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SUMMARY

Political scientist and international development professional with two decades of experience in academia, applied policy research, and research management. PhD MIT, MPP Harvard. Current research and projects on group-based inequality and ethnic politics; the nature of inequality and its impact on development and democracy; state fragility and state-building, including the role of aid therein; and governance and democracy. Experience presenting research to scholarly and policy audiences. Co-author of the first two editions of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, an established reference on governance. Qualitative and quantitative research skills, including field research in diverse contexts (Benin, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Somaliland, and South Africa, among others). Experience managing international research teams and projects.

EDUCATION

PhD	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Political Science, 2007
MPP	Harvard University, Public Policy and International Development, 1999
BSFS	Georgetown University, Foreign Service and International Economics, 1997
	Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Hungary, spring term 1996
	Boston University-Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, Niger, fall term 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- Senior Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER

- Member of the Senior Management Team. Support the Director in the strategic management of the Institute.
- Develop and lead projects in my areas of expertise. Expanded my portfolio of projects and project activities from those originally planned and supported under the 2019-23 work program by receiving new external funding. In 2020 successfully incorporated substantial new activities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - *Addressing Group-based Inequalities*
 - *The Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Governance*. Supported by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. In partnership with the University of Copenhagen; Central Institute for Economic Management, Vietnam (CIEM); and Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
 - *The State and State-building in the Global South: International and Local Interactions*. Activities include the conference “Effective Development Cooperation” (17-18 November 2022, Brussels) organized in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC)

- and with support from the European Union
 - *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Support*. Co-lead with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa. Supported by the Expert Group for Aid Studies, Sweden.
 - *Clientelist Politics and Economic Development: Theories, Perspectives, and New Directions*. Co-lead with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa and Kunal Sen
- Member of Steering Group for *Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development* (SA-TIED) phase II program. SA-TIED II is a collaboration among UNU-WIDER, the National Treasury of South Africa, and other partners
- Member of the UNU-WIDER team collaborating in the *African Cities Research Consortium*, led by The University of Manchester, 2020-present
- Chair of the Joint UNU Ethical Review Board, October 2021 – April 2022; member 2020-2019
- Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER
 - Focal point for initiative *The Politics of Group-Based Inequalities: Measurement, Implications, and Possibilities for Change* (2014-2018)
 - Research co-lead for two UNU-WIDER Development Conferences, “Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy” (5-6 October 2017, Accra) and “Responding to Crises” (23-24 September 2016, Helsinki)
 - Co-focal point for the Governance and Fragility theme of the *Research and Communication on Foreign Aid (ReCom)* program (2011-2013)
 - Bank Signatory and Financial Certifying Officer, 2014-present
 - Member of UNU Staff Council, 2015-2019. One of two representing UNU-WIDER
- 2010-2011 Consultant, World Bank
- 2007-2009 Research Director, Index of African Governance, Harvard University (Kennedy School)
- 2005-2007 Research Fellow, Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs)
- 2001-2006 Research and Teaching Assistant, MIT (Department of Political Science)
- 1998-2000 Program Associate, Harvard University (Program on Intrastate Conflict)
- 1998 Summer Intern, Medunsa Organisation for Disabled Entrepreneurs, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1997 Research and Administrative Assistant, Center for the Economic Analysis of Law, Washington, DC

RESEARCH FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- Principal Investigator (with Finn Tarp (lead PI), Dang Thi Thu Hoai, and Fernando Lichucha). Novo Nordisk Foundation Grant NNF19SA0060072. “The Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Democracy.” 2020-2024. 11.3 million DKK (~1.5 million Euros).
- Universität Zürich (UZH) Research Priority Program “Equality of Opportunity.” Research support awarded for project “Towards Understanding Drivers of Variations in Local Government Performance in Developing Countries: The case of Ghana” (with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah). 10,000 CHF.
- Research lead in contract with Ecorys for UNU-WIDER - GPEDC/European Union conference on “Demonstrating the Impact of Effectiveness – Research Learning and Outreach Component International Research Conference.” 2022. 50,000 Euro.
- Senior collaborator in UNU-WIDER bid (team lead: Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) to Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), Sweden. Study on the Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Support. 2019-2020. SEK 797,839 (~80,000 Euros).
- Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs). Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2007. Jointly affiliated with the Program on Intrastate Conflict and the International Security Program
- National Science Foundation. Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-0419737), 2004-2005
- National Security Education Program. Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2002 and 2004
- MIT, Center for International Studies. Summer Research Grant, summers 2003 and 2004
- MIT Carroll L. Wilson Award, summer 2002
- Harvard University Southern Africa Program Summer Internship Grant, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding (Routledge, 2017). Editor. First published as special issue of *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (August 2015).

Fragility, Aid, and State-building: Understanding Diverse Trajectories (Routledge, 2017). Editor. First published as special issue of *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (July 2015).

Edited Journal Special Issues

Clientelist Politics and Development, special issue of *World Development* (forthcoming). Editor (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa and Kunal Sen).

