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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Behavioural Economics, Gender, Global Governance, Health, Impact Evaluation, (International) Development, Informal Economy, Microeconometrics, Microeconomics, Network Dynamics, Public Policy, Resource Economics, Survey Design

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Jun 2018	Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) The Hague, The Netherlands Associate Professor in Development Economics
Jun 2015 - May 18	Assistant Professor in Development Economics - Senior Lecturer
Jan 2014 - May 15	Assistant Professor in Development Economics - Junior Lecturer
Jun 2012 - Dec 13	Postdoctoral Researcher in Development Economics

EDUCATION

Sept 2008 - Sept 12	The Graduate Institute Geneva Geneva, Switzerland PhD in International Economics (Summa cum laude) “Three Essays on the Fetters to Development” <i>Principal advisor: Jean-Louis Arcand</i> <i>External reviewer: Mark Rosenzweig</i>
Mar 2007 - Aug 08	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany Master in International Economics and Finance
Oct 2003 - Feb 07	Bachelor in International Economics and European Studies
Aug 2005 - Jun 06	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Leuven, Belgium Erasmus Exchange Student in Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- “How much should we trust micro-data? A comparison of the socio-demographic profile of Malawian households using Census, LSMS and DHS data” with L. Tasciotti, 2017. *Accepted by European Journal of Development Research*. DOI: 10.1057/s41287-017-0083-6.
- “Does health insurance coverage or improved quality protect better against out-of-pocket payments? Experimental evidence from the Philippines” with S. Quimbo, R. Shimkhada & J. Peabody, 2018. *Social Science & Medicine*, 204: 51-58. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.03.024
- “Urban agriculture, dietary diversity and child health in a sample of Tanzanian town-folk” with L. Tasciotti, 2017. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 39(2): 234-251. DOI: 10.1080/02255189.2017.1375902.
- “Gender and policing norms: Evidence from survey experiments among police officers in Uganda” with M. Rieger, A. Bedi & W. Hout, 2017. ISS Working Paper No. 615. *Journal of African Economies*, 26(4): 492-515. DOI: 10.1093/jae/ejx014.
- “Universal health coverage at the macro level: Synthetic control evidence from Thailand” with A. Bedi & M. Rieger, 2017. ISS Working Paper No. 609. *Social Science & Medicine*, 172C: 46-55. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.11.022.
- “Bride price and fertility decisions: Evidence from rural Senegal” with L. Mbaye, 2017. IZA Working Paper No. 7770. *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(6): 891-910. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2016.1208178.
- “Misfortunes never come singly: Structural change, multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal” with S. Lazzaroni, 2016. *Economics & Human Biology*, 23: 246-262. DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2016.10.006.
- “Protocol for a randomized controlled trial evaluating mobile text messaging to promote retention and adherence to antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV in Burkina Faso” with D. Ouedraogo, L. Artavia, A. Bedi & B. A. Thiombiano, 2016. *Journal of Medical Internet Research: Research Protocols*, 5(3): e170. DOI: 10.2196/resprot.5823.
- “Gender, ethnicity and teaching evaluations: Evidence from mixed teaching teams” with M. Rieger & K. Voorvelt, 2016. ISS Working Paper No. 617. *Economics of Education Review*, 54: 79-94. DOI: 10.1016/j.econedurev.2016.06.004.
- “Polygyny and child health revisited” (Letter) with M. Rieger, 2016. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(13): E1769-E1770. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1600882113.
- “Does community driven development improve inclusiveness? Evidence from Senegal” with J.-L. Arcand, 2016. *World Development*, 78: 105-124. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2015.10.016.

