

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Profile

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Expertise

25 years' experience as an international development advisor (World Bank, USAid. EU. UNDP), SOAS and Oxford University Professor, researcher in macroeconomic and human-centred aspects of development in South Asia and Africa. In particular the academic and policy literatures and debates related to economic growth, industrialisation, the role of the state and industrial policy, investment, the digital economy, big infrastructure (roads, railways), special economic zones (SEZs), the economics of urbanisation, local content and localisation of the value chain, mineral-based economies, and the resource curse.

I am an acknowledged expert on the form, functioning, and evaluation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in East Africa and beyond. I have written a series of [twelve policy briefs](#) on the reform of SEZs in East Africa. These policy briefs are part of a policy dialogue with regional governments and have been presented and discussed at a series of dissemination workshops in collaboration with a local think tank the [Zanzibar Research Centre for Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis](#) (ZRCF) and presented to government, donor and other stakeholders.

I am closely familiar with the academic and policy literature on urban economics, including agglomeration, density, the pathology of urbanisation without industrialisation structural change, the influence of infrastructure on patterns of urbanization, planning laws, and urban governance. Under the umbrella of urban economics, I have published research papers on [roads in Zambia](#), [railways in Africa](#), [planning laws in Africa](#), [canals and urbanisation](#), and the economics of skyscraper construction in Africa (forthcoming).

I currently leading research projects looking at the role of local manufacturing content in Ethiopia, Mauritius, Tanzania, and Zambia. Look at i) the constraints on scaling up production small-volume high-end manufacturing, the blue economy, and tourism, ii) the potential for localizing the timber-value chain for housing construction in Tanzania, iii) a comparative study of industrialisation in Ethiopia and Zambia 2000-2020, and iv) the potential impact of supermarkets in driving localisation of agro-processing and manufacturing. These research projects are being done in collaboration with a network of scholars from Universities and think tanks in Africa, including the [Zambia Institute of Policy Analysis and Research](#) (ZIPAR), The State University of Zanzibar, (SUZA), Dar Es Salaam University, Ardhi University (Tanzania), and Makerere University (Uganda).

I have conducted extensive research on the global economic impact of China. I have focused on the economic impact of the energy and transport infrastructure projects being created by

the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or New Silk Road, in particular in Pakistan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Zambia. I have examined the impact on industrialisation, employment, regional inequality, migration, state capacity, economic growth, investment, and trade. The research has been presented to policymakers, civil servants and academics in the UK, China, Japan, Zambia, India and Pakistan and resulted in three peer-review journal papers and a monograph '[The Dragon from the Mountains: The CPEC from Kashgar to Gwadar](#)', published by Cambridge University Press monograph.

I have worked on GCE modelling consultancy projects in Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Bangladesh. This has included; a three-month project with the World Bank to model and analyse the impact of COVID19 on socio-economic development in Jordan, including forecasts, modelling different (trade and pandemic) shocks, and policy options for the Government of Jordan; and a one-year project with the World Bank in Saudi Arabia, to build a CGE model to model the impact of digital economy policy adoption on economic outcomes, to train officials in the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology on the usage and updating of the CGE model, and to write a final policy report detailing the impact of various digital economy policies on economic outcomes in KSA.

I have extensive experience in university level teaching, at undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels, in every aspect, from convening, to delivering lectures, to examinations, MSc/MPhil/PhD supervising, and PhD vivas. I have conducted civil service capacity building (often as part of a CGE mission) in areas related to general and partial equilibrium, urban policy, and tax policy, in Zambia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Egypt, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Education

2000 (October) - 2002 (full-time), 2002 – 2005 (September) (part-time), **SOAS, University of London,**
PhD Economics.

'The Role of the State and Episodes of Growth and Stagnation in India, 1951 – 2004'.

1996 (October) – 1998 (September), Keble College, **Oxford University.**
MPhil Economics.

Dissertation 'The Stagnation of the Indian Industrial Economy, 1965-1980'.

1993 (October) – 1996 (June), King's College, **Cambridge University.**
BA (Hons) Economics.
Double-first.

Employment History

July 2024 – Head of Research, Africa Urban Lab (AUL), African School of Economics (ASE), Zanzibar www.aul.city
Newly established campus of the African School of Economics (ASE).

