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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University of California Los Angeles, Anderson School of Management

Hans Hufschmid Chair in Management, 2015-
Professor of Economics, 2011-
Associate Professor of Economics, 2008-2011.

Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Political Economy Group

Associate Professor of Economics, 2002-2008 (tenured in 2006).
Assistant Professor of Economics, 1998-2002.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA

Research Associate, Political Economy program, International Finance and Macroeconomics program, since 2006. Faculty Research Fellow, International Finance and Macroeconomics program, 2002-2006.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

PhD in Economics, 1998. MA in Economics, 1996.

Université de Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France

Master's Degree (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in Economics, 1992.

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France

Bachelor's Degree (Diplôme) in Economics and Public Policy, 1990.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Disentangling the Evolutionary Drivers of Social Complexity: A Comprehensive Test of Hypotheses

(with Peter Turchin, Harvey Whitehouse, (...), Majid Benam) - *Science Advances*, 8(25), June 2022, eabn3517.

Fertility and Modernity

(with Enrico Spolaore), *The Economic Journal*, 132(642), February 2022, pp. 796-833.

Understanding Spatial Variation in COVID-19 across the United States

(with Klaus Desmet), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 127, January 2022, 103332.

The Cultural Divide

(with Klaus Desmet), *The Economic Journal*, 131(637), July 2021, pp. 2058-2088.

Change and Persistence in the Age of Modernization: Saint-Germain-d'Anxure 1730-1895

(with Guillaume Blanc), *Explorations in Economic History*, 78, October 2020, 101352.

Ancestry and Development: New Evidence

(with Enrico Spolaore), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 33(5), August 2018, pp. 748-762.

Culture, Ethnicity and Diversity

(with Klaus Desmet and Ignacio Ortuno-Ortín), *American Economic Review*, 107(9), September 2017, pp. 2479-2513. *Lead article*.

War and Relatedness

(with Enrico Spolaore), *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 98(5), December 2016, pp. 925-939.

The Democratic Transition

(with Fabrice Murtin), *Journal of Economic Growth*, 19(2), June 2014, pp. 141-181. *Lead article*.

How Deep Are the Roots of Economic Development?

(with Enrico Spolaore), *Journal of Economic Literature*, 51(2), June 2013, pp. 325-369. *Lead article*.

The First Law of Petropolitics

Economica, 79(316), October 2012, pp. 641-657.

The Political Economy of Linguistic Cleavages

(with Klaus Desmet and Ignacio Ortuno-Ortín), *Journal of Development Economics*, 97(2), March 2012, pp. 322-338.

A Monte Carlo Study of Growth Regressions

(with William R. Hauk, Jr.), *Journal of Economic Growth*, 14(2), June 2009, pp. 103-147.

The Diffusion of Development

(with Enrico Spolaore), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 124(2), May 2009, pp. 469-529.

Trade Liberalization and Growth: New Evidence

(with Karen Horn Welch), *The World Bank Economic Review*, 22(2), June 2008, pp. 187-231. *Lead article*.

Death and Development

(with Peter Lorentzen and John McMillan), *Journal of Economic Growth*, 13(2), June 2008, pp. 81-124. *Lead article*.

Small States, Big Pork

(with William R. Hauk, Jr.), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 2(1), January 2007, pp. 95-106.

Borders and Growth

(with Enrico Spolaore), *Journal of Economic Growth*, 10(4), December 2005, pp. 331-386.

Do Democratic Transitions Produce Bad Economic Outcomes?

(with Dani Rodrik), *American Economic Review*, 95(2), May 2005, pp. 50-55.

Trade Liberalization and Intersectoral Labor Movements

(with Jessica Wallack), *Journal of International Economics*, 64(2), December 2004, pp. 411-439.

Fractionalization

(with Alberto Alesina, Arnaud Devleeschauwer, William Easterly and Sergio Kurlat), *Journal of Economic Growth*, 8(2), June 2003, pp. 155-194. *Lead article*.

Stages of Diversification

(with Jean Imbs), *American Economic Review*, 93(1), March 2003, pp. 63-86.

