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RESEARCH INTERESTS Applied Economics, Economic Development & Growth, Political Economy, Data Science.

CURRENT POSITION

University of Warwick, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Coventry, United Kingdom, since May 2021.

University of Bonn, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany, from 2023 (tbd).

Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), Theme Leader, Globalisation and Global Crises, since January 2020.

**London School of Economics**, Visiting Fellow, London, United Kingdom, since May 2019.

EMPLOYMENT

University of Warwick, Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Coventry, United Kingdom, January 2018 - April 2021.

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2016 - August 2017.

University of Warwick, Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Coventry, United Kingdom, August 2015 - December 2017.

SERVICE

Economic Journal, Associate Editor, 2021 -

Economic Policy, Panel Member, 2020 -

Affiliations

Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), CESifo, Pearson Institute at University of Chicago, HiCN, Spatial Economics Research Group (SERC) at CEP/LSE, CAGE.

EDUCATION

London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom

Ph.D., Economics, 2015

M.Res., Economics, June 2010

M.Sc., Economics, with Distinction, June 2009

Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Magdeburg, Germany

B.Sc., Management and Economics, parallel studies in Mathematics, June 2008,  $\it with$   $\it Distinction$ 

Publications

- 1. The Welfare Cost of Lawlessness: Evidence from Somali Piracy, joint with Tim Besley and Hannes Mueller, Journal of the European Economics Association, Volume 13, Issue 2, pages 203 239, April 2015.
- 2. Group Lending Without Joint Liability, joint with Jon de Quidt and Maitreesh Ghatak, Journal of Development Economics, pages 217-236, May 2016.

3. Take what you can: property rights, contestability and conflict, joint with Samuel Marden, *Economic Journal*, Volume 127, Issue 601, 757–783, May 2017.

- 4. On the Comparative Advantage of U.S.Manufacturing: Evidence from the Shale Gas Revolution, joint Rabah Arezki and Frank Pisch, Journal of International Economics, Volume 107, 34–59, July 2017. Available as CAGE Working Paper.
- 5. Who Voted for Brexit? A Comprehensive District-Level Analysis, joint with Sascha Becker and Dennis Novy, Economic Policy, Volume 32, 601–650, October 2017.
- 6. Market Structure and Borrower Welfare in Microfinance, joint with Jon de Quidt and Maitreesh Ghatak, Economic Journal, Volume 128, Issue 610 May 2018.
- 7. More than An Urban Legend: Power Rationing, Fertility and the Long run Effects on Mothers, joint with Amar Shanghavi and Oliver Pardo, Journal of Population Economics, October 2018, Volume 31, Issue 4, pp 1125-1176, available as CEP Discussion Paper No 1247.
- 8. Commercialization and the Decline of Joint Liability Microcredit, joint with Jon de Quidt and Maitreesh Ghatak, Journal of Development Economics, Volume 134, September 2018, Pages 209-225. Also available as ThRed Working Paper 58.
- 9. Who Voted for Brexit? Individual and Regional Data Combined, joint with Eleonora Alabrese, Sascha Becker and Dennis Novy European Journal of Political Economy, Volume 56, January 2019, Pages 132-150.
- Did Austerity Cause Brexit?, American Economic Review, 2019, Volume 109, Issue 11, pp 3849-3886.
- 11. Can Workfare Programs Moderate Conflict? Evidence from India, Journal of the European Economics Association, Volume 18, Issue 6, December 2020, Pages 3337–3375. Also available as CAGE Working Paper.
- 12. Tariffs and Politics: Evidence from Trump's Trade Wars, joint with Carlo Schwarz, Economic Journal, Volume 131, Issue 636, May 2021, Pages 1717-1741.
- 13. Security Transitions, joint with Oliver Vanden Eynde, Pedro CL Souza, Austin Wright, American Economic Review, 2021, Volume 111, Issue 7, pp. 2275–2308.
- 14. Measuring the Scientific Effectiveness of Contact Tracing: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, joint with Thomas Graeber, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Aug 2021, Volume 118, Issue 33. A previous version of the paper circulated under the title Does Contact Tracing Work? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from an Excel Error in England and is available as CAGE Working Paper.
- 15. Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South, joint with Graeme Blair, Jeremy Weinstein, Fotini Christia, Eric Arias, Emile Badran, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Ahsan Farooqui, Guy Grossman, Dotan Haim, Zulfiqar Hameed, Rebecca Hanson, Ali Hasanain, Dorothy Kronick, Benjamin Morse, Robert Muggah, Fatiq Nadeem, Lily Tsai, Matthew Nanes, Tara Slough, Nico Ravanilla, Jacob N. Shapiro, Barbara Silva, Pedro C. L. Souza, Anna Wilke, Science, December 2021, Volume 374, Issue 6571.
- 16. Coronavirus Perceptions And Economic Anxiety, joint with Lukas Hensel, Johannes Hermle, Christopher Roth, 2021, Review of Economics and Statistics, Volume 103, Issue 5, pp 968–978. Available as arXiv pre print.

17. Global Behaviors, Perceptions, and the Emergence of Social Norms at the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, joint with Stefano Caria, Stefano Fiorin, Friedrich Goetz, Margarita Gomez, Johannes Haushofer, Lukas Hensel, Andrei Ivchenko, Jon Jachimowicz, Gordon Kraft-Todd, Elena Reutskaja, Chris Roth, Marc Witte, Erez Yoeli, COVID19 Survey Project website, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2022, Volume 193, January 2022, pp 473-496.