September 2021-July 2024 – Senior Researcher, Charter Cities Institute, Washington, D.C

Development think tank focusing on issues of industrialisation, urbanisation, poverty, employment and infrastructure.

Associate Professor in the Political Economy and Human Development of South Asia, September 2011-2021, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA), University of Oxford

Governing Body Fellow Wolfson College, 2011- 2021

Director of the Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme (CSASP), 2011-2018

Research Director 2016-2018, OSGA, University of Oxford

Other Posts

Chief External Examiner 2019-2022, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

External Examiner 2018-2021 for the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Department of Economics Diploma and Undergraduate courses

Member of the Academic Board (2019-2022), Peking University HSBC Business School UK

Previous Posts

Lecturer in Economics (South Asia), 2002 – 2011, Department of Economics SOAS

Consultant to the executive committee Zambian Revenue Authority (ZRA), Lusaka, Zambia, 2000

ODI Fellow in the Budget Office Ministry of Finance, Lusaka, Zambia.
October 1996 to August 1998

Employment History (Short-term): Economics Consultancy

April 2021-2023 – consultant, World Bank mission in Saudi Arabia, first to build a CGE model to model the impact of digital economy policy adoption on economic outcomes, to train officials in the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology on the usage and updating of the CGE model, to write a final policy report detailing the impact of various digital economy policies on economic outcomes in KSA.

April 2020-2021 – consultant, World Bank, the impact of Broadband Internet on Economic Growth and Social Development in Developing Countries. I worked in partnership with a CGE modeling specialist to first, review the existing academic literature analyzing the economic and social impact of Broadband Internet and second, to develop a generic CGE model to simulate the introduction of Broadband Internet.

January to September 2020 – consultant, World Bank, **Jordan**, project to forecast and analyse the impact of the COVID19 crisis on the socio-economic development of Jordan. Using CGE modeling I worked with a small team to model the impact of COVID19 and associated government imposed lockdown on the economy of Jordan. The analysis included forecasts of the impact relative to the baseline (without COVID19) according to different scenarios of the magnitude of shocks to international trade, tourism arrivals and prevalence of the pandemic. We focused on both the social (income distribution, poverty, employment) and economic impacts (economic growth, investment, trade, FDI, tourism) of the crisis. The project drew on extensive involvement from and dissemination to the Government of Jordan and major donors (including USAID, DFID, and the IMF).

November 2014 World Bank project to evaluate energy related projects in **Egypt**. Lecture Course on Microeconomics in Ministry of Petroleum, Cairo.

2006-2007 EU Fiscal Policy Support to **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Public Finance Specialist. Lecturing at the Ministries of Finance in Sarajevo and Banya Luka.

July 2005 Tax Policy Training Ministry of Finance, Tbilisi, **Georgia** (SOFRECO, EU Funded). Series of ten lectures on tax policy theory and analysis to officials from the Ministry and a training manual.

April 2004 to May 2004 Evaluation review for UNDP on Computable General Equilibrium Modelling in **Bangladesh**. I was the lead researcher in Bangladesh, organised local consultants, conducted interviews in the Ministry of Planning, BIDs, ADB, World Bank etc. Wrote the final (30,000 word) report.

2003 - 2007 Various consultative reports for Oxford Analytica on aspects of the Pakistani and Indian economies.

July 2001 to September 2001 Team leader for the trade section of ‘Regional Association to Promote Integration and Dialogue and Policy Implementation’ (RAPID), Gaborone, **Botswana**, USAid project to analyse regional integration, focusing variously on trade policy, customs, tariffs, the impact of AGOA etc. I led a team of about 8 researchers looking at incentives and comparative advantage in the SADC region. Also wrote a (10,000 word) theoretical review paper for the project (see reports).

August 2000 to September 2000 Zambian Revenue Authority (ZRA), Lusaka, **Zambia**, consultant to the executive committee. Analysed the impact of budget changes on revenue from VAT. I presented the findings to the senior management, which were later used to re-negotiate lending conditionalities with the IMF

October 1996 to August 1998 ODI Fellow in the Budget Office Ministry of Finance, Lusaka, **Zambia**. Participated in various budget task forces in preparing proposals for inclusion in the annual budgets, assisted in drafting. Large number of training manuals and position papers for general use in the Ministry. Inclusion of a number of my own proposals included in the budgets.