- “Do health reforms to improve quality have long-term effects? Results of a follow-up on a randomized policy experiment in the Philippines” with S. Quimbo, J. Florentino, O. Solon & J. Peabody, 2016. *Health Economics*, 25(2): 165-77. DOI: 10.1002/hec.3129.
- “Female genital cutting and long-term health consequences – Nationally representative estimates across 13 countries”, 2015. *Journal of Development Studies*, 51(3): 226-246. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2014.976620. Received the 2016 Dudley Seers Best Paper Prize.
- “Child health, its dynamic interaction with nutrition and health memory – Evidence from Senegal” with M. Rieger, 2015. *Economics & Human Biology*, 16: 135-145. DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2014.03.001.
- “Resource dependence and armed violence: Impact on sustainability in developing countries” with G. Carbonnier, 2015. *Defence and Peace Economics*, 26(1): 115-132. DOI: 10.1080/10242694.2013.848580.
- “Polygyny and child growth – Evidence from 26 African countries” with M. Rieger, 2015. *Feminist Economics*, 21(2): 105-130. DOI: 10.1080/13545701.2014.927953.
- “Urban agriculture and dietary diversity – Empirical evidence from Tanzania” with L. Tasciotti, 2015. *European Journal of Development Research*, 27(5): 631-649. DOI: 10.1057/ejdr.2014.38.
- “HIV/AIDS sensitization and peer-mentoring: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Senegal” with J.-L. Arcand, P. A. Diallo & C. Sakho, 2014. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 6(2): 147-166. DOI: 10.1080/19439342.2014.906486.

WORKING PAPERS

- “How stable are preferences when times are rough? Experimental evidence from HIV/AIDS patients” with L. Artavia & M. Rieger, June 2018
- “Adoption of innovations in bottled water at the bottom of the pyramid: Who adopts first?” R. Howell & K. Mani Sinha, March 2018.
- “Adaptation and biomedical transition of people living with HIV to antiretroviral treatment” with L. Artavia, A. Bedi & B. Thiombiano, February 2018.
- “Improving the quality of policing in Uganda: Impact assessment of the police accountability and reform project” with W. Hout & R. Namara, August 2016. *Under Review with Review of Development Economics*.
- “A study of Egyptian and Palestine trans-formal firms – a neglected representative category operating in the borderland between formality and informality” with A. Floridi & J. Cameron, April 2016. ISS Working Paper No. 619.

“Revisiting the nature vs. nurture debate: Patterns of cognitive development of Filipino children” with S. Quimbo, A. Küntay, X. Javiera & J. Peabody, 2015.

“Contrasting poverty and expenditure dynamics: Panel evidence from Senegal” with M. Rieger, 2013.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The impact of the Women’s Development Army on attended births and maternal mortality in Ethiopia, with M. Rieger (ISS) and A. Bedi (ISS).

Off-grid solar home systems in Kenya: Impacts on lighting, energy sources and time use patterns, mit M. Rieger (ISS) und A. Bedi (ISS).

Fertility in Pakistan – What role for family planning and contraceptives versus TV series and the media?, mit L. Tasciotti (SOAS).

Long-term effects of a public health intervention in the Philippines on hospital budgets and equipment, mit S. Quimbo (University of the Philippines).

Child obesity prevention in primary schools in urban Vietnam (Behavioural exercises), with M. Rieger (ISS) & N. Pham Khanh (University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City).

The application of anchoring vignettes to scale subjective measures of wellbeing: Do correlations with biomarkers improve? – Evidence for a national-scale sample of people living with HIV (PLHIV) from Burkina Faso, with L. Artavia (ISS).

Impact assessment of the ACODE scorecard initiative for local government on political participation and perception of democracy in Uganda, with W. Hout (ISS).

Nepalese migration to Qatar and Malaysia – Brain drain or gain?, with A. Basnet (ISS) & L. Mbaye (African Development Bank).

REPORTS

Policy review good governance: Democratisation, promotion of rule of law & control of corruption – Uganda field study. Final Report for the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (IOB), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 2016. With W. Hout, R. Brouwers, J. Fisher, R. Namara & L. Schakel.