- 18. Subsidizing the spread of COVID-19: Evidence from the UK's Eat-Out-to-Help-Out scheme, CAGE Working Paper 517, October 2020, forthcoming, Economic Journal.
- 19. Cohesive Institutions and Political Violence, joint with Stephan Kyburz. Empirical Studies of Conflict Working Paper, 2018, forthcoming, Review of Economics and Statistics.
- 20. Housing insecurity and homelessness: Evidence from the UK, joint with Srinjoy Sen and Pedro CL Souza, CEPR Working Paper 15660 and CAGE Working Paper 444, December 2019, forthcoming at Journal of the European Economics Association.

## WORKING PAPERS

- 1. How Big is the Media Multiplier? Evidence from Dyadic News Data, joint with Tim Besley and Hannes Mueller, November 2019, revise and resubmit, at Review of Economics and Statistics.
- 2. Losing on the Home Front: Evidence from Afghanistan, joint with Pedro CL Souza, Austin L Wright and Oliver Vanden Eynde, under review.
- 3. De-escalation technology: the impact of body-worn cameras on citizen-police interactions, joint with Daniel Barbosa, Pedro CL Souza, Caterina Soto, CEPR Working Paper 16578 and CAGE Working Paper 581, under review.
- 4. Quantifying excess mortality among non COVID-19 patients in healthcare settings, joint with Christopher Rauh, July 2022, under review.
- 5. Pandemic Pressures and Public Health Care: Evidence from England, joint with Christopher Rauh, January 2022, CAGE Working Paper 607, under review.
- 6. Measuring the Regional Economic Cost of Brexit: Evidence up to 2019, joint with Shizhuo Wang, July 2020, CAGE Working Paper and CEPR Working Paper.

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1. Conflict in Space, joint with Daniel Barbosa and Pedro CL Souza.
- 2. Working in Space, joint with Tim Besley, Stephen Hansen and Peter Lambert.
- 3. Structural Transformation Across Cities and Towns, joint with Stephen Hansen and Peter Lambert.
- 4. Media, Economics and Geopolitics, ERC-funded research agenda.
- 5. Saving the environment, saving money and healing our societies.

Work Experience Founder at Warwick Econometrics, Coventry Statistician at Qubit Group, London

2019-ongoing 2011-2012

Consultancy work

Since 2011

Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) in the Research Group, World Bank, Washington DC, Summer 2013, 2015-ongoing.

Brookings Institution, Africa Growth Initiative, Washington DC, 2014.

Resources Division in the Research Department, *International Monetary Fund*, Washington DC, 2014 & 2015.

Financial Times, Asean Confidential, London, April-June 2013.

Teaching Fellow and Teaching Assistant at LSE

2009 - 2015

TEACHING

Postgraduate level: EC 994: Applications of Data Science (newly designed module), Quantitative Text Analysis for Public Policy (newly designed module), Economic Growth and Development (PhD). Undergraduate level: EC 135: Topics in Applied Economics.

Referee

American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Nature, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Science, The Journal of Politics.

Awards, Scholarships & Service Bagri Fellowship (Sep 2013), LSE Teaching Fellowship (Sep 2012-Jun 2014), Tibor Scitovsky Fellowship (2009-2012), Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship (2008-2009), Konrad-Adenauer Foundation Fellow (2005-2015), Member of the Promotionskolleg Soziale Marktwirtschaft (2012-2015), Journal of the European Economics Association, Excellence in Refereeing Award 2019, RES Annual Conference Programme Committee (2019, 2020), Economic Policy - Panel Member (2021, 2022), Associate Editor - Economic Journal, DGGÖ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gesundheitsökonomie - COVID19 Research Prize (EUR 5,000).

RESEARCH GRANTS European Research Council, Starting Grant "MEGEO - Media, Economics and Geopolitics" (PI, EUR 1,500,000).

UK Research & Innovation, "Quantifying the Impact of Social Distancing on Firm Level Productivity" (PI, GBP 133,000), Stephen Hansen, Tim Besley, Peter Lambert. The Evidence in Governance and Politics Network (EGAP), "Can Trust be Built through Citizen Monitoring of Police Activity?" (Co-PI, USD 239,764), Robert Muggah, Emile Bardan, Pedro Souza, May 2017.

Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard Kennedy School, "Exploring Fixed Costs in Female Hiring: The Role of Adjustment Costs and Cultural Barriers in Women's Employment", (Co-PI, USD 99,000), *Jennifer Peck, Claudia Eger, and Mehmet Seflek*, May 2017.

International Growth Centre State Effectiveness Program (Co-PI, GBP 40,000), "Tourism and Violence", joint with Tim Besley and Hannes Mueller, June 2016.

International Labor Organization - World Bank Joint Grant (Co PI, USD 250,000), "Public Works and Welfare: A Randomized Control Trial of Egypt's Emergency Employment and Investment Project", joint with Claudia Eger, Eric Mvukiyehe, Furio Rosatti and Jacob de Hoop, December 2015.

International Growth Centre State Effectiveness Program (PI, GBP 29,000), "Executive Branch Turnover, Policy Uncertainty and Growth", *joint with Rabah Arezki*, November 2015.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

2022: Essex University, LSE/CEP Crime Workshop, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Gesundheitsoekonomie, Tilburg (planned).

2021: Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, Kepler University Linz, St. Andrews, Cologne, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Department for Health and Social Care - Test and Trace, World Bank, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, World Bank Annual Conference on Development, International Economic Association Conference, MAS Seminar Mannheim, FAU Nuremberg, Lund, Frontier Economics, QMUL.

2020: Bocconi, Southampton University, HM Treasury, Office of National Statistics, Bristol Epidemiology.

2019: University of Strathclyde, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons in Berlin, Nottingham, Hamburg, Paris, Uppsala, NHH, Barcelona UPF, GSE Summer Forum, INET, LSE Populism Workshop, New Paradigm Initiative.