Involuntary Migration, Inequality, and Integration: Vietnamese and Afghan Migrants in Canada, Germany, the U.K., and the U.S., special issue of the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47.21 (December 2021). Editor.

Horizontal Inequality in the Global South: Data, Measurement, and Trends, special issue of *Social Indicators Research* 145.3 (October 2019). Editor (with Carla Canelas).

Migration Governance and Policy in the Global South, special section of *International Migration* 57.4 (August 2019). Editor (with Finn Tarp).

Aid Impact and Effectiveness, thematic issue of *Politics and Governance* 7.2 (May/June 2019). Editor (with Finn Tarp).

Legal Empowerment and Group-Based Inequality, special issue of the *Journal of Development Studies* 55.3 (March 2019). Editor.

Migration and Those Left Behind, special collection of *IZA Journal of Development and Migration* (online 2019). Editor (with Finn Tarp).

Horizontal Inequality: Persistence and Change, special section of *Oxford Development Studies* 46.3 (October 2018). Editor (with Carla Canelas).

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding, special issue of *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (August 2015). Editor.

Aid to Support Fragile States: The Challenge of Chronic State Weakness, special issue of *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (July 2015). Editor.

Experiments in Development Economics, special issue of the *Journal of Globalization and Development* 6.1 (June 2015). Editor (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa).

Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: Findings from Comparative Cases, volume of *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 656.1 (November 2014). Editor.

Aiding Government Effectiveness in Developing Countries, special issue of *Public Administration and Development* 34.3 (August 2014). Editor (with Danielle Resnick).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“COVID-19 and the State: Exploring a Puzzling Relationship in the Early Stages of the Pandemic” (with Andrea Vaccaro), *Journal of International Development* (accepted for publication).

“Horizontal Inequality, COVID-19, and Lockdown Readiness” (with Anustup Kundu). *Pandemic Inequality: Citizens, States, and Covid-19 in India* (Oxford University Press), edited by Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner and Poulami Roychowdhury (accepted for publication).

“Subnational Governance in Ghana: A Comparative Assessment of Data and Performance” (with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah). *Global Perspectives on Decentralized Governance: Ways to Create Effective and Democratic Political Systems* (LSE Press), edited by Jean-Paul Faguet and Sarmistha Pal (forthcoming).

“The Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Governance” (with Ines Ferreira and Finn Tarp), *International Studies Review* 24.1 (March 2022).

“Involuntary Migration, Inequality, and Integration: National and Subnational Influences,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47.21 (2021).

“Social Mobility and Horizontal Inequality” (with Patricia Funjika), chapter in *Social Mobility in Developing Countries: Concepts, Methods, and Determinants*, edited by Vegard Iversen, Anirudh Krishna, and Kunal Sen (Oxford University Press, 2021).

“Foreign Aid and Peacebuilding,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Peacebuilding, Statebuilding, and Peace Formation*, edited by Oliver P. Richmond and Gëzim Visoka (Oxford University Press, 2021). 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190904418.013.38

“How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get, Revisited,” *World Development* 127 (March 2020). Symposium on RCTs for Development and Poverty Alleviation.

“Horizontal Inequality and Data Challenges” (with Carla Canelas), *Social Indicators Research*, 145.3 (October 2019): 969-984.

“Legal Empowerment and Group-Based Inequality,” *Journal of Development Studies* 55.3 (March 2019): 333-347.

“Human Capital, Labour Market Outcomes, and Horizontal Inequality in Guatemala” (with Carla Canelas), *Oxford Development Studies* 46.3 (2018): 378-397.

“Horizontal Inequality as an Outcome” (with Carla Canelas), *Oxford Development Studies* 46.3 (2018): 305-324.

“State Capability and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa,” in *The Practice of Industrial Policy: Government-Business Coordination in Africa and East Asia*, edited by John Page and Finn Tarp (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 80-100.

“The Measurement of Ethnic and Religious Divisions: Spatial, Temporal, and Categorical Dimensions with Evidence from Mindanao, the Philippines” (with Omar S. McDoom), *Social Indicators Research* 129.2 (2016): 863-891.

“Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision in Zambia: Evidence of a Subnational ‘Diversity

Dividend” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *World Development* 78 (2016): 308-323.

“Needs vs. Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries” (with Tony Addison, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal), in *Building Sustainable Peace: Timing and Sequencing of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding*, edited by Arnim Langer and Graham K. Brown (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 32-50.

“‘Embedded’ Assistance: Finn Church Aid’s Staff Secondment in Somalia” (with Rauli S. Lepistö and Jussi Ojala), *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (2015): 354-371.

Reprinted in *Development Assistance for Peacebuilding*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 72-89.

“Good Aid in Hard Places: Learning from ‘Successful’ Interventions in Fragile Situations” *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (2015): 283-301.

Reprinted in *Development Assistance for Peacebuilding*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 1-19.

“Varieties of Fragility: Implications for Aid,” *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (2015): 1269–1280.

