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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy; economic growth; institutions; governance measurement; inequality; SDGs; convergence; state capacity.

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

2020 – Senior Non-resident Fellow at UNU-WIDER (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research).

2018 – Senior Lecturer in Development Economics, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

2011 – Researcher at the *Effective States and Inclusive Development centre* (www.effective-states.org), University of Manchester.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2011/7 Lecturer in Development Economics (tenured), Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

2010/1 Teaching Fellow in Economics (tenured), Dept. Economics, University of Exeter.

2008/9 Lecturer in Economics (temporary), School of Economics, University of Reading.

2007/8 Teaching Fellow in Economics (temporary), School of Economics, University of Reading.

2004/7 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. Economics, University of Bath.

2005 Research assistant, Dept. Economics, University of Bath.

EDUCATION

2008/9 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Bath.

2004 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Bath.

2002 *Master in Economia, Istituzioni e Sviluppo*, Università di Salerno.

2001 *Laurea in Economia e Commercio*, Università del Sannio.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

2019 “What Determines Administrative Capacity in Developing Countries?” (with R. Ricciuti and K.Sen). *International Tax and Public Finance*, 26(5): 972-998. Springer.

2019 “How Do Political Institutions Affect Fiscal Capacity? Explaining Taxation in Developing Economies” (with R. Ricciuti and K.Sen). *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 15(2): 351-380. Cambridge University Press.

2018 “Poverty Reduction during 1990-2013: Do Millennium Development Goals adoption and State Capacity Matter?” (with N.Asadullah). *World Development*, Vol.105, pp.70-82, May 2018. Elsevier.

2016 “Do We See Convergence in Institutional Quality? A Cross-Country Analysis” (with K. Sen), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 52(2). Taylor & Francis.

2016 “Institutions: Evolution, Path Dependency, Anachronism and Impact” (with R. Dimova), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 52(2). Taylor & Francis.

2015 “Measurement, Evolution, Determinants and Consequences of State Capacity: A Review of Recent Research” (with K.Sen), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 29(3): 441-458, July 2015. Wiley.

2015 “Governance as a Global Development Goal? Setting, Measuring and Monitoring the Post 2015 Development Agenda” (with D. Hulme and K.Sen), *Global Policy*, 6: 85-96, May 2015. Wiley.

- 2014 “Paths to Development: Is There a Bangladesh Surprise?” (with N.Asadullah and W.Mahmud), *World Development*, October 2014, Vol.62, pp.138-154. Elsevier.
- 2013 “Inequality in Developing Economies: the Role of Institutional Development” (with J.Easaw and A.Amendola), *Public Choice*, 2013, 155(1-2): 43-60. Springer.
- 2012 “Social norms and tax compliance: framing the decision to pay tax” (with J.Cullis and P.Jones), *The Journal of Socio-Economics*, 2012, Vol. 41 (2): 159-168. Elsevier.
- 2010 “Inequality, Democracy and Institutions: a Critical Review of Recent Research” (with J.Easaw and A.McKay), *World Development*, February 2010, Vol.38, No.2, pp.142-154. Elsevier.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Is There a Fiscal Resource Curse? Resource Rents, Fiscal Capacity and Political Institutions in Developing Economies” (with T. Masi and K.Sen). WIDER working paper.
- “Explaining a ‘Development Miracle’: Poverty Reduction and Human Development in Malaysia since the 1970s” (with N.Asadullah and N. Mansor), Global Development Institute working paper 2019/38.
- “Will South Asia Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030? Learning from the MDGs experience” (with N. Asadullah and K. Sen), ESID working paper 2019/126.

EDITORIAL AND REFEREEING ACTIVITY

- 2018 - Member of the editorial board of *Global Policy* (GPol), Wiley - Blackwell.
- 2016 Guest editor, *The Journal of Development Studies*, special issue on *Institutions and Development*, Routledge - Taylor & Francis, 2016, Vol.52 Issue 2.
- 2013/9 Member of the editorial board of *Development Studies Research* (DSR), Routledge - Taylor & Francis.
- Referee for: American Journal of Political Science; Oxford Economic Papers; Journal of Comparative Economics; Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of Economic Inequality; Governance; Review of Development Economics; Economic Modelling; Economic Systems; European Commission’s Horizon 2020; Routledge; Palgrave Macmillan; European Journal of Development Research; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Human Development and Capabilities; Journal of Common Market Studies; Studies in Comparative International Development.

OPINION AND COMMENTARY ARTICLES (SELECTED)

- 2019 “How Can Developing Countries Pay for the SDGs?”, *Project Syndicate*.
- 2019 “How can developing economies deliver effective public financial planning?”, *WIDER Angle*.
- 2019 “Developing countries would benefit from improved tax collection. What can help?”, *WIDER Angle*.
- 2019 “Here’s how we can eradicate poverty in Africa faster”, *World Economic Forum*.
- 2019 “How can developing countries learn to tax?”, *OECD: Development Matters*.
- 2018 “How Can Countries Reduce Poverty Faster?”, *Project Syndicate*.
- 2018 “Why Do Some Countries Reduce Poverty faster Than Others?”, *OECD: Development Matters*.
- 2018 “Global Development Post-2015: Some reflections on Convergence and What Facilitates It”, *Global Policy: Opinion*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Postgraduate level: Development Economics; Quantitative Methods for Economic Development; Economics of Governance and Development; Development Finance.

Undergraduate level: Development Economics; Macroeconomics; Econometrics, and Economics of Inequality.

ADMINISTRATION

2019 - Department Director for Teaching and Learning.

2017 - Department Deputy Director for Teaching and Learning.

2014 - 2017 Convenor of the *Development Economics and Public Policy* teaching cluster.

2012 - Co-director of the MSc Development Finance.

2017 - 2019 Convenor of the *Growth and Distribution* research group.

Antonio Savoia, February 2020