Measuring the Dynamic Gains From Trade

The World Bank Economic Review, 15(3), October 2001, pp. 393-429.

How Democracy Affects Growth

(with José Tavares), *European Economic Review*, 45(8), August 2001, pp. 1341-1379. *Lead article*.

Economic Integration and Political Disintegration

(with Alberto Alesina and Enrico Spolaore), *American Economic Review*, 90(5), December 2000, pp. 1276-1296. Reprinted in Pomfret, Richard (ed.), *The Economics of Regional Trading Arrangements*, The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, vol. 161, Edward Elgar, 2003.

Is Europe Going too Far ?

(with Alberto Alesina), *Carnegie Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy* (supplement to the *Journal of Monetary Economics*), 51(1), December 1999, pp. 1-42. *Lead article*.

Openness, Country Size and Government

(with Alberto Alesina), *Journal of Public Economics*, 69(3), September 1998, pp. 305-321. *Lead article*.

BOOK

Trade Liberalization

Romain Wacziarg, ed. A two-volume collection of papers, with an introduction by the editor, in *The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics*, Edward Elgar, October 2018.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

The Political Economy of Heterogeneity and Conflict

(with Enrico Spolaore), in Tibor Besedeš and Volker Nitsch, eds., *Disrupted Economic Relationships: Disasters, Sanctions, Dissolutions*, Chapter 1, pp. 7-43, Cambridge: MIT Press, 2019.

The Diffusion of Institutions

(with Enrico Spolaore), in Wilson, D. S. and A. Kirman, eds. *Complexity and Evolution: Toward a New Synthesis for Economics*. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 19, chapter 9, pp. 147-166. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2016.

Evolution of Institutions and Organizations

(with Thomas Currie, Peter Turchin, Jenna Bednar, Peter J. Richerson, Georg Schwesinger, Sven Steinmo and John Wallis), in Wilson, D. S. and A. Kirman, eds. *Complexity and Evolution: Toward a New Synthesis for Economics*. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 19, chapter 12, pp. 201-236. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2016.

Ancestry, Language and Culture

(with Enrico Spolaore), in Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Economics and Language*, Chapter 6, pp. 174-211, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

Linguistic Cleavages and Economic Development

(with Klaus Desmet and Ignacio Ortuño-Ortín), in Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Economics and Language*, Chapter 15, pp. 425-446, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

Long-Term Barriers to Economic Development

(with Enrico Spolaore), in Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf (eds.), *Handbook of Economic Growth*, vol. 2A, Chapter 3, pp. 121-176. Amsterdam: North Holland, 2014.

Long-Term Barriers to the International Diffusion of Innovations

(with Enrico Spolaore), in Jeffrey Frankel and Christopher Pissarides, eds., *NBER International Seminar on Macroeconomics 2011*, Chapter 1, pp. 11-46. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, May 2012.

Review of Acemoglu and Robinson's "Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy"

Science, 313(5793), pp. 1576-1577, 15 September 2006.

Trade, Growth and the Size of Countries

(with Alberto Alesina and Enrico Spolaore), in Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf (eds.), *Handbook of Economic Growth*, vol. 1B, Chapter 23. Amsterdam: North Holland, 2005.

Review of Easterly's "The Elusive Quest for Growth"

Journal of Economic Literature, 40(3), September 2002, pp. 907-918.

The Economics of Civic Trust

(with Alberto Alesina), in Susan J. Pharr and Robert Putnam, eds., *Disaffected Democracies: What's Troubling the Trilateral Democracies*, chapter 7. Princeton University Press, June 2000.

WORKING PAPERS

Does Anger Drive Populism?

(with Omer Ali and Klaus Desmet), January 2024

Cultural Remittances and Modern Fertility

(with Mickael Melki, Hillel Rapoport and Enrico Spolaore), October 2023

Endogenous Partitions

(with Klaus Desmet and Ignacio Ortuno-Ortín), May 2023

Barriers to Global Capital Allocation

(with Bruno Pellegrino and Enrico Spolaore), May 2023

Who Voted for Trump? Populism and Social Capital

(with Paola Giuliano), July 2020

The Geography of Diversification

(with Jean Imbs and Ting Ji), January 2019

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles

Area Chair, Global Economics and Management (2011-2014, 2018).