Electrifying rural Tanzania. Baseline report. 2016. With G. Bensch, M. Kreibaum, T. Mbegalo & J. Peters.

Évaluation d’impact du programme des plateformes multifonctionnelles au Sénégal. Rapport sur la situation de référence. 2010. With J.-L. Arcand & M.-C. Buisson.

REFeree

BMJ Open, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Economic Inquiry, Economics and Human Biology, European Journal of Women's Studies, European Political Science Review, Feminist Economics, Food Security, Health Economics, International Area Studies Review, Irish Educational Studies, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Medical Internet Research, PLOS ONE, Public Health Nutrition, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Social Economy, Social Science & Medicine, World Development

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Essen Health Conference 2018 on Health & Environment

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Essen Health Conference 2017 on Health & Labor

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Essen Health Conference 2016 on Fertility

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2016	Development Economics Network Berlin – Berlin, DEU Leibniz University Hannover – Hannover, DEU
2015	University of Namur – Namur, BEL Wageningen University – Wageningen, NLD
2014	Erasmus Health Economics Group – Rotterdam, NLD
2013	Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) – Bonn, DEU German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) – Berlin
2011	Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) – London, GBR
2010	Universität St. Gallen – St. Gallen, CHE Eberhard Karls Universität – Tübingen, DEU

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

2017	Essen Health Conference “Health and Labour” (University Duisburg-Essen, Germany), “The State of Accountability” Conference (ISS – EUR, The Hague, The Netherlands)
2016	AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Econ & Policy” (University of Heidelberg, Germany), 15th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France), 31st Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (University of Geneva & Graduate Institute, Switzerland)

- 2015 Land & Poverty Conference (World Bank, Washington, DC), Essen Health Conference “Health.Skills.Education” (University Duisburg-Essen, Germany), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Econ & Policy” (Kiel Institute, Germany), 11th iHEA World Congress on Health Economics and Nutrition (Milan, Italy), 37th Annual EAIR Forum (Danube University Krems, Austria)
- 2014 Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK), 13th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Econ & Policy” (Universität Passau, Germany)
- 2013 23rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group (Indiana, USA), ATINER 12th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy (Athens, Greece), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Econ & Policy” (Munich, Germany), Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK)
- 2012 Environment & Natural Resources Management in Developing and Transition Economies (Clermont-Ferrand, France), European Ass. of Environ. & Resource Economists (Prague, Czech Republic), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Econ & Policy” (Center for Development Research Bonn, Germany), Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Brest, France), Health. Development. Inequality. (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany), Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)
- 2011 EUDN PhD Workshop (Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, The Netherlands), DIAL Conference “Shocks in Developing Countries” (Université Paris Dauphine (DIAL), France), “Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact” (3ie, IDB, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Cuernavaca, Mexico), Conference of Doctoral Students in Dev. Economics (Université d’Orléans, France), Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK), ‘Women’s Bargaining Power & Development’ (ISS – EUR, The Hague, The Netherlands)
- 2009 Conference of Doctoral Students in Development Economics (Université Paris Sorbonne, France)