Reprinted in *Fragility, Aid, and State-building: Understanding Diverse Trajectories*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 1-12.

“What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Government Performance?” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *Journal of Globalization and Development* 6.1 (2015): 1-45.

“Evaluating Governance Indexes: Key Criteria,” in *On Governance: What It Is, What It Measures and Its Policy Uses*, edited by Robert I. Rotberg (Waterloo, Canada: Centre for International Governance Innovation, 2015), 23-54.

“Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: What Do We Know? What Can Comparative Analysis Add?” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 656.1 (2014): 6-21.

“Ethnic Divisions and Public Goods Provision, Revisited,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 37.9 (2014): 1605-1627.

“Paired Comparison and Theory Development: Considerations for Case Selection,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47.2 (2014): 477-484.

“Developing and Evaluating Governance Indexes: Ten Questions,” *Policy Studies* 35.5 (2014): 513-531.

“Benin: A Pulverized Party System in Transition,” in *Party Systems and Democracy in Africa*, edited by Renske Doorenspleet and Lia Nijzink (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 129-147.

“Aiding Government Effectiveness in Developing Countries” (with Danielle Resnick), *Public Administration and Development* 34.3 (2014): 141-148.

“Ethnic Politics in Ranked and Unranked Systems: An Exploratory Analysis,” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 19.4 (2013): 381-402.

“Democratic Transition and Democratic Survival in Benin,” *Democratization* 15.4 (2008): 789-814.

“Peacekeeping Forces,” in *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens’ Rights and Responsibilities*, ed. C. Neal Tate, Vol. 3 (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2006), 262-268.

“Ethnicidad, clase y cambio en el sistema de partidos boliviano,” *T’inkazos: Revista Boliviana de Ciencias Sociales* 8.18 (2005): 53-80.

Republished in *T’inkazos* 13, suppl. 1 (2010), *Edición Antológica 2003-2010*, 141-165.

“The Sudan: A Successfully Failed State” (with Gérard Prunier), in *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, edited by Robert I. Rotberg (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2003), 101-127.

Published Reports

Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa (lead), Ana Horigoshi, Melissa Samarin, and Kunal Sen), EBA Report 2020:07, Stockholm: Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA). https://eba.se/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Rapport_2020_07_webb.pdf

Position Paper: Aid, Governance, and Fragility (lead author for book-length UNU-WIDER authored report), March 2014. Available at <http://recom.wider.unu.edu/article/position-papers-how-does-aid-work>.

This was the capstone report for the Governance and Fragility theme of UNU-WIDER’s Research and Communication on Foreign Aid (ReCom) program. It drew on over a hundred background papers commissioned under this and related themes, as well as feedback provided through two international results meetings. The program combined a focus on research about what works and can be achieved through development assistance with communication and outreach activities designed to engage with practitioners and others beyond the research community.

Strengthening African Governance – Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2009 (with Robert I. Rotberg (lead author)) (Cambridge, MA: Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and World Peace Foundation, October 2009). The report and datasets are available through the Harvard Dataverse Network (dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/governance).

Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2008 (with Robert I. Rotberg (lead author)) (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, October 2008).

Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Rankings and Results 2007 (with Robert I. Rotberg (lead author)) (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, December 2007).

This book-length report presented the first edition of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, described by Mitra (2013: 489) as “a well-established index that has become a reference point for governments and NGOs.” Examples of articles, databases, and reports that use, evaluate, or discuss the 2007, 2008, or 2009 indexes that Rotberg and I authored include:

Jan Teorell, Stefan Dahlberg, Sören Holmberg, Bo Rothstein, Felix Hartmann, and Richard Svensson, “The Quality of Government Dataset version Jan15” (University of Gothenburg: The Quality of Government Institute, 2015), www.qog.pol.gu.se.

Enrico Casadio Tarabusi and Giulio Guarini, “An Unbalance Adjustment Method for Development Indicators,” *Social Indicators Research* 112.1 (2013): 19-45.

Paolo Paruolo, Michaela Saisana, and Andrea Saltelli, “Ratings and Rankings: Voodoo or Science?” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)* 176.3 (2013): 609-634.

Shabana Mitra, “Towards a Multidimensional Measure of Governance,” *Social Indicators Research* 112.2 (2013): 477-496.

Jeffrey Frankel, "Mauritius: African Success Story," *NBER Working Paper No. 16569* (NBER: 2010).

Javier Fabra Mata and Sebastian Ziaja, *Users' Guide on Measuring Fragility* (German Development Institute and United Nations Development Programme, 2009).

Michaela Saisana, Paola Annoni, and Michela Nardo, *A Robust Model to Measure Governance in African Countries* (European Commission Joint Research Centre, 2009).

United Nations Development Programme Sierra Leone, *Sierra Leone Socio-Economic Indices* (UNDP Sierra Leone, November 2009).

Celia W. Dugger, "Contention Over Rankings of African Nations," *New York Times*, 5 October 2009.