Chair, Global Economics and Management Faculty Recruitment Committee (2008-).

Member, Faculty Executive Committee (2011-2014).

Member, MBA Curriculum Implementation Committee (2011-).

Chair, MBA Curriculum Review and Reform Committee (Summer-Fall 2010).

Member, Staffing Committee (2009-2011, 2019-2021, as Chair 2020-2021).

Member, Teaching Improvement Committee (2008-2010).

Stanford University

Member, Saloner Task Force for the reform of the Stanford MBA curriculum, 2006-2008.

Associate Director, Center for Global Business and the Economy, Stanford Graduate School of Business, 2006-2008.

Faculty Fellow, Stanford Center for International Development (SCID), Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2002-2008.

Faculty Affiliate, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, 2002-2008.

Research Affiliate, Forum on Contemporary Europe, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, 2006-.

Visiting Positions and Other Professional Appointments

Paris School of Economics, September 2018 - June 2019.

Stanford Graduate School of Business, Winter 2015.

International Monetary Fund Research Department, August 2009.

UCLA Anderson School of Management, September 2007 - July 2008.

The World Bank Research Group, Washington, DC, May 2005.

Stockholm University, Institute for International Economic Studies, March 2003.

Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi, January - March 2000.

Short term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington DC, June 1996-January 1997.

Teaching Experience

At UCLA: Methods in Political Economy (PhD course), Managerial Economics (MBA core course), The Global Economic Crisis (MBA elective), The Business Environment of India (MBA elective), Global Trends (MBA elective).

At Stanford GSB: Political Macroeconomics (PhD course), Strategy in the Business Environment (MBA core course), Business Ethics (MBA core course), International Political Economy (MBA elective).
At Harvard University (as teaching fellow): Econometric Methods (PhD course, 1997), Quantitative Methods (PhD course, 1996 and 1997), Applied Econometrics (undergraduate course, 1995 and 1996).

Editorial Service

Managing Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, January 2023-

Co-Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, September 2021-December 2022

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2014, 2018.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2010-.

Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*, 2010-2012.

Associate Editor, *World Bank Economic Review*, 2009-2011, 2016-

Referee reports for Academic Journals: Quarterly Journal of Economics (39), American Economic Review (38), Journal of Economic Growth (17), Journal of International Economics (13), Review of Economics and Statistics (13), Review of Economic Studies (12), Economics Letters (12), Journal of Development Economics (11), European Economic Review (11), Journal of the European Economic Association (11), Journal of Public Economics (7), World Bank Economic Review (7), Journal of Political Economy (7), Economic Journal (7), Econometrica (7), Journal of Comparative Economics (4), Quarterly Journal of Political Science (3), *Economica* (3), Explorations in Economic History (3), American Political Science Review (2), Journal of Law, Economics and Organization (2), American Economic Journal, Macroeconomics (2), PNAS (2), Journal of Applied Econometrics (2), Journal of Law and Economics (2), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2), American Economic Review: Insights (2), Journal of Urban Economics (1), Cambridge University Press (1), Economics of Governance (1), IMF Staff Papers (1), International Organization (1), Journal of Economic Surveys (1), Journal of International Money and Finance (1), Journal of Labor Economics (1), Journal of Policy Reform (1), Review of International Economics (1), World Politics (1), Journal of Economic Literature (1), Journal of Population Economics (1), Stanford University Press (1), Economics and Human Biology (1), AEJ-Applied (1), Journal of Evolutionary Economics (1), Economics Bulletin (1).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Scholarship, 1993-1997.

Stanford MBA Class of 1969 Faculty Scholar, 2000-2001.

Hoover Institution, Edward Teller National Fellow, 2002-2003.

Louise and Claude N. Rosenberg, Jr. Faculty Scholar, 2004-2005.

Stanford Presidential Fund for Innovation in International Studies grant (\$177,150), 2006-2009.

Moghadam Family Faculty Fellow, 2006-2007.

