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CURRENT

PhD Candidate

07/2018 - Present

Monash University

Thesis: "Essays on the Economics of Conflict and Human Right Violations"

Supervisors: Paul Raschky (Main), Nathaniel Lane (Associate)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary

Political Economy, Civil Conflict & Human Right Violations, Applied Econometrics

Secondary

ML and High Dimensional Methods, Text as Data, Comparative Development

EDUCATION

MSc in Economics

10/2015 - 03/2018

University of Munich (LMU)

Grade: 1.24 (with distinction)

ECTS-Grade: Best 10%

Thesis: "Demographic Dynamics and Civil Conflict: The Youth Bulge Reconsidered."

Supervisor: Uwe Sunde

Exchange Student (Master)

09/2016 - 12/2016

Maastricht University

Grade: 8.88/10 (excellent)

Exchange Student (Undergraduate)

09/2014 - 06/2015

University of Washington, Seattle

Grade: 3.96/4.0 (A)

BSc in Economics

10