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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Positions

Professor, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University, 2007-

Deputy Director, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University, 2010-

Additional affiliation

Visiting Professor, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH), Bergen, Norway, 2012-

Centre for Economic Policy Research, CEPR, London, 2002-

European Development Research Network, EUDN, 2005-

J-PAL Europe, 2007-

Previous Positions

Associate Professor, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University, 2006-2007.

Assistant Professor, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University, 2000-2005.

Senior Research Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank, 1996-2000.

Degrees

Stockholm University: B.A. (fil.kand.) in Economics, 1989

Stockholm University: Ph.D. in Economics, 1996.

Stockholm University: Docent in Economics, 2003.

Awards and honors

The 2009 Assar Lindbeck Medal (awarded biannually to a young researcher who have made significant contributions to economic thinking and knowledge).

Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 2007-

Adjunct Member of the Prize Committee for The Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, 2008.

Member of the Board of Directors, 2006-2007, Member of Advisory Board, 2008-2010, Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation (Sadev).

Member of Panel of Experts for U4 Helpdesk, Transparency International, 2006-

Member of 3IE:s Impact Evaluation expert group, 3IE, 2009-

Joint Team Leader for Actors, Markets, and Institutions in Developing Countries: A micro-empirical approach (AMID)", a Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (EU) jointly organized by Bocconi University, Paris School of Economics, Namur, LSE, and IIES-SU, 2008-

Associate Editor of the *Journal of the European Economic Association* (JEEA), 2007-

Associate Editor of the *Economica*, 2009-

Member, The Research Council of Norway, Program Committee on The Multilateral System in the Field of Development, 2003-2005.

Grant from the Swedish Research Council, “Health Service Delivery and Demand for Preventive Care in Developing Countries: Micro Evidence Based on Randomized Controlled Trials and Retrospective Data”, 2010-2012.

Grant from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Department for Research Cooperation, “Health Service Delivery and Demand for Preventive Care in Developing Countries: Micro Evidence Based on Randomized Controlled Trials and Retrospective Data”, 2010-2012.

Grant from the Henrik Granholm’s Foundation, “Local Accountability”, Stockholm University, 2006-2007 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Department for Research Cooperation, SAREC, “Evaluation of New Tools to Enhance Accountability in the Public Sector in Developing Countries”, 2007-2009 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the Swedish Research Council, “Evaluation of New Tools to Enhance Accountability in the Public Sector in Developing Countries”, 2007-2009 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Department for Research Cooperation, SAREC, “The Power of Information: An Assessment of Public Awareness Tools to Fight Corruption and Capture in Public Service Delivery System”, 2004-2006 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the Bank-Netherlands Partnership Program (BNPP), the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Citizen Report Cards at the Community Level: An Impact Evaluation”, 2004-2007 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Information and Voice”, 2003-2006 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Foundation, “Information and Social Accountability: Theory and Evidence” (for financing of PhD students), 2005-2008 (Principal Researcher).

Grant from the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Citizen Report Card Project in Uganda: Phase 2”, 2007-2009 (Co-researcher).

Grant from the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Impact Evaluation of HIV Prevention Activities for Adolescents in Lesotho”, World Bank, 2007-2010 (Co-researcher).

Grant from the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Quantitative Service Delivery Survey in primary health sector in Uganda”, 2000 (Co-researcher).

Grant from the World Bank Research Committee, World Bank, “Confronting competition: Firm survey project in Uganda”, 1998 (Co-researcher).

Project leader for field research

Citizen Report Cards in Uganda: Phase II, 2007-

Living Goods: A Cluster Randomized Trial of Impact, Uganda, 2008-

Education Service Delivery Pilot: A randomized Controlled Trial, Egypt, 2009 -

Impact Evaluation of HIV Prevention Activities for Adolescents in Lesotho, 2008-

Citizen Report Cards in Uganda: Phase I, 2005-2008

Public Expenditure Tracking Study (PETS) in Cambodia 2004-2005.

Improving the Delivery of Primary Education Services in Uganda (PETS), 2002-2005.

Quantitative Service Delivery Survey (QSDS) in primary health sector in Uganda 2000.

Confronting competition: Firm survey project in Uganda, 1998.

Scientific conferences organized

CEPR/Swedish Development Economics Network Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm, 2007 [Member of Scientific committee and Head of Organization Committee]

7th Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Stockholm, 2008 [Head of Scientific and Organization committee]

EUDN Conference, Paris, 2009 (Member of Scientific committee)

World Bank's ABCDE Conference, Stockholm, 2010 [Member Steering Committee]

CEPR Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm, 2010 [Member of Scientific committee and Head of Organization Committee]

Nobel Symposium on Growth and Development [Member of Scientific and Organizing committees]

Principal supervisor of graduate students

Martina Björkman, IIES, Stockholm University, 2002-2006 (now at Bocconi University).