Employment History: Visiting Professor Positions

Lublin, **Poland**, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, **Japan**, Lahore School of Economics, Lahore, **Pakistan** Azim Premji University, Bangalore, **India**, Warsaw University, **Poland**, lecture and PhD/ MSc supervisions with graduate students, University of Osaka, **Japan**, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), CERIS University, Brussels, **Belgium**, Korea University, Seoul, **South Korea**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Publications

Books

McCartney, M (2021), *'The Dragon from the Mountains: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from Kashgar to Gwadar'*, New Delhi, Cambridge University Press
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/dragon-from-the-mountains/90AB5FED65A409F5ACCAB5BC92C68555>

McCartney, M (2019), *'The Indian Economy, 1947-2017'*, London, Agenda

Chatterjee, E and M.McCartney (2019), *'Class and Conflict: Bardhan's Political Economy of Development in India Thirty Years On'*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press

McCartney, M and A.Zaidi (2019), *'New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change'*, New Delhi, Cambridge University Press

(for both of the above books, I am a joint editor, co-wrote the introduction and wrote a chapter)

McCartney, M (2015), *'Economic Growth and Development: A Comparative Introduction'*, London, Palgrave MacMillan,

McCartney, M (2011), *'Pakistan – The Political Economy of Growth, Stagnation and the State – 1951 – 2008'*, London, Routledge.

McCartney, M (2010), *'Political Economy, Growth and Liberalisation in India, 1991-2008'*, London, Routledge

McCartney, M (2009), *'India - The Political Economy of Growth, Stagnation and the State – 1951-2007'*, London, Routledge.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

McCartney, M (2022), 'Paul Romer, charter cities and lessons from historical big infrastructure', *Cities*, 131, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2022.103898>

McCartney, M (2020), 'The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Infrastructure, Social Savings, Spillovers, and Economic Growth in Pakistan', *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, DOI: 10.1080/15387216.2020.1836986

McCartney, M (2020), 'The Prospects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): The Importance of Understanding Western China', *Contemporary South Asia*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2020.1855112>

McCartney, M (2018), 'The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Considering Contemporary Pakistan through Old-Fashioned Economics and Historical Case Studies', *Lahore Journal of Economics*, 23:2, p19-48.

McCartney, M (2017), 'Bangladesh 2000-2017: Sustainable Growth, Technology and the Irrelevance of Productivity', *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 22 : SE, p183-198

Kite, G and M.McCartney (2017), 'Pro-business and pro-market reforms in Pakistan: economic growth and stagnation 1950–51 to 2011–12', *Journal of Asia Pacific Economy*, 22:3, p1-17

McCartney, M (2016), 'Costs, Capabilities, Conflict and Cash: The Problem of Technology and Sustainable Economic Growth in Pakistan', *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 21:SE, p65-98.

McCartney, M and I.Roy (2016), 'A Consensus Unravels: NREGA and the Paradox of Rules-based Welfare in India', *European Journal of Development Research*, 28:4, p588-604.

McCartney, M (2015), 'From Problems to Policy: Sustaining Growth and Public Services after the Global Financial Crisis in India and Pakistan', *Stosunki Międzynarodowe - International Relations*, 2:51, p107-136 (Polish Journal)

McCartney, M (2015), 'The Missing Economic Magic: The Failure of Trade Liberalisation and Exchange Rate Devaluation in Pakistan, 1980-2015', *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 20:SE, p59-86.

McCartney, M (2014), 'The Political Economy of Industrial Policy: A Comparative Study of the Textiles Industry in Pakistan', *Lahore Journal of Economics*, 19:SE, p105-134.

McCartney, M (2014), 'Ever Decreasing Circles: The Empirical, Theoretical and (even) Ideological Problems with Cross-State Regression Analysis in India', *Journal of International Development*, 26:1, p23-45.

McCartney, M (2012), 'Competitiveness and Pakistan : A Dangerous, Distorting and Dead-End Obsession ?', *Lahore Journal of Economics* 17:SE, p213-241.

McCartney, M (2011), 'Pakistan, Growth, Dependency and Crisis, 1951-2009', *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 16:SE, p71-94.