Hazel M. McFerson, "Measuring African Governance: by Attributes or by Results?" *Journal of Developing Societies* 25.2 (April/June 2009): 253-274.

Conor Farrington, "Putting Good Governance into Practice (I): The Ibrahim Index of African Governance," *Progress in Development Studies* 9.3 (2009): 249-255.

Daniel Kaufmann and Art Kraay, "Governance Indicators: Where Are We, Where Should We Be Going?" *The World Bank Research Observer* 23.1 (2008): 1-30.

Kazi Iqbal and Anwar Shah, "A Critical Review of Governance Indicators," World Bank, 10 December 2008.

Robert I. Rotberg, "An African Scorecard," *International Herald Tribune*, 5 December 2008.

Jeremias Blaser, "Notes on the Ibrahim Index," *Staff Opinion* no. 2 (United Nations Development Programme, Zambia, February 2008).

"Criteria for a Continent," *The Economist*, 15 November 2007. Published in *The World in 2008*.

"Mo Ibrahim Index in Spotlight: Is Zimbabwe Better Governed Than Nigeria?" Freedom House blog, 7 November 2007.

Anver Versi, "The Ibrahim Index on African Governance," *African Business*, November 2007.

"Africa: Can the Ibrahim Index Improve Governance?" *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief*, 3 October 2007.

"African Governance: It's Better to Be Out to Sea," *The Economist*, 27 September 2007.

"SA placed fifth on latest African governance index," *Mail & Guardian*, 25 September 2007.

To Rid the Scourge of War: UN Peace Operations and Today's Crises (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2002), WPF Reports 31.

The Challenge of Puerto Rico: Resolving Status Issues (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2000), WPF Reports 27.

Sudan: Policy Options Amid Civil War (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2000), WPF Reports 26.

Opinion Pieces, Briefs, Blogs, Other Short Articles

"Creating sustainable growth and reducing poverty through structural transformation" (with Michael Danquah (lead), Kunal Sen, and Matthew Sharp), African Cities Research Consortium (ACRC) blog, 6 June 2022.

"Covid-19: Cases, Deaths, and Vaccinations" (with Anustup Kundu (lead)), *Ideas for India*, 16 March 2022. Translated and published in *Ideas for India* Hindi edition, 29 March 2022. Reprinted in the *WIDERAngle*, March 2022.

"Covid-19 and the Global South: From crisis response to sustainable development," *WIDERAngle*, 4 October 2021. Reprinted in [IDN-InDepthNews](#) (International Press Syndicate), October 2021.

"Partner Spotlight: UNU-WIDER" (interview with Rachel Gisselquist), www.african-cities.org, 9 August 2021.

“Why countries best placed to handle the pandemic appear to have fared the worst” (with Andrea Vaccaro), *The Conversation UK*, 2 June 2021.

“Foreign aid can help stem the decline of democracy, if used in the right way” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *The Conversation UK*, 7 April 2021.

“A ‘data revolution’ for sustainable development leaves gaps on inequality,” *WIDERAngle*, February 2021.

“Clientelism – Another Reason to Worry about U.S. Democracy,” *The Loop*, ECPR’s Political Science Blog, January 2021.

“Coronavirus: five ways some states have used the pandemic to curtail human rights and democracy” (with Durgesh Solanki), *The Conversation UK*, 8 December 2020.

“Headline data suggests low-income states are coping better than high-income states with the pandemic. But is this true?” (with Andrea Vaccaro), *The Loop*, ECPR’s Political Science Blog, November 2020.

Migration Governance in the Global South (with Finn Tarp), WIDER Policy Brief 3/2020, September 2020.

Horizontal Inequality – Global Trends and Challenges (with Carla Canelas), WIDER Policy Brief 7/2019, October 2019.

Aid Effectiveness – Growth and Beyond (with Finn Tarp), WIDER Policy Brief 8/2019, October 2019.

Can Legal Empowerment Help to Address Ethnic Exclusion, WIDER Policy Brief 5/2019, October 2019.

“Migration Governance and Policy in the Global South: Introduction and Overview” (with Finn Tarp), introduction to special section of *International Migration* 57.4 (August 2019): 247-253.

“The Vital Role of Aid in Development” (with Sam Jones), *WIDERAngle* blog, May 2019.

“Aid Impact and Effectiveness: Introduction and Overview” (with Finn Tarp) to the thematic issue on *Aid Impact and Effectiveness, Politics and Governance* 7.2 (May/June 2019): 1-4.

“Horizontal Inequality: Exploring Persistence and Change” (with Carla Canelas), Oxford Department of International Development blog, 6 November 2018.

“On Migration, Home, and Identity,” in online “Mygration” Story series published by United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT), 24 January 2018.

“A WIDER Perspective on Migration,” *WIDERAngle* blog, December 2017.

“WDR2017 Does Not Disappoint: Four Implications for Work in Development,” blog on the World Bank’s “Let’s Talk Development” platform, 8 March 2017.

