working Paper #24

2005 ‘Ethnicity and the Politics of Land Tenure Reform in Central Uganda,’ DESTIN Working Paper #58

- Selected as a finalist for the first European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) Prize for Development Studies, August 2005

2005 ‘What is an Ethnic Group? Political Economy, Constructivism and the Common Language Approach to Ethnicity,’ DESTIN Working Paper #57

Work in Progress

‘Urbanization and Mortality Decline,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; under review at *Demography*

‘Decentralization and Development in Contemporary Uganda;’ revise and resubmit at *Regional and Federal Studies*

Book Reviews

- 2010 Review of J. Habyarimana, M. Humphreys, D. Posner and J. Weinstein, *Coethnicity: Diversity and the Dilemmas of Collective Action* (2009); *African Affairs* 109, 437.
- 2008 Review of S.F. Schram and B. Caterino (eds.), *Making Political Science Matter: Debating Knowledge, Research and Method* (2006); *Public Administration and Development* 28, 3
- 2007 Review of Paul Richards (ed.), *No Peace, No War: An Anthropology of Contemporary Armed Conflict* (2005); *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 13, 3
- 2007 Review of Daniel Posner, *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa* (2005); *Nations and Nationalism* 13, 1
- 2006 Joint Review of G. McCann and S. McCloskey, *From the Local to the Global: Key Issues in Development Studies* (2003) and A. Kohli, C. Moon and G. Sorensen, *States, Markets and Just Growth: Development in the Twentieth Century* (2003); *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 34, 2
- 2005 Review of Tatab Mentan, *Dilemmas of Weak States: Africa and Transnational Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century* (2004); *Political Studies Review* 3, 3
- 2005 Review of African Development Bank, *African Development Report: Africa in the Global Trading System* (2004); *Political Studies Review* 3, 3
- 2005 Review of United Nations Development Program, *Human Development Report 2004* (2004); *Journal of Development Studies* 41, 5
- 2005 Review of Amy Chua, *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability* (2003); *Nations and Nationalism* 11, 1

Conference, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

- American University (Council on African Studies; 10/2009)
- Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (4/2013)
- Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association [US] (2003, 2004, 2006)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014)
- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (2006, 2012)
- Biennial Meeting of the African Studies Association [UK] (2004)
- Columbia University (Institute of African Studies; 4/2011)
- Cornell University
 - Institute of African Development (2/2015)
 - Department of Government (3/2015)

- University of East Anglia (School of Development Studies; 6/2009)
- University of Edinburgh (Great Lakes Working Group; 5/2003)
- University of Florida (Department of Political Science; 11/2009)
- George Washington University (Institute for Global and International Studies; 10/2009)
- Georgetown University (Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service; 3/2015)
- Global International Studies Conference, Istanbul (8/2005)
- Harvard University (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; 5/2009)
- Johns Hopkins University (School of Advanced International Studies; 10/2009, 3/2015)
- King's College, London (Africa Research Group; 10/2004)
- London School of Economics
 - African Studies Seminar (2012, 2013)
 - Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (4/2005, 3/2006, 9/2006, 2/2010)
 - Comparative Politics Research Workshop (2013)
 - Crisis States Research Centre (10/2007, 11/2008)
 - Department of Geography (2/2011)
 - Political Science and Political Economy Group (2011, 2013)
 - Turkish Studies Seminar (11/2013)
- Makerere Institute of Social Research, Uganda (7/2007)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Department of Political Science; 4/2009)
- University of Oxford
 - African Studies Centre (10/2006)
 - Centre for the Study of African Economies (3/2008, 10/2012, 5/2013)
 - Department of International Development (1/2005, 10/2006)
 - Central Africa Forum (10/2011)
 - Rothermere American Institute (5/2014)
 - St. Antony's College (5/2006)
- University of Pennsylvania (Department of Political Science; 4/2011)
- Princeton University (Institute for International and Regional Studies; 4/2011)
- University of Rochester (Department of Political Science; 3/2015)
- Växjö University, Sweden (School of Social Sciences; 10/2008)
- Yale University (Center of African Studies; 4/2009; 4/2015)