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Nationality: Bolivian, permanent resident in Denmark

Employment

University of Copenhagen

Associate Professor of Development Economics, Dec 2012 to present

Assistant Research Professor, Sept 2009–Nov 2012

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan

Visiting Associate Professor – Jan 2015, Jul 2014, Feb 2018

Harvard University

Visiting Associate Professor, Aug 2012 to Aug 2015

Copenhagen Business School

Postdoc, Apr to Sept 2012

Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany

Visiting Scholar, Oct to Dec 2008, May 2009

Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz, Bolivia

Lecturer, Sept 2000

Professional activity

The World Bank

Consultant – Poverty Reduction/Econ Mngmt, 2010, Nov 2013

Bolivian Ministry of Energy

Director, Mar to Aug 2004

Bolivian Ministry of Finance – UDAPE

Senior Economist, Mar 2002 to Feb 2004

Junior Economist, Apr to Dec 2000

British Department for International Development (DFID)

Consultant, Feb to Mar 2000

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2009

Cand.polit., M.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2007

M.Sc. in Financial Economics, P. Universidad Católica de Chile, 1999

B.Sc. in Business & Economics, Universidad Gabriela Mistral, Chile, 1997

Publications

- Climate and the Emergence of Global Income Differences
with Carl-Johan Dalgaard and Thomas B. Andersen
Review of Economic Studies 83(4): 1334-1363. 2016.
- Competition for Export Markets and the Allocation of Foreign Aid
with Fabian Barthel, Eric Neumayer and Peter Nunnenkamp
World Development 64(12): 350-365. 2014.
- Shades of green
with L. Kleeman and Kacana Sipangule
D+C Development and Cooperation 2013 7/8: 288-9, 2013.
- Lightning, IT Diffusion and Economic Growth Across US States
with Thomas B. Andersen, Jeanet Bentzen and Carl-Johan Dalgaard
Review of Economics and Statistics 94(4): 903-924, 2012a.
- Does Foreign Aid increase Foreign Direct Investment?
with Eva R. Sunesen
World Development 40(11): 2155-2176. 2012b.
- The impact of Aid on Bureaucratic Quality
with Rainer Thiele
Journal of International Development 24(3): 379-386. 2012c.
- Does the Internet Reduce Corruption?
with Thomas B. Andersen, Jeanet Bentzen and Carl-Johan Dalgaard
World Bank Economic Review 25(3): 387-417, 2011.
- Aid and Sectoral Productivity: Evidence from Panel Data
with Rainer Thiele
Journal of Development Studies 46(10): 1749-1766. 2010.

Current research projects

- Roman Roads to Prosperity: Persistence and Non-Persistence in Public Goods
with Carl-Johan Dalgaard, Nicolai Kaarsen and Ola Olsson
CEPR Discussion Paper 12745. 2018.
- Cultural origins of violence against women
with Vincent Leyaro and Neda Trifkovic
UNU-WIDER Working Paper 205/2017
- The Bounty of the Sea and Long Run Development
with Carl-Johan Dalgaard and Anne Sophie B. Knudsen
CESifo Working Paper Series 5547
- Historical migration and contemporary health
with Thomas B. Andersen and Carl-Johan Dalgaard
COHERE Discussion Papers, University of Southern Denmark, 2016:1
- Political Development in Bolivia
with Carlos Molina and James A. Robinson

Selected presentations and invited talks

- [2018] Oxford University
New Economic School, Moscow
University of Bonn
German Economic Association, University of Zurich and ETH Zurich
- [2017] Oxford University, Center for Studies of African Economies
Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE) 2017, U Gothenburg
European Economic Association Annual Meetings, Lisbon
Hayami Conference, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo
LACEA Annual Meetings, Buenos Aires
University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- [2016] National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo
University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Econometric Society Latin American Meetings, Universidad EAFIT, Medellín
Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo
P. Universidad Católica de Chile
Oxford University
Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo
- [2015] National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo
New Economic School, Moscow
Forum for Samfundsvidenskabernes Filosofi, Copenhagen
- [2014] Oxford University, Nuffield College
NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge MA
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meetings, DC
PEGNet conference, Lusaka, Zambia
- [2013] Oxford University
Brown University
Harvard University
Harvard Kennedy School of Government
P. Universidad Católica de Chile
El Colegio de México, Mexico DF
BCDE 2013, UPSA, Santa Cruz de la Sierra
- [2012] Copenhagen Business School
University of Naples Parthenope
University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2012 Bolivian Conference in Development Economics, EMI-La Paz, Bolivia
- [2011] Minerva Center for Economic Growth, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
LACEA Annual Congress, U. Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile
Institute for Economic Analysis (CSIC, BGSE), Barcelona
2011 BCDE, UCB-La Paz
- [2010] LACEA Annual Congress, Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia
4th Nordic Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics, Mustio, Finland
Nordic Conference in Development Economics, HECER-WIDER, Helsinki
Departmental seminar, Syddansk Universitet, Odense

- [2009] LACEA-LAMES, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires
 2009 BCDE, INESAD-UPB, La Paz
 Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague
- [2008] Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany
 Universidad Católica Boliviana, La Paz
 NCDE, Stockholm School of Economics
 QED Workshop, Université Paris I - Sorbonne
 SMYE, Université Lille II, France
- [2007] PEGNet Conference 2007, GTZ-Kiel Institute, Berlin.
- [2006] LACEA-LAMES Annual Congress, ITAM, México DF
 NCDE, University of Oslo

Teaching

University of Copenhagen

Advanced Development Economics: Macro Aspects (2015-18)

Economic Growth and Inequality (2015-18)

Economic and Political Development in Latin America (2011, 12, 2014-18)

Culture and Institutions (2017-18)

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan

Global Economic History – Ph.D. (2018)

Advanced Global Economic History – Ph.D. (2018)

Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz, Bolivia

Finance – Graduate (2000)

Selected grants, conference organization, academic refereeing

Sapere Aude – Eliteforsker

Danish Research Council (FSE), 2012–2015.

Bolivian Conference in Development Economics

[BCDE 2013](#), [BCDE 2012](#), [BCDE 2011](#), [BCDE 2010](#), [BCDE 2009](#)

Grants: DANIDA, DDRN, Kiel IfW.

[PEGNet conference 2013](#)

Kiel Institute for the World Economy and University of Copenhagen

Referee for: *Econometrica*, *American Political Science Review*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Review of Economics and Institutions*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Natural Resources Forum*, *Information Economics and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Economics of Governance*, *Review of International Economics*.

Other affiliations

Center for Cross-Border Criminology (CBC), University of Copenhagen
Associate researcher

Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD)
Associate researcher

Languages

Spanish, English, Danish (*Danskuddannelse 3, Statsborgerskabsprøve*).■