GRANTS

- Nov 2016 - now **RVO Evaluation Project (EUR 478,000)**
Ethiopia
Evaluation Expert for the Impact Evaluation “Boosting Maternal and Child Health in Wollega”
- Aug 2015 - now **3ie Grant: Natural resource governance (USD 532,000)**
Ecuador, Peru
Principal Investigator of the Impact Evaluation “Community monitoring of socio-environmental liabilities with advanced technologies: Evidence from an RCT using high-frequency data”
- Dec 2013 - now **ORIO Evaluation Project (EUR 500,000)**
Tanzania
Principal Investigator of the Impact Evaluation “Electrifying Rural Tanzania”
- May 2013 - now **3ie Grant: 4th Open Window (USD 705,000)**
Burkina Faso
Lead Principal Investigator of the Impact Evaluation “Evaluating SMS to Promote Retention and Adherence to ART Programs”
- Jan 2017 - Feb 18 **Consultancy Collaboration with Trinomics (EUR 33,000)**
Kenya
Evaluation Expert for the Impact Evaluation “Access to Energy Fund - Orb Energy PTE Ltd. in Kenya” (Promotion of Solar Home Systems)
- Aug 2015 - Jan 18 **3ie Grant: Natural resource governance (USD 480,000)**
Ecuador, Peru
Principal Investigator of the Impact Evaluation “Behavioral Responses to Information on Contaminated Drinking Water”
- March 2014 - Jan 16 **IOB, Ministry of Foreign Affairs NL (EUR 130,000)**
Uganda
Specialist Econometrician for Impact Evaluation “Policy review: Democratization, promotion of rule of law and control of corruption”
- Dec 2013 - Aug 15 **ISS Research Grant (EUR 7,000)**
The Hague, The Netherlands - Manila, Philippines
Research Project: “Quantitative Analysis of Cognitive and Physical Development of Filipino Children”
- July 2012 - Dec 14 **Rotterdam Global Health Initiative (EUR 24,500)**
Manila, Philippines
Principal Investigator: “Long-Term Effects of Quality Improvements in Philippine Public Hospitals”

FIELD EXPERIENCE

2009, 2011	Senegal
2010, 2011	Cote d'Ivoire
2013	Bangladesh
2013	Philippines
2014	Uganda
2015	Tanzania
2015, 2016	Burkina Faso

CONSULTANCIES

3ie – International Initiative for Impact Evaluation – Delhi, India

Feb 2012 - now External Reviewer for Funding Applications and Ongoing Evaluations

Lundin Petroleum – Geneva, Switzerland

Dec 2011 - Jun 12 Developing Country Comparison of Natural Resources, the Resource Curse, Sustainable Development & Governance

World Bank, Projet d'Urgence de Lutte contre le Sida – Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Dec 2011 Resumption of the Evaluation with Focus on the Impact of the Civil Conflict following the 2011 Presidential Elections

May 2010 - Feb 11 Field Coordinator for an HIV/AIDS Intervention with accompanying Survey/Evaluation

UNDP, Melinda & Bill Gates Foundation – Dakar, Senegal

Mar 2011 - Dec 11 Follow-Up Household Survey for a Rural Infrastructure Program

Feb 2009 - Dec 09 Preparation, Realization & Analysis of a Baseline Rural Household Survey

World Bank – Dakar, Senegal

Jul 2009 - Feb 10 Impact Evaluation of three competing HIV/AIDS Sensitization Programs

International Labour Organization (ILO) – Geneva, Switzerland

Jan 2009 - Mar 09 External Collaborator: Data Base Construction/Analysis

PHD & MA STUDENT SUPERVISION, DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

PhD supervision at EUR – Institute of Social Studies

Feb 2017 - now	Anderson Macedo De Jesus: A study of early education for values in Brazil
Oct 2015 - now	Andrea Floridi: Trans-formal firms navigating in the borderland between formal and informal economy
April 2015 - now	Deo-Gracias Houndolo: Does the Millennium Village Programme alleviate poverty and improve welfare in Northern Ghana?
Jan 2014 - now	Farzane Zarepour: Cash instead of subsidy: Essays on the Iranian energy subsidy reform
Jan 2013 - now	Farzana Misha: Building sustainable livelihoods: Evaluations of development interventions

MA supervision at EUR – Institute of Social Studies

Year 2017-18	Supervision of three MA theses, Reader of two MA theses
Year 2016-17	Reader of five MA theses
Year 2015-16	Supervision of one MA thesis, Reader of three MA theses
Year 2014-15	Supervision of five MA theses, Reader of six MA theses
Year 2013-14	Supervision of five MA theses, Reader of five MA theses
Year 2012-13	Supervision of three MA theses, Reader of three MA theses