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding, UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 1/17, February 2017.

Experiments in Government Performance – Merits and Limitations of Randomized Controlled Trials (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 5/16, December 2016.

Aid for Governance (with Danielle Resnick), UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 3/16, October 2016.

“Diversity Debit vs. Diversity Dividend: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, January 2016.

“Dear Nicholas Kristof, We are Here, Too!” *WIDERAngle*, February 2014.

“Identifying ‘What Works’ in Foreign Aid: Experimental and Non-experimental Approaches” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, September 2013.

“Taking Inequality into Account in the Post-2015 Development Agenda,” *WIDERAngle*, March 2013.

“What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Governance?” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, October 2012.

Reprinted on the United Nations University website, 21 February 2013.

“What Does Good Governance Mean?” *WIDERAngle*, January 2012.

Reprinted on the United Nations University website, 9 February 2012.

Review of *Mestizaje Upside Down: Aesthetic Politics in Modern Bolivia*, by Javier Sanjinés C. (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004) in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 36.2 (2005): 308-310.

“Bolivia’s 2004 Municipal Elections,” *Focal Point: Spotlight on the Americas* (January 2005): 1-2.

Working Papers

Aid’s Impact on Democracy (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa (lead author) and Ana Horigoshi), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2022/15 (February 2022).

COVID-19 and the State (with Andrea Vaccaro), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/80 (May 2021).

Consolidating Behavioural Economics and Rational Choice Theory: Insights from Inequality Research (with Klarizze Puzon (lead author)), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/76 (April 2021).

On the Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Governance (with Ines A. Ferreira and Finn Tarp), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/34 (February 2021).

Does Aid Support Democracy? A Systematic Review of the Literature (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa and Melissa Samarin), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 14/2021 (January 2021).

Horizontal Inequality, COVID-19, and Lockdown Readiness: Evidence from India (with Anustup Kundu), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 156/2020 (November 2020).

Social Mobility and Inequality between Groups (with Patricia Funjika), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 12/2020 (February 2020).

Involuntary Migration, Inequality, and Integration: National and Subnational Influences, UNU-WIDER Working Paper (December 2019).

Horizontal Inequality as a Dependent Variable (with Carla Canelas), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 70/2018, June 2018.

Horizontal Inequality and Data Challenges (with Carla Canelas), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 55/2018, May 2018.

Legal Empowerment and Group-Based Inequality, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2018/39, March 2018.

Human Capital, Labour Market Outcomes, and Horizontal Inequality in Guatemala (with Carla Canelas), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2017/91, April 2017. Also released in Documents de travail du Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne 2017.45.

Needs vs Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries (with Tony Addison, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/062, August 2015. Also released by Centre for Research on Peace and Development (CRPD), KU Leuven, as CRPD Working Paper No. 23, 2015.

“Embedded” Assistance: Finn Church Aid’s Staff Secondment in Somalia (with Rauli S. Lepistö and Jussi Ojala), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/037, March 2015.

State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/035, March 2015.

The Conceptualization and Measurement of Ethnic and Religious Divisions: Categorical, Temporal, and Spatial Dimensions, with Evidence from Mindanao, the Philippines (with Omar S. McDoom), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/022, February 2015.

Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision in Zambia: Further Evidence of a Subnational “Diversity Dividend” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2014/162, December 2014.

What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Governance? (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/077, August 2013.

Evaluating Governance Indexes: Critical and Less Critical Questions, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/068, July 2013.

Good Governance as a Concept, and Why This Matters for Development Policy, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2012/30, March 2012.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC SPEAKING (SELECTED)

Academic Professional Association Annual Conferences

(Paper presenter=P, Discussant=D, Chair=C)

American Political Science Association (2002-P, 2005-P, 2006-P, 2008-P, 2009-P, 2010-P, 2014-D, 2017-D, 2018-P, 2020-C, 2021-P, 2022-P&C)

International Studies Association (2009-P, 2011-P, 2014-P, 2015-P&P&C, 2017-P&D, 2021-P&P, 2022-P)

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (2014-D)

Latin American Studies Association (2004-P)

Midwest Political Science Association (2006-P)

Nordic Africa Days (2012-P)

