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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015 – Present
Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2007 – 2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2014 – Present
Senior Research Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network, 2007 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2007
M.A. Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 2000
M.A. Economics, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1998
Diploma (B.A. equivalent), Accounting, Kazakh State Academy of Management, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1995

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Health, Education, Armed Conflict

PUBLICATIONS

"Gender-Differential Effects of Conflict on Education: The Case of the 1981-1993 Punjab Insurgency", (with Prakarsh Singh), *Economics of Education Review*, 2016, Vol. 54 (October), pp. 185-210
"Exploring the Impact of Conflict Exposure during Formative Years on Labor Market Outcomes in Tajikistan", 2015, *Journal of Development Studies*, pp. 1-25.
"Armed Conflict, Household Victimization and Child Health in Côte d'Ivoire", with Camelia Minoiu, 2014, *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 108: 237–255.
"Armed Conflict, Gender and Schooling" (with Mayra Buvinic and Monica Das Gupta), 2014, *World Bank Economic Review*, Volume 28: 311-319
"Patterns in Female Age at First Marriage and Tajik Armed Conflict", 2013, *European Journal of Population*, Volume 29 (3): 303-343.
"Subjective Well-Being and Armed Conflict: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina", with Anke C. Plagnol, 2013, *Social Indicators Research*, Volume 113 (3): 1129-1152.
"Child Health and Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire", with Camelia Minoiu, *American Economic Review P&P*, Volume 102(3) May 2012.
"Remittances and Labor Supply in Post-Conflict Tajikistan", with Patricia Justino, 2012, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, 1:8.
"The Effect of Armed Conflict on Accumulation of Education: Results from Tajikistan", *Journal of Development Economics*, 2011, Volume 95(2): 186-200.
"Labor Market, Education and Armed Conflict in Tajikistan", World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #5738 (peer reviewed, online research paper series), 2011.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Armed Conflict and Immunization Coverage" (with Gudrun Østby, Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Henrik Urdal, & Marijke Verpoorten)
"Child Health and Land Reform in Kyrgyzstan", (with Katrina Kosec), IFPRI **DP 01904**

WORKING PAPERS

"Political Violence, Land Reform and Child Health: Results from Zimbabwe"

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“Domestic Violence and Childhood Exposure to Armed Conflict: Attitudes and Experiences” (with Giulia La Mattina)

“Impact of Domestic Shocks on Child Outcomes” (with Shatakshee Dhongde)

“Financing Constraints as Barriers to Firm Survival and Growth in India”, (with Usha Nair-Reichert)

Work in Progress

“Conflict and Risky Sexual Behavior” (with Giulia La Mattina & Nicholas Wilson)

“Land Reform in Central Asia: An Overview”

“Linking the Agricultural Production and Climate Change in Central Asia: 1991-2015” (with Irina Sokolik & Viatcheslav V. Tatarskii)

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Gender and Armed Conflict: an Overview of the Literature”, Prepared for the World Bank, June 2012.

Education and Violent Conflict in South Asia: Challenges and Solutions, with Christine Valente, Prepared for the World Bank, October 2011.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Consultant, World Bank, Gender and Conflict, 2012

Consultant, World Bank, Education and Conflict in South Asia, 2011

Consultant, World Bank, Gender and Conflict: *Education and Labor Market in Tajikistan*, 2010

Research Assistant for Professor Richard A. Easterlin, USC, 2005-2006

Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2003-2004

Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC, Summers 2003, 2004

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2003

Lecturer, Department of Economics, KIMEP, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 2000- 2002

Consultant, Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE), Jan-Nov 2001

Economist-Intern, ISO-NE, Summer 2000

Research Assistant, Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst, MA, Jan-May 2000

Intern, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, Summer 1999

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses: Economic Development; Security and Conflict in Developing Countries; Senior Seminar in Political Economy; Economics of Conflict; Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics; Economics and Policy; Entertainment Economics

Graduate Courses Development Economics

Thesis and Research Project Supervision:

Individual supervision: 22 projects

Joint supervision: 18 projects

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Georgia Tech’s Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Fellow, 2019-2020

SOE Handbook (Research) Committee, Fall 2019-Present

Faculty Search Committee, SOE, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Ph.D. Curriculum Committee, SOE, 2018 - present

Chair Search Committee, SOE/IAC, 2017

Graduate Curriculum Committee, SOE, 2016 - 2018

Research Committee, SOE, 2016 - Present

Georgia Tech Liaison for the Committee for Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), 2014 - Present

Faculty Advisor for the Kappa of Georgia Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), 2013 – Present

Faculty Advisor for the Economics Club @ GT, 2013 - Present

M.S. Economics Curriculum Committee, 2012-2013

Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2011-2012

MS Recruitment Committee, 2010-2011, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011

Legacy Awards Committee, IAC, GaTech, Spring 2010

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Charitable Contributions Coordinator, School of Economics, GaTech, 2009-2010
 Coordinator of the Seminar Series, School of Economics, GaTech, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
 Member of Hiring Committee, School of Economics, GaTech, 2007-2008, 2011