McCartney, M (2009), 'Episodes or Evolution: The Genesis of Liberalisation in India', *Journal of South Asian Development*, 4:2, p203-228.

Book Chapters

McCartney, M (2024), '*Third Time Lucky? A Comparative Perspective of IMF Programmes in Pakistan, 2000, 2013, and 2023*' forthcoming

McCartney, M (2019), '*Introduction*', in M.Hussain (2019), '*The Parliament of Pakistan A History of Institution-Building and (Un)Democratic Practices, 1971–1977*', Karachi, Oxford University Press

McCartney, M and A.Zaidi (2019), '*Introduction*', in McCartney, M and A.Zaidi (2019), '*New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change*', New Delhi, Cambridge University Press

McCartney, M (2019), '*In a Desperate State: The Social Sciences and the Overdeveloped State in Pakistan, 1950 to 1983*', in McCartney, M and A.Zaidi (2019), '*New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change*', New Delhi, Cambridge University Press

McCartney, M (2019), '*Included the Excluded: Inclusive Economic Growth after 2004*', in A.D'Costa (Eds) '*Changing Contexts and Shifting Roles: New Perspectives on the Indian State*', New York, Springer (peer reviewed)

McCartney, M (2019), '*The Stagnation Debate: An Enduring Legacy*', in in Chatterjee, E and M.McCartney (eds), '*Class and Conflict: Bardhan's Political Economy of Development in India Thirty Years On*', New Delhi, Oxford University Press

Chatterjee, E and M.McCartney (2019), '*Revisiting The Political Economy of Development in India*', in Chatterjee, E and M.McCartney (eds), '*Class and Conflict: Bardhan's Political Economy of Development in India Thirty Years On*', New Delhi, Oxford University Press

McCartney, M (2015), '*From Boom to Bust: Economic Growth and Security in Pakistan 2003-2013*', in S.Gregory (Eds), '*Democratic Transition and Security in Pakistan*' London, Routledge (peer reviewed)

McCartney, M (2013), '*Going, Going, But Not Yet Quite Gone: The Political Economy of the Indian Intermediate Classes during the Era of Liberalisation*', in S.Bhattacharyya (Eds) (2013), '*Two Decades of Market Reforms in India: Some Dissenting Views*' New Delhi, Anthem Press (peer reviewed)

McCartney, M (2009), '*South Asia 2009*' (Chapter on the Pakistani Economy). (Routledge).

McCartney, M (2005), '*Neoliberalism and South Asia: The Case of a Narrowing Discourse*', in A.Saad-Filho and D.Johnson eds *Neo-Liberalism: A Critical Reader* (Pluto Press) (peer reviewed)

Four chapters in E.Fullbrook eds *A Post Autistic Economics Reader* (Anthem Press 2007).

- 'Driving a Car with an Accelerator, no Steering Wheel and no Road Map: Neo-Classical Discourse and the Case of India'.

- 'Liberalisation and Social Structure: The Case of Labour Intensive Export Growth in South Asia'.

- 'Game Theory a Refinement or an Alternative to Neo-classical Economics?'

- ‘Dynamic and Static Efficiency; The Case of Textile Exports from Bangladesh and the Developmental State’.

Speech/ Seminar Based External Invitations (International Recognition)

On request

Conferences/ Workshop Presentations

On request

University Classes, lectures, curriculum development

Professional Development Courses

Rethinking African Cities, Zambia 2023

The economics of CGE Analysis, Saudi Arabia 2022

Tax Policy and CGE Analysis, Egypt, 2014

Tax Policy and CGE Analysis, Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007

Tax Policy an CGE Analysis, Georgia 2005

University Lecture Courses Convened

University of Oxford (2011-2021) (all MSc)

Indian Political Economy

The Human Development of India

Quantitative Methods in Area Studies

Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka: Contemporary Themes

India as a Great Power: Economics and International Relations

Environment, Human Development and Public Policy in Contemporary India

The Economic Development of South Asia 1947-Present Day

Themes in the History of Pakistan

SOAS, University of London (2003-2011)

Comparative Economic Growth in Africa and Asia

International Trade

Intermediate Macroeconomics

Economic Development of South Asia (MSc)

Microeconomics (MSc)

Graduate Supervision and Other Graduate Teaching

On request

PhD/ DPhil Supervision and Vivas

On request