Other Academic Conferences, Workshops, and Seminar Series

- "Addressing Group-based Inequalities" project workshop, online, 15 December 2021. Chair and presenter.
- "Subnational Governance in Ghana: How Can New Comparative Assessment Help Us to Better Understand What Makes Decentralised Governance Work?" (coauthored with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah). Invited participant, book workshop for "Global Perspectives on Decentralized Governance: Ways to Create Effective and Democratic Political Systems" (LSE Press), hosted by Jean-Paul Faguet and Sarmistha Pal. Online, 13-14 December 2021.
- "Covid-19 impact and policy response across Indian states" project workshop, online, 2-3 December 2021. Co-chair and presenter.
- "Covid-19 and the State" project workshop, online, 22 and 23 November 2021. Chair and presenter.
- "The Impact of Inequality of Economic Growth, Human Development, and Governance - @EQUAL" project workshop, online, 21 September 2021. Co-chair
- "Clientelist Politics and Economic Development," UNU-WIDER workshop, online, 15-16 October 2020. Workshop co-chair (with Kunal Sen and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa)
- "Horizontal Inequality and Social Mobility," paper presentation in project workshop for book "Social Mobility in Developing Countries: Concepts, Methods, and Determinants," edited by Vegard Iversen, Anirudh Krishna, and Kunal Sen. Helsinki, 5-6 September 2019
- "Development Research and Impact: A Few Thoughts," keynote address at "Research to Make Impact!" Academy Programme for Development Research (2018-2022) Kick-off Seminar, Academy of Finland, Helsinki, 26 November 2018
- "Think Development, Think WIDER," UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Helsinki, 13-15 September 2018. Organizer and chair of 2 parallel sessions ("Aid, Peace, and Fragile States" and "Group-based Inequalities")
- "Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy," UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Accra, Ghana, 5-6 October 2017. Chair of 2 parallel sessions and of closing plenary
- "Forced Migration and Inequality: Country- and City-level Factors Influencing Refugee Integration," UNU-WIDER workshop, Accra, Ghana, 4 October 2017. Workshop chair
- "Addressing Group-based Inequality through Legal Empowerment," UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 7-8 October 2016. Workshop chair
- "The Political Implications of Group-based Inequalities," UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 9-10 September 2016. Workshop chair
- "Group-based Inequalities: Patterns and Trends within and across Countries," UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-17 June 2016. Workshop chair (with Carla Canelas)
- "State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa," presentation to KOICA and UNU-WIDER workshop on "The Practice of Industrial Policy – Lessons for Africa," Helsinki, 9-10 March 2015
- "Good Aid in Hard Places: Learning from What Has Worked in Fragile Contexts," UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 12-13 December 2013. Workshop chair
- "Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: Findings from Comparative Cases," UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-16 November 2013. Workshop chair
- "Experimental and Non-Experimental Methods to Study Government Performance," hosted by UNU-WIDER at New York University, 22-23 August 2013. Workshop co-chair and paper presenter
- "Measuring Governance Effectiveness," hosted by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the North-South Institute, CIGI Campus, Waterloo, Canada, 19-20 June 2013
- African Affairs Seminar Series, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 7 September 2010
- "How Genocides End," Harvard University, 10 May 2008
- "Deviant Democracies: Democratization against All Odds," Leiden University, 28-29 September 2006
- International Security Program Seminar Series, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), Harvard University, 18 May 2006
- Program on Intrastate Conflict Seminar Series, BCSIA, Harvard University, 5 May 2006

Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP), University of California, San Diego, 9-10 December 2005

“New Challenges for Political Parties and Representation,” European Union Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6-7 May 2005

Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 29 April 2005

Identity Politics Working Group, MIT Center for International Studies, 8 April 2005

Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 9 April 2004

Working Group on Civil-Military Relations, MIT Center for International Studies, 24 October 2002

Events including a Policy and/or Public Audience

Invited participant in 2022 Effective Development Co-operation Summit, 12-13 December 2022, Geneva.

Our report on the results of the GPEDC/UNU-WIDER conference in November is prepared for and shared at this summit.

Academic lead (with Patricia Justino and Andrea Vaccaro) for GPEDC/UNU-WIDER conference on aid effectiveness, 17-18 November 2022, Brussels.

Participation in UNU-WIDER Development Conference “Reducing Inequality,” Bogotá, Colombia, 5-7 October 2022. Chair of keynote by Francisco H. G. Ferreira; organizer and chair of sessions on (a) Addressing group-based inequalities and (b) The impact of inequality on growth, human development, and governance; panelist in session on “Leave No One Behind.”

Presenter, Aid and Democracy (based on work coauthored with Miguel Nino-Zarazua, Ana Horigoshi, and Melissa Samarin) at UNU-WIDER Development Conference on “The Puzzle of Peace,” May 2022.

Session facilitator, “New realities and challenges for development brought by Covid-19 – a dialogue between UNU-WIDER researchers and MFA Finland experts,” 1 December 2021.

Panelist in session on ‘Development Cooperation as a Foreign and Security Policy Instrument in Fragile States’ as part of Development Policy Days, hosted by Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 9 November 2021.

Presenter and panelist in session on ‘impactful partnerships between universities & civil society to overcome inequality’, Poverty & Inequality Thematic Track Breakout Session, SDGs Africa Summit 2021, 14 September 2021, online.

Chair of keynote address by Staffan Lindberg (‘Covid 19: Trends for Democracy and Autocracy’); chair of panel on ‘Covid-19 and democracy’; ‘fireside chat’ with Jo Beall on the challenges facing African cities, 6-8 September 2021, online.

Panelist in seminar of the Finnish Development Policy Committee on ‘how can development aid better reduce inequalities in developing countries?’, 2 September 2021, online.