UCLA Center for International Business and the Economy research grant (\$10,000), 2008-2009.

UCLA Center for International Business and the Economy course development grant (\$5,000), 2009.

Fondation Banque de France for Economic Research grant (€30,000), 2011.

UCLA Senate Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000), 2013.

UCLA Anderson Ziman Center Research Grant (\$4,000), 2014.

UCLA Anderson Center for Global Management MBA/Faculty collaboration grant (\$5,000), 2014.

UCLA Anderson Center for Global Management grants (\$39,000 total in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

INVITED SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 (past or planned): UCLA (California Center for Population Research), Duke University, Stanford University, San Diego State, ASREC Conference in Thessaloniki (keynote).

2023: UC Berkeley, Central European University (Vienna), CERGE-EI (Prague), Yale University, Harvard University, University of Manchester, Lund University Conference on Culture, Institutions and Development (keynote), UC Riverside, OECD-CEPII Annual Conference on Immigration (keynote).

2022: CEPR Political Economy Webinar, Fundação Getulio Vargas (São Paulo), INSPER (São Paulo), PUC-Rio de Janeiro, UC Santa Cruz.

2021: UC Santa Barbara, EGROW Foundation, AEA meetings, Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi).

2020: Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, Harvard KSG Growth Lab.

2019: NYU Abu Dhabi, Paris School of Economics, ADRES Conference in Marseille (keynote), Aix-Marseille School of Economics, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Sciences-Po Paris, Ramón Areces Conference in Madrid (keynote), University of Zurich, University of St Gallen, London School of Economics, Conference on the Deep Roots of Development at Brown University, OFCE Paris, CERGE-EI (Prague), UT Austin, UC San Diego.

2018: Conference on the Economics of Identity at Université de Namur, Université Catholique de Louvain, London Business School, LMU Munich, Stanford University, UC Davis, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, NBER Culture and Institutions Meeting, Brandeis University, University of British Columbia, Paris School of Economics, UC Merced, All-UC Conference on Populism at UCLA, Rice University.

2017: Sciences Po Paris, INSEAD, University of Southern California, UC Irvine.

2016: NBER Neemrana Conference, University of Bologna, Paris School of Economics, NBER Culture and Institutions Meeting.

2015: UC Berkeley, Ernst Strüngmann Forum Frankfurt.

2014: Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi), University of Houston, NBER Political Economy Summer Institute, Bocconi University, London School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Université Catholique de Louvain, Paris School of Economics, Northwestern University, Stanford University.

2013: Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi; keynote), Delhi School of Economics, NBER Neemrana Conference, Delhi Economics Conclave, University of Warwick Summer School on Economic Growth, Juan March Institute Madrid, International Monetary Fund (twice).

2012: UNC Chapel Hill, Southern Methodist University, University of Aix-en-Provence, University of Michigan, Stanford University.

2011: International Monetary Fund, International Seminar on Macroeconomics in Malta, UCLA, UC Merced.

2010: World Bank Conference on Structural Transformation, UC Berkeley Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict, UC Irvine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sciences Po Paris, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Claremont McKenna College, UCLA.

2009: International Monetary Fund, Stanford University.

2008: University of Southern California, Brown University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Oregon.

2007: UC Davis, Commission on Growth and Development at Yale University, New York University, World Bank, Penn State University,

2006: UC Santa Barbara, UCLA (twice), UC San Diego, International Monetary Fund, Princeton University Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference, NBER Political Economy Program meeting, University of British Columbia.

2005: Northwestern University, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, London Business School, INSEAD, International Monetary Fund, Stanford University, UC Santa Barbara, MIT, Columbia University, AEA meetings in Philadelphia.

2004: Stanford University, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Houston, Harvard University, World Bank, UCLA, Duke University.

2003: UC Davis, Cornell University, Stanford University, UC San Diego, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm University.

2002: Hoover Institution, Stanford University, UC Berkeley (twice), AEA meetings in Atlanta.

2001: Dartmouth College, New York University, International Seminar On Macroeconomics at University College Dublin, Columbia University, Yale University, UCLA, Stanford University.

