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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Director of Doctoral Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Aug 2020 – Present
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

- “War, Conflict, and Food Insecurity”, 2022, *Annual Reviews in Resource Economics*, Vol.14 (forthcoming)
- “Child Health and Land Reform in Kyrgyzstan”, (with Katrina Kosec), 2022, *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (forthcoming)
- “Public Health and Armed Conflict: Immunization in Times of Systemic Disruptions” (with Gudrun Østby, Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Henrik Urdal, & Marijke Verpoorten), *Population and Development Review*, *Population and Development Review*, 2021. 47(4): 1143-1177. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12450>
- “Political Violence, Land Reform and Child Health: Results from Zimbabwe”, *Economics and Human Biology*, 2021. 42: August. DOI: [10.1016/j.ehb.2021.101010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2021.101010)
- “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.

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WORKING PAPERS

- “Domestic Violence and Childhood Exposure to Armed Conflict: Attitudes and Experiences” (with Giulia La Mattina) (R&R)
- ”Long-term Impacts of Displacement during Early Childhood – Evidence from Internally Displaced Population in Azerbaijan” (with Subha Mani, Eric Mvukiyeye, and Saurabh Singhal)
- “Financing Constraints as Barriers to Firm Survival and Growth in India”, (with Usha Nair-Reichert)

Selected Work in Progress

- “The association between WASH, nutrition, and early childhood growth faltering in rural Cambodia: a cross-sectional risk factor analysis” (with Amanda Lai) (presented at the SEA, November 2021)

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; Conflict and Security in Developing Countries; Senior Seminar in Political Economy; Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics; Economics and Policy; Entertainment Economics
- Graduate Courses* Development Economics

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Chair, PhD Committee, 2020-Present
- Mentor, CSWEP’s Mentoring for Junior Economists, CSWEP, ASSA 2022
- Georgia Tech: Leading Women @Tech Fellow, 2020-2021
- Georgia Tech’s Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Fellow, 2019-2020
- Chair, Search Committee, SOE/IAC, 2017-2018
- 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
- Charitable Contributions Coordinator, School of Economics, GaTech, 2009-2010
- Coordinator of the Seminar Series, School of Economics, GaTech, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

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Member, Hiring Committee, School of Economics, GaTech, 2007-2008, 2011

INVITED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2021:** Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies (@ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting, January 2021); International Association for Feminist Economics (@ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting), January 2021; Southern Economic Association, November 2021 (forthcoming)
- 2020:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, New Orleans, LA (November 2021)
- 2019:** 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, November; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session, Philadelphia, PA (presented by co-author)
- 2017:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association, Tampa, FL, November 2017, (presented by co-author); Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Medford, MA, November 2017; "Agriculture and Rural Transformation in Asia", an international conference organized by ReSAKSS-Asia, IFPRI, TDRI, & TVSEP project of Leibniz Universit Hannover, Bangkok, Thailand, December 12–14th; International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD (February); Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL (April)
- 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; November; Confronting Fragility and Conflict in Africa: Annual World Bank Conference on Africa, Berkeley, CA; June; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA; April; CSAE Conference 2015: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, U.K. March; AEA meeting (Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics); Boston, MA, January
- 2014:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; November 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.;

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- The Behavioral and Cultural Foundations and Consequences of Violence, HiCN & the Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal;
 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

INVITED CONFERENCE SPEAKER and PARTICIPANT

- 2021: 7th Annual 'Life in Kyrgyzstan' Conference, invited keynote speaker, Oct 26-28, 2021
 2019: "Gender inequality and forced displacement", expert workshop, Sept 19-20th, New York, NY, USA (invited speaker)
 2018: "Accelerating The End of Hunger and Malnutrition", global event, organized by IFPRI-FAO, Bangkok, Thailand, Nov 28-30th (invited participant)
 2017: "Agriculture and Rural Transformation in Asia", an international conference organized by ReSAKSS-Asia, IFPRI, TDRI, and TVSEP project of Leibniz Universit Hannover, Bangkok, Thailand, December 12-14th (invited speaker)
 2016: "Responding to Crises", UNU-WIDER annual conference, Helsinki, Finland, Sept 23-24th, (invited speaker)
 2015: "Mapping the Future of Development Economics", UNU-WIDER annual conference, Helsinki, Finland, Sept. 17-19th (invited participant)

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS*Invited Seminars*

- 2021: Florida International University, Miami, FL (September); Westminster Development Policy Network Virtual Seminars (July); Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg, Germany (virtual seminar) (May)
 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)

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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 (CEP/SCOUT), Kazakhstan, 2001-2002

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

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
Association for Comparative Economic Studies
Committee for the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP)
Economists for Peace and Security
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

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

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent)
