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Date of Birth: 31/5/1976 **Gender:** Male **Nationality:** UK/USA

Current Employment and Affiliations

Professor in Development Studies, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (since 2023)

Education

- PhD London School of Economics (Department of International Development), 2005
Title: *The Politics of Ethnonationalism in Contemporary Uganda: The Case of Buganda*
Supervisors: Professor E.A. Brett and Professor Tim Allen
- MSc London School of Economics (Nationalism and Ethnicity), 2000. Graduated with merit
- BA Princeton University (German Cultural Studies), 1998. Graduated *cum laude*

Teaching Experience

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

- Development Management MSc (2022 – present; co-convener)
- DV431/469 The Political Economy of Development (2022-present)
- DV464 Democracy and Development (2020 – present; convener)
- DV410 Research Design and Dissertation in International Development (2021-2023; co-convener)
- DV442 Key Issues in Development Studies (2012 – 2019; Convener)
- DV407 Poverty (2009 – 2014; 2016; 2020: Convener)
- DV418 African Development (2007 – 2016)
- DV420 Complex Emergencies (2006 – 2009: Convener)

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- DV400 Development Theory, History and Policy (2005 – 2006, 2010 – 2012)

Department of Government, LSE (Undergraduate level courses)

- GV227 The Politics of Economic Policy (2005)
- GV247 Theories and Problems of Nationalism (2003 – 2007)

Previous Affiliations and Employment

Associate Professor in Development Studies, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (2013-2023)

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)

Grants

STICRD Grant for field work in Accra, Ghana, for £2340; awarded June 2025.

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

Excellence in Education Award, LSE (2019)

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)

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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)

Department/University Service

Co-Deputy Head of Research, Dept. of International Development, LSE (9/2025 – present)

Member, Academic Nominations Committee, LSE (9/2018 – present)

Director of MRes/PhD Program, Dept. of International Development, LSE (10/2017 – 9/2020)

Professional Service

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

- Dudley Seers Prize Committee, 2015-2017, 2022-2023

Editorial Board Member [Book Reviews Editor], *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2012 – 2017)

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

- Book Reviews Editor, 2007 – 2009

Editorial Board Member, *Regional and Federal Studies* (2018– present)

External Examiner, MA in Governance, Development and Public Policy, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (2025-present)

Series Editor, 'Politics and Development in Contemporary Africa,' International Africa Institute Publications Committee (2019 – 2023)

Select Recent Journal Refereeing:

Africa; African Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; American Sociological Review; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Conflict, Security and Development; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Democratization; Ethnopolitics; GeoJournal; Geopolitics; Global Governance; Government and Opposition; International Organization; International Political Science Review; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Eastern African Studies; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Regional Science; Nations and Nationalism; Political Geography; Political Research Quarterly; Population and Development Review; Public

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Administration and Development; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Regional and Federal Studies; Social Forces; Sociology; Third World Quarterly; World Development; World Politics

Other Refereeing

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

Vice-President, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), LSE (2015 – present)

Various positions (Treasurer, Secretary, Conference Exhibition Chair), ASEN, LSE (2001 – 2004)

Professional Affiliations/Memberships

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

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Comparative Politics Section of the APSA, 2023 – present

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

Publications

Books and Edited Journals

2022 *Industrialization and Assimilation: Explaining Ethnic Change in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

2014 *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, edited with Emil Uddhammar and Johanna Söderström. London: Routledge. [Reprint of 2011 *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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2026 'Political Business Cycles and Democratization: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa,' with Robin Harding; *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming).

2025 'Explaining Ethno-Regional Favouritism in Sub-Saharan Africa,' with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *World Development* 188 (April): 106901

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- 2021 ‘The Politics of Ethnic Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa,’ *Comparative Political Studies* 54, 7 (June): 1197-1226
- 2021 ‘Explaining inter-ethnic marriage in Sub-Saharan Africa,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *Journal of International Development* 33, 4 (May): 627-643
- 2020 ‘Ethnic Favouritism in Kenyan Education Reconsidered: When a Picture is Worth More than a Thousand Regressions’ (with Rebecca Simson); *Journal of Modern African Studies* 58, 3 (September): 425-460
- Winner of the David and Helen Kimble Prize for the best article published in the *Journal of Modern African Studies* in 2020
- 2020 ‘Ethnicity, National Identity and the State: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa,’ *British Journal of Political Science* 50, 2 (September): 757-779
- 2019 ‘Industrialization and Ethnic Change in the Modern World,’ *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42, 2 (February): 178-197
- 2018 Urbanization and Mortality Decline (with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay); *Journal of Regional Science* 58, 2 (March): 483-503
- 2018 ‘Taking It Personally: The Effect of Ethnic Attachment on Preferences for Regionalism,’ with Joan Ricart-Huguet; *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53, 1 (March): 67-89
- 2016 ‘Pre-Colonial Political Centralization and Contemporary Development in Uganda,’ with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 64, 3 (April): 471-508
- 2015 ‘Decentralization and Development in Contemporary Uganda,’ *Regional and Federal Studies* 25, 5: 491-508
- 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