2000: Université de Paris-Dauphine, UC Davis, 21st NBER Summer Institute, University of Chicago, Caltech-Stanford Formal Political Economy Conference, ICRIER.

1999: University of Maryland, Stanford University, Conference on Democracy, Participation and Economic Development at Columbia University, UC Berkeley.

1998: Carnegie-Rochester Conference on Public Policy, Delhi School of Economics, World Bank, UC Irvine, Stockholm University, Federal Reserve Board, University of Chicago, Stanford University, New York University, Columbia University, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Harvard University.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Co-organizer, Conference on the Media and Economic Performance, Stanford Institute for International Studies, March 2004.

Co-organizer, Conference on Demographics, Health and Economic Development, Stanford Institute for International Studies, May 2005.

Organizer, Political Economy Program Meeting, NBER, October 2008.

Co-organizer, Political Economy Program Meeting, NBER, November 2009.

Co-organizer, Conference on Long-Run Economic Persistence, UCLA, May 2012.

Co-organizer, University of California GEM-BPP Research Workshop (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

PAST AND CURRENT PH.D. STUDENTS

Francesco Giovannoni: Dept. of Economics, University of Bristol, UK (PhD Stanford GSB, 2000)*

Asaf Zussman: Dept. of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (PhD Stanford Econ, 2003)*

Jessica Seddon (Wallack): World Resources Institute, Washington DC (PhD Stanford GSB, 2004)*

Irena Asmundson: California Department of Finance (PhD Stanford Econ, 2005)*

John Hatfield: McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin (PhD Stanford Econ, 2005)*

William R. Hauk, Jr.: Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina (PhD Stanford GSB, 2005)*

Cameron Shelton: Dept. of Economics, Claremont McKenna College (PhD Stanford GSB, 2005)*

Silvia Console Battilana: Auctionomics (Ph.D. Stanford Econ, 2007)

Peter Lorentzen: Dept. of Economics, University of San Francisco (PhD Stanford GSB, 2007)

Erik Snowberg: Dept. of Economics, University of British Columbia (PhD Stanford GSB, 2008)

Anna D'Souza: Baruch College - CUNY (PhD, UCLA Econ, 2009)*

Christopher Paik: Department of Politics, New York University, (PhD Stanford GSB, 2010)*

Daniel Dias: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2010)*

Christine Richmond: International Monetary Fund (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2010)

Brian Richter: McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2010)*

Bernardo Morais: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2011)*

Katrina Kosec: International Food Policy Research Institute (PhD Stanford GSB 2011)

Juan Wlasiuk: Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez Business School, (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2013)

Alfredo Mier-y-Teran: Ministry of Finance of Mexico (PhD, UCLA Anderson 2014)*

Alvaro Garcia: Universidad de Chile (PhD, UCLA Anderson 2014)

Ting Ji: Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing (PhD, UCLA Econ, 2015)

Carlos Hernández: Universidad de los Andes (PhD, UCLA Econ, 2016)

Yang Yang: International Monetary Fund (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2017)*

Andrea Di Miceli: Analysis Group (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2017)*

Omer Ali: University of Pittsburgh (PhD, UCLA Econ, 2017)
Youngjin Song: Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2018)
Vasily Korovkin: Universitat Pompeu Fabra (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2018)*
Mikhail Poyker: University of Nottingham (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2018)*
Stefano Fiorin: Bocconi University (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2018)
Shekhar Mittal: Amazon (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2018)*
Quentin Lippmann: University of Essex (PhD, Paris School of Economics, 2019)
Bruno Pellegrino: Columbia GSB (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2020)*
Sebastian Ottinger: CERGE-EI, Prague (PhD, UCLA Anderson, 2021)
Guillaume Blanc: University of Manchester (PhD, Brown University, 2022)*
Zachary Sauers: Bates White Economic Consulting (PhD UCLA Anderson, 2023)
Mikhail Galashin: UCLA (PhD UCLA Anderson, 2023)
Anh Nguyen: UCLA Anderson School of Management (current PhD student)*
Logan Spencer: UCLA Anderson School of Management (current PhD student)
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