Panelist, ‘Virtual Symposium: A New Generation of Human Security’ in Session 3 ‘Human insecurity as a threat to human development’, hosted by UNDP Human Development Report Office, 9-11 June 2021.

Invited participant, virtual expert group meeting (EGM) in preparation for the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), 18-19 May 2021

Discussant, seminar “Who is being left behind? Closing the horizontal inequality gap.” Hosted by Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP), George Washington University; UNDP Human Development Report Office (HDRO); and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford. Online, 17 May 2021.

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid* to OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Network on Governance (GovNet), online, 15 April 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by USAID, Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, online, 24 March 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion on ‘Does Democracy Aid Work?’, hosted by the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), online, 11 March 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), online, 19 February 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD), online, 16 February 2021

Chair of panel discussion, "The new normal and future development of Africa," UNU-WIDER conference, *Development challenges in Africa in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic*, online, 12 February 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by CONCORD Sweden, online, 27 January 2021

Panelist for webinar "Leave No One Behind – Five Years into Agenda 2030," hosted by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), online, 21 January 2021

Presenter (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and panelist for launch event of our report *Effect of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), online, 10 December 2020

Discussant for WIDER Webinar by François Roubaud and Isabelle Guérin on "COVID-19 and the Role of RCTs in Development," online, 10 November 2020

"Political Economy of Ethnic Inequalities and Exclusion: Implications for Development Policy," SIDA Evidence in Action seminar series, Stockholm, 6 February 2020

Moderator, launch of the 2019 Human Development Report, hosted by United Nations Development Programme, Helsinki, 13 December 2019

"The Politics of Group-based Inequalities," presentation at the "Workshop on Inequality," hosted by UNU-WIDER and UN DESA, New York, 6 May 2019

Panelist in session on "Equality through Empowerment," Expert Group Meeting on Reducing Inequalities: SDG 10 Progress and Prospects, hosted by the World Bank and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Geneva, 3 April 2019

Discussant for WIDER Annual Lecture by Ernest Aryeetey: "The Political Economy of Structural Transformation: Has Democracy Failed African Economies?" Helsinki, 14 September 2018.

"Research Meets Policy: What Insights Does Research Offer for Policy? What Questions Remain Unanswered?" chair of closing plenary for UNU-WIDER Development Conference, "Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy," Accra, Ghana, 6 October 2017

"Why We Need to Rethink the Diversity Debate," TEDxOtaniemi, Espoo, Finland, 18 August 2017. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRyLvF2Xxf8>

"Engagement on Strategies to Overcome Inequality in South Africa," policy seminar jointly organized by the Mandela Initiative, the Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development, and UNU-WIDER, Pretoria, South Africa, 1-2 June 2017. Chair of session on Civil Society Engagement with Inequality

"Crossing the Boundaries of Academia: Working in or with the Policy Community," roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2017

"World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law – Launch Seminar," organized by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, Helsinki, 9 February 2017. Served as discussant on panel with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen and Anu Juvonen, Demo Finland

"The Politics of Ethnic Inequality," presentation for expert group meeting on "Promoting Inclusion through Social Protection," for the 2017 *Report on the World Social Situation*, hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), 1 December 2016

"Crises & Responses: Framing the Issues," remarks as panellist in opening plenary session of UNU-WIDER "Responding to Crises" conference, 23-24 September 2016

"WIDER Knowledge and Agenda 2030 Challenges" (with Finn Tarp and Smriti Sharma), presentation to the Finnish Development Policy Committee, 15 March 2016

Consultation Seminar on "World Development Report 2017: Governance and Law," hosted by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 17 November 2015. Served as discussant along with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen

"Lessons from ReCom in a post-2015 Perspective" (with Finn Tarp and Tony Addison), seminar hosted by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Stockholm, 8 October 2014

"ReCom – What Works in Foreign Aid" (with Finn Tarp), presentation to the Advisory Unit of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, 31 October 2013

"A Bird's-eye View of Current UNU-WIDER Research on Fragility" and "Preliminary Findings from Two

UNU-WIDER Studies” at conference on “Fragility and Aid: What Works?” hosted by the United Nations University-Office in New York (UNU-ONY) and UNU-WIDER at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, New York, 25 October 2013

“UNU-WIDER Position Paper on Governance and Fragility” (with Finn Tarp) at “ReCom Results Meeting: Challenges of Governance and Fragility,” hosted by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), UNU-WIDER, Danida, and Sida, Copenhagen, 23 October 2013

“Aid, Governance, and Fragility,” presentation as part of event on UNU-WIDER’s ReCom programme, Helsinki, 19 September 2013

“Escaping Fragility,” at conference on “The New Global Development Agenda,” hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and UNU-WIDER, 12 November 2012

“Strengthening African Governance. The Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2009,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, 1 October 2009

“The Ibrahim Index of African Governance,” Kigali, Rwanda, 14 January 2009. Delivered opening remarks and participated in day-long seminar with senior Rwandan government officials, hosted by the Rwandan Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and Governance Advisory Council