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- 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 Söderstöm; *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.)

- 2026 ‘Introduction;’ part of a debate on Aram Hur’s book, *Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia* (2022); *Nations and Nationalism* 32, 1 (January): 18-19.
- 2024 ‘Introduction;’ part of a debate on Robert Schertzer and Eric T. Woods’ book, *The New Nationalism in America and Beyond* (2022); *Nations and Nationalism* 30, 3 (July): 397-398.
- 2021 ‘Exchange on the quantitative measurement of ethnic and national identity,’ with Daniel Bochsler, Erin Jenne, Harris Mylonas and Andreas Wimmer; *Nations and Nationalism* 27, 1 (January): 22-40
- 2019 ‘Public Goods and National Identification;’ part of a debate on Andreas Wimmer’s book *Nation Building* [2018]; *Nations and Nationalism* 25, 1 (January): 90-96.

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- 2018 ‘Structuralism;’ in *Oxford Handbook on the Politics of Development*, ed. Carol Lancaster and Nicolas van de Walle (Oxford: Oxford University Press): 43-63
- 2016 ‘Benedict Anderson’s Imagined Communities: A Symposium,’ with John Breuilly, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, Jonathan Hearn, Joep Leerssen and John Sidel; *Nations and Nationalism* 22, 4 (October): 625-659
- 2013 ‘The 2011 Obi Igwara Special Memorial Event to mark 50 Years of Decolonization in Africa, 1960-2010,’ with Athena Leoussi, Jack Spence and Paul Nugent; *Nations and Nationalism* 19, 3 (July): 434-455
- 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): 238-251
- 2009 ‘Debate on David Laitin’s *Nations, States and Violence*,’ with Michael Banton, Montserrat Guibernau and David Laitin; *Nations and Nationalism* 15, 4 (October): 557-574

Working Papers

- 2023 ‘Explaining Ethno-Regional Favouritism in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay; Governance and Local Development Institute Working Paper #64, University of Gothenburg
- 2019 ‘Ethnic Favouritism in Kenyan Education Reconsidered: When a Picture is Worth More than a Thousand Regressions’ (with Rebecca Simson); Department of International Development Working Paper #19-196, LSE
- 2019 ‘Explaining Inter-Ethnic and Inter-Religious marriage in Sub-Saharan Africa’ (with Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay); Department of International Development Working Paper #19-195, LSE
- 2017 ‘The Politics of Ethnic Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa;’ Department of International Development Working Paper #17-188, LSE
- 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

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- 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

Book Reviews

- 2021 Review of Mahmood Mamdani, *Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities* (2020); *Nations and Nationalism* 27, 2
- 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

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- 2005 Review of Tadah 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

Recent Conference, Lecture, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Los Angeles 8/2023)
- Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (Prague, 6/2022; Glasgow, 6/2023; Cologne, 6/2024)
- Edinburgh University, African Politics Research Group (3/2021)
- George Mason University, Schar School of Policy and Government (4/2024)
- George Washington University, Department of Political Science (4/2024)
- Georgetown University, Department of Government (4/2024)
- Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (3/2023)
- Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced Studies (4/2024)
- London School of Economics, African Political Economy Group (2/2022)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Global Diversity Lab (10/2021)
- National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Kew School of Public Policy (4/2025)
- Princeton University conference on Nationalism in the Global South (10/2024)
- Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study conference on Ethnicity and Constitutionalism in Africa (9/2023)
- University of Bristol, School of Geographical Sciences (4/2023)
- University of Cambridge, Centre of Development Studies (2/2024)
- University of Manchester, Global Development Institute (1/2024)
- University of Oxford
 - Changing National Narratives Workshop, Blavatnik School of Government (5/2024)
 - Department of Politics and International Relations (1/2024)
- Wisconsin University, Department of Political Science (4/2024)