Member of Doctoral Committees at EUR – Institute of Social Studies

2016	Mr. Maazullah: Akhuwat Microfinance: Participation, impact and gender-based heterogeneity in business returns
2017	Selwyn Moons: Heterogenous effects of economic diplomacy

COURSES & TEACHING

EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, NLD

Oct 2017 - Jan 18	Principles of Economic Development/Microeconomics (Grad.)
Oct 2016 - Jan 17	Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)
Oct 2016 - Jan 17	Foundations of Economic Development/Microeconomics (Grad.)
Aug 2016	Seminar Health & Economic Development (Global Health Minor)
Jun 2016	Impact Evaluation Workshop (Frugal Innovators, Engineers)
Oct 2015 - Jan 16	Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)

Oct 2015 - Jan 16	Foundations of Economic Development/Microeconomics (Grad.)
Oct 2014 - Jan 15	Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)
Oct 2014 - Jan 15	Foundations of Economic Development/Microeconomics (Grad.)
May 2014	CERES Workshop: Impact Evaluation of Social Programs
Oct 2013 - Jan 14	Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)
Oct 2013 - Jan 14	Foundations of Economic Development/Microeconomics (Grad.)
May 2013	CERES Workshop: Impact Evaluation of Social Programs
May 2013	Stata Workshop: Doing your own Survey (Graduate)
Oct 2012 - Dec 12	Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)
Leiden University College, The Hague, NLD	
Feb 2013	Economics of Development/Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action, Geneva, CHE	
May 2012	From Emergency to Development (Graduate)

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

The Graduate Institute | Geneva, Geneva, CHE

Feb 2012 - May 12	Statistical Methods for Social Sciences (Graduate) R. Mukherjee
Sept 2011 - Jan 12	Econometrics II (Graduate) J.-L. Arcand & U. Panizza
Feb 2011 - Jun 11	Econometrics III (Graduate) J.-L. Arcand & U. Panizza
Sept 2010 - Jan 11/ Sept 2009 - Jan 10	Introduction to Development Economics (Graduate) J.-L. Arcand
Sept 2009 - Jan 10/ Nov 2008 - Dec 08	Impact Evaluation (Graduate) J.-L. Arcand
Mar 2009 - Jun 09	Trade Theory and Policy (Graduate) R. Baldwin

Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany

Oct 2007 - Feb 08	Explorative Data Analysis (Undergraduate) J. Grammig
May 2007 - Jul 07	Microeconomics I (Undergraduate) J. Baten

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany

Jun 2004 - Jun 08

Financial Markets

Conception of Lecture Slides for Econometrics

Analysis of Research Output (Rankings)

Econometrics, Statistics & Empirical Economics

J. Grammig

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & RECOGNITIONS

Languages

German (Mother tongue), English (Excellent, written & spoken), Dutch and French (Very good, written & spoken), Spanish (Good, written & spoken)

Computer

Standard Software Packages, Stata, LaTeX, R, EViews, GAUSS, InDesign, SAS

Dudley Seers Memorial Prize 2016

Awarded by the Journal of Development Studies for “Female genital cutting and long-term health consequences – Nationally representative estimates across 13 countries” as one of two excellent papers published in the journal in 2015.

Career Development Program

Career Development Programme (CDP) for female assistant professors. 2015/16.

Teaching Certificate

University Teaching Qualification (Dutch Nationally Renown ‘Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs’ (BKO)). 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Sept 2017 - now	Deputy Convenor of the Major Economics of Development
Jan 2015 - now	Member of the Management Team of the Research Group Development Economics at the Institute of Social Studies; Responsible for Finances
Jan 2014 - now	Member of the Communication, Marketing and Information Forum at the Institute of Social Studies
Jan 2013 - Dec 14	Organiser of Seminar Series for the Research Group Development Economics at the Institute of Social Studies
Aug 2016	Member of the PhD Fellowship Committee at the Institute of Social Studies

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Economic Association - AEA

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes - EADI

European Economic Association - EEA

Verein für Socialpolitik - German Economic Association