INVITED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2019:** “Gender inequality and forced displacement”, expert workshop, September 2019, Manhasset, NY, USA;
 Pacific Development Conference, USC, Los Angeles, CA, March 2019;
 94th Western Economic Association International Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 2019
- 2018:** 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India, December; Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association (Washington, DC) – Nov;
 Eastern Economic Association Meeting, Boston, March 1-3, 2018; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association (Tampa, FL) – Nov 2017;
 Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Medford, MA, Nov 2017;
 International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD (February); Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL (April); Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL (November)
- 2016:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, Washington DC (November); “Responding to Crises” Conference, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland (September); the 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy; Meeting of the Western Economic Association, Portland, OR;
 Kosmos workshop “Emergency Agriculture and Food Security”, Humboldt University of Berlin & IGZ May 30-31st, 2016
- 2015:** The 11th Households in Conflict Network Workshop, the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada;
 Confronting Fragility and Conflict in Africa: Annual World Bank Conference on Africa, Berkeley, CA;
 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA;
 CSAE Conference 2015: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, U.K.;
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics; Boston, MA
- 2014:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA;
 6th Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB), IZA and EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia;
 Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013:** Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Harvard, MA;
 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL (2 papers);
 Inequalities in Children’s Outcomes in Developing Countries, St. Anne’s College, Oxford, U.K.;
 13th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy (2 papers)
- 2012:** 8th Households in Conflict Workshop, Aix-en-Provence, France;
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, LA;
 NEUDC at Dartmouth, NH;
 First NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Lisbon, Portugal;
The Economic and Social Consequences of Armed Conflict and Crime, Cartagena, Colombia;
 12th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Berlin, Germany;
 Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE) Oxford, UK, (presented by co-author);
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session;
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics; Chicago, IL
- 2011:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC;
 7th Households in Conflict Workshop: Civil Wars and Political Violence, Barcelona, Spain;
 3rd International Society of Child Indicators Conference, York, U.K.;
 International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI;
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies, Denver, CO.
- 2010:** Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, PRIO/World Bank, Oslo, Norway;
 Fourth Southeastern International Development Conference; Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA;
 Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, World Bank, Washington, D.C.;
 The Behavioral and Cultural Foundations and Consequences of Violence, HiCN & the Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal;

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- Pacific Conference for Development Economics, USC, CA;
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Atlanta, GA;
 Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
2009: Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI
2008: 4th Annual HiCN Workshop, Yale University;
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UCSD
2007: 3rd Annual HiCN Workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K.;
 4th Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN;
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Davis;
 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY;
 2nd Annual HiCN Workshop, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
2006: "Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from the Household Level", DIW Berlin,
 HiCN & USAID, Washington, D.C.;
 NEUDC Conference, Ithaca, NY;
 Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA;
 1st Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop, DIW, Berlin, Germany

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS*Invited Seminars*

- 2019: University of Georgia, Athens, GA
 2014: DiW-German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany
 2012: The World Bank; Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University
 2011: Dalhousie University; 2010: Vanderbilt University; 2007: Florida State University, Georgia Institute of
 Technology, Mount Holyoke College, Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies (SITE) at the Stockholm
 School of Economics, Towson University

Other Seminars

- 2013: Georgia Institute of Technology

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS*Research Grants*

- "Multi-scale Synthesis of Land Cover and Land Use, Climatic and Societal Changes in Drylands of Central Asia",
 co-PI (PI: Irina Sokolik, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences), Georgia Tech, Sponsor: NASA/GODDARD SPACE
 FLT CTR/MD, (\$790,320), 2014-2017
 Special Research Awards (SRA), Ivan Allen College Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of
 Technology, (one course release), Fall 2012, Spring 2019
 ISERF grant, Ivan Allen College (IAC), Georgia Institute of Technology, Summer 2010 (\$2,500)
 Title VIII Research Grant, US Department of State, (\$9,980), Institute for Social Research (ISR), William Davidson
 Institute, University of Michigan, 2006
 Urban and Global Interdisciplinary Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000), USC Urban Initiative, USC, 2006-2007

Academic Fellowships

- Special Research Awards (SRA), IAC Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2012
 Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC, 2006-2007 (Full Tuition
 Scholarship and \$16,000/academic year stipend)
 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2006
 Best Third Year Empirical Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2005
 Edmund E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship, United States Information Agency, 1998-2000 (Full tuition scholarship for
 the academic years 1998-2000 plus a monthly stipend of \$1,100)

Teaching Awards

- "Thank-a-Teacher" Certificate, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2007, 2010,
 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
 Fellow of Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning,
 Georgia Tech, Aug. 2007 – May 2008
 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2004
 Teaching Fellowship, Civic Education Project/Support for Community Outreach and Teaching Program

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(CEP/SCOUT), Kazakhstan, 2001-2002

INVITED PARTICIPANT AND WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

CeMENT: Mentoring for Junior Faculty Workshop, CSWEP, Chicago, January 2012

Summer School in Development Economics, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Banff, Canada, 2005

1st PhD Summer Workshop on Economics of Information Technology, New York University/Center for Digital Economy Research, New York, NY, 2005

Rethinking Development Economics, Summer School, Trinity College, Cambridge, U.K., 2002

Politics of Finance in Emerging Economies, Central European Summer University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001

Applied Microeconometrics workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, August 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association

Association for Comparative Economic Studies

Committee for the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP)

Economists for Peace and Security

Households in Conflict Network

Network of European Peace Scientists

Population Association of America

Southern Economic Association

Western Economic Association

REFEREE

Journals

Asian Population Studies

Conflict Management and Peace Science

Economics and Human Biology

Economic Development and Cultural Change

Economic Journal

Economics of Education Review

European Journal of Political Economy

Journal of Comparative Economics

Journal of Development Economics

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

Journal of Family and Economic Issues

Journal of Feminist Economics

Journal of Human Resources

Journal of International Migration and Integration

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Population Economics

International Migration

Manpower

Oxford Development Studies

Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy

Review of Economics and Statistics

Social Science and Medicine

The Singapore Economic Review

The World Bank Economic Review

World Development

World Politics

Reviews of Research Grants/ for Foundations

The Research Foundation Flanders, FWO, Belgium

IZA-Institute for the Study of Labor/DFID program on growth and labor markets in low-income countries, Bonn, Germany

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DFG, German Research Foundation, Germany
Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent)