Anders Fredriksson, IIES, Stockholm University, 2005-2009 (now at FUNDP, Namur University)

Johan Kiessling, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 2005-2009 (now at SIDA)

David Yanagizawa, IIES, Stockholm University, 2006-2010 (now at Kennedy School, Harvard University)

Maria Perotta, IIES, Stockholm University, 2006-2010

Maria Cheung, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 2005-

Bei Qin, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 2008-

Linnéa Wickström Östervall, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 2008-

Publication list

Published

“Bribes, Lobbying, and Development”, 2011, *American Political Science Review*, 105(1): 1-18 (with B. Harstad)

“The Power of Information in Public Services: Evidence from Education in Uganda, 2011”, *Journal of Public Economics* 95 (7-8): 956-966 (with R. Reinikka).

“Power to the People: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment of a Community-Based Monitoring Project in Uganda”, 2009, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124:2 (with M. Bjorkman).

“Getting Prices Right: The Impact of the Market Information System in Uganda, 2009”, *Journal of the European Economic Association* 7(2-3): 435-445 (with D. Yanagizawa).

“Working for God? Evidence from a change in financing of not-for-profit health care providers in Uganda”, 2010, *Journal of the European Economic Association* 8(6):1159-1178 (with R. Reinikka).

“When is community-based monitoring effective? Evidence from a randomized experiment in primary health in Uganda”, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2010, 2-3: 571-581 (with M. Björkman).

“Eight questions about Corruption”, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2005, 19 (5): 19-42. [The article has also been translated and reprinted in Polish in *Gospodarka Narodowa* (National Economy), vol. 9, pp. 77-106, 2006, and a shorter edited version was translated into Chinese and published in *21st Century Business Herald* (China’s Wall Street Journal), Feb 2, 2006]

“Are corruption and taxation really harmful to growth? Firm level evidence”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 83 (1): 63-75, 2007 (with Ray Fisman).

“The institutional economics of foreign aid”, *Swedish Economic Policy Review*, 2006, 13(2): 115-137.

“Political Budget Cycles: Do They Differ Across Countries and Why?”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2006, 90 (8-9): 1367-1389, 2006 (with Min Shi).

“Fighting corruption to improve schooling: Evidence from a newspaper campaign in Uganda”, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2005, 3 (2-3): 259-267 (with Ritva Reinikka).

“Using Micro-Surveys to Measure and Explain Corruption”, *World Development*, 2006, 34 (2): pp. 359-370 (with Ritva Reinikka).

“Local Capture: Evidence from a Central Government Transfer Program in Uganda”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2004, vol. 119 (2): 679-706 (with Ritva Reinikka).

“Who Must Pay Bribes and How Much? Evidence from a Cross Section of Firms”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2003, vol. 118 (1): 207-30.

“Why Conditional Aid Doesn’t Work and What Can Be Done About It?”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2003, vol. 70 (2): 381-402.

“Political Instability, Corruption and Policy Formation”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2003, vol. 87 (7-8): 1335-1837 (with P. Fredriksson).

- “What Explains the Success or Failure of Structural Adjustment Programs?”
Economic Journal, 2000, vol. 110 (October), 894-917 (with D. Dollar).
- “When is Foreign Aid Policy Credible? Aid Dependence and Conditionality”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2000, vol. 61 (1): 61-84.
- “Foreign Aid and Rent-Seeking”, *Journal of International Economics*, 2000, Vol. 51 (2): 437-461. [To be reprinted in *Forty Years of Rent Seeking Research*, Arye Hillman (ed), forthcoming]
- “Political Budget Cycles: A review of recent development”, *Nordic Journal of Political Economy*, 2003, vol. 29 (1): 67-76 (with M. Shi).
- “Coping with Poor Public Capital”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2002, vol. 69 (1): 51-69 (with R. Reinikka).
- “Is the bad news principle for real?”, *Economic Letters*, 2000, 66(3): 327-331.
- “Aid, Growth and Democracy”, *Economics & Politics*, 1999, vol. 11(3): 275-297.
- “Investment, Property Rights and Political Instability: Theory and Evidence”, 1998, *European Economic Review*, Vol. 42 (7), pp. 1317-1341.