Panel member (with Mo Ibrahim, Mary Robinson, Salim Ahmed Salim, Mamphela Ramphele, and Robert Rotberg) at press conference to launch the 2008 Ibrahim Index of African Governance and participant in “Academic Roundtable,” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 6 October 2008

Other

Co-research lead (with Kunal Sen and Patricia Justino) of WIDER Webinar Series, “How is Covid-19 Changing Development?” and “New Perspectives on Development.” Chair for selected events, 2020-2022

Speaker, various UNU-WIDER videos: “[Women in Science](#)” (2020), “[Ten Lessons for Development](#)” (2018), “[Aid: Lessons for Development](#)” (2018), “[Think Development, Think WIDER](#)” conference (2018), “[Responding to Crises](#)” conference (2016).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNU-WIDER:

I participate as a faculty mentor in the Institute’s 3-month pre-doctoral fellows program:

- 2020: Andrea Vaccaro (Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome)
- 2019: Weiwei Chen (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)
Patricia Funjika (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria)
- 2018: Pui Yi Wong (Department of Administrative Studies and Politics, University of Malaya)
Daniel Osarfo (Department of Economics, University of Ghana)
Lulu He (Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Brisbane)
- 2017: Anne Kantel (Political Science, American University)
Bharti Nandwani (Economics, Shiv Nadar University)
- 2016: Nicole Beardsworth (Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick)
Dede W. A. Gafa (Development Economics, University of Ghana)
Benjamin Anang (Economics, University of Helsinki)
- 2015: Bethlehem Asres Argaw (Economics, Leibniz University of Hanover)
Pouirkèta Rita Nikiema (Economics, Université Cheikh Anta Diop)
- 2014: Judith Sinja (Development Economics, Wageningen University and Research Centre)
Nelson Ruiz Guarín (Development Studies, London School of Economics)
Smriti Sharma (Economics, University of Delhi)

UNU-WIDER and Helsinki Centre of Economic Research:

Lecture on “Democracy and Development” and “Ethnicity and Development” for *Development Economics I and II* (graduate), 2012-2019

Co-supervisor, Master’s thesis on state-building, Hannakaisa Andersson, 2013

Harvard University:

Capacity Building for Governance: Index of African Governance Workshop (executive education). Instructor, 2008

The Microeconomic Analysis of Poverty and Development (graduate). Teaching Assistant, 1999

MIT:

Research Scope and Methods (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2006

Introduction to African Politics and Society (non-credit seminar). Instructor, 2005

Fundamentals of Public Policy (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2005

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS, AND SERVICE

Academic and Research

Member of the Editorial Board, Cambridge University Press Elements Series in Development Economics, 2021-present. Thematic Editor for Political Economy of Development.

Member of the Editorial Board, *Policy Studies*, 2020-

Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) scientific panel on Population, Inequality and Climate Change, 2022-

Team member, proposal to the Finnish Cultural Foundation on “Economics as serviceable social knowledge (ESSK). Accepted in first round review and invited to submit in second round, August 2022.

I have served as a reviewer for: African Research Universities Alliance, *African Studies Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, Economic and Social Research Council, European Research Council, Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Poverty Alleviation and International Development*, *Méthod(e)s: Revue africaine de méthodologie des sciences sociales/African Review of Social Sciences Methodology*, *Party Politics*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, UNDP Human Development Report, UNESCO, *World Development*, and *World Politics*.

External examiner/reviewer for Ph.D. dissertations:

- Department of Economics, University of Pretoria, 2022
- Andrea Vaccaro, Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome, May 2021. “On the Measurement of State Capacity: Quantitative Questions and Conceptual Considerations.”
- Anne J. Kantel, School of International Service, American University, September 2019. “Scapegoating as a Practice of Rule and Actor (De-)Legitimization: Capitalism, Race, and Gender in Uganda’s Fish and Land Governance.”
- Joseph Landry, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) and Carleton University, January 2019. “From Fragility to Stability: A Novel Transition Model for Third-Party Interventions in Fragile and Conflict Affected States.”

Chair, Awards Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper, African Politics Conference Group, 2019

Member of Advisory Board, “Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty” Survey, Warwick University, 2016-7

Visiting Scholar, London School of Economics (Department of Government), 2010-2012

Affiliated Scholar, Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique/Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP), Cotonou, Benin, 2004-2005

Visiting Scholar, Universidad de la Cordillera, La Paz, Bolivia, 2004-2005

Policy and Public Engagement

Member, World Economic Forum’s Expert Network, 2020-

Member of Advisory Council, Global Women’s Leadership Index, an initiative of the Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2016-2018.

Member of Reference Group for study, “Quality of Government – A Meta-analytical Evaluation of Implications for Development Policy,” Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), Sweden, 2015

Member, Carroll L. Wilson Award Committee, MIT, 2008-2011. The award supports projects by MIT students designed to address societal challenges with international dimensions