Book chapters, monographs, reports (see homepage for full publication list)

- Political Economy and Macroeconomics: On Foreign Aid and Development*, Monograph Series, No. 30, Institute for International Economic Studies: Stockholm, 1996.
- Health Care on the Frontline: Survey Evidence on Public and Private Providers in Uganda*, Africa Region Human Development Working Paper Series no. 38, 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C. [with M. Lindelöw and R. Reinikka].
- “The Cost of Doing Business: Ugandan Firms’ Experiences with Corruption”, in R. Reinikka and P. Collier (eds.), 2001, *Uganda’s Recovery: The Role of Farms, Firms, and Government*, Washington DC: The World Bank.
- “Confronting Competition: Investment, Profit, and Risk”, in R. Reinikka and P. Collier (eds.), 2001, *Uganda’s Recovery: The Role of Farms, Firms, and Government*, Washington DC: The World Bank (with R. Reinikka).
- “Improving Governance and Controlling Corruption: Introduction”, in D. Kaufmann, M. Gonzalez de Asis, and P. Dininio (eds), 2002, *Improving Governance and Controlling Corruption: Towards a participatory and action-oriented approach*, Washington, D.C., The World Bank (with D. Kaufmann, M. Gonzalez de Asis, P. Dininio).
- “Measuring and Understanding Corruption at the Micro Level”, in D. Della Porta and S. Rose-Ackerman (eds.), 2002, *Corrupt Exchanges: Empirical Themes in the Politics and the Political Economy of Corruption*, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft (with R. Reinikka).
- “Survey Tools for Assessing Performance in Service Delivery”, 2003, in Bourguignon, Francois and Luiz Pereira da Silva (eds.), *Evaluating the Poverty and Distributional Impact of Economic Policies*, Oxford University Press (with J. Dehn and R. Reinikka).

“Efficiency of Public Spending: New Microeconomic Tools to Assess Service Delivery”, 2004, in Tony Addison and Alan Roe (eds.), *Fiscal Policy for Development: Poverty, Reconstruction and Growth*, Palgrave Macmillan (with R. Reinikka).

“The power of information: evidence from public expenditure tracking surveys”, *Global Corruption Report 2004*, Transparency International, London: Pluto Press.

“Absorption Capacity and Disbursement Constraints”, 2006, in *Financing Development: What are the Challenges in Expanding Aid Flows? Proceedings of the 3rd AFD-EUDN Conference, 2005*, Agence Française de Développement.

“How Corruption Affects Service Delivery and What Can Be Done About It?”, 2006, in Rose-Ackerman, S. (ed.) *International Handbook on the Economics of Corruption*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (with Ritva Reinikka).

“Efficiency and Demand for Health Services: Survey Evidence on Public and Private Providers of Primary Health Care in Uganda”, 2007, Paper Prepared for AFT: PREM 2, The World Bank.

“Absorption Capacity and Disbursement Constraints”, 2008, in Easterly, W. (ed.) *Reinventing Foreign Aid*, MIT Press.

“Impact Evaluation of Service Delivery Programs: Basic Education, Health, Water, and Sanitation, 2012, in M. S. Kimenya (ed.) *Institution and Service delivery in Africa*, AERC, Kenya.

“Local Accountability”, 2010, in T. Besley and R. Jayaraman (eds) *Institutional Microeconomics of Development*, MIT Press (with M. Bjorkman and R. Reinikka).

“Service Delivery Indicators: Pilot in Education and Health Care in Africa”, 2010, World Bank, AERC, Hewlett Foundation (with T. Bold, B. Gauthier, O. Maestad, W. Wane).

Working papers

“Can Good Products Drive Out Bad? Experimental Evidence from Local Markets for Antimalarial Medicine in Uganda”, 2012, CEPR Discussion Papers No 9114 (with M. Bjorkman and D. Yanagizawa-Drott)

“Estimating Impact in Partial vs. General Equilibrium: A Cautionary Tale from a Natural Experiment in Uganda”, Working Paper IIES (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott)

“Community Based Monitoring: Experimental Evidence on Design and Long Run Impact”, 2012, Working Paper IIES (with M. Bjorkman-Nyqvist and D. de Walque)

“Who Benefits from Reduced Cost of Education? Evidence from a Policy Experiment in Cambodia, 2011, Working Paper IIES (with M. Cheung and A. Madestam)

“Healthy competition? Theory and evidence on the pricing of health services in rural Uganda”, Working Paper NHH (with K. Bjorvatn)

“Prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and co-infection rates with HIV among youth in Lesotho”, 2011, World Bank (with M. Bjorkman, L. Corno, D. de Walque, and E. Maffioli)

“A Report Card in Primary Education and Health: The Service Delivery Indicators”, 2012, Working Paper IIES (with T. Bold, B. Gauthier, and O. Maestad)

“Microeconomic Research on Policies to Improve Service Delivery”, 2012, Working Paper IIES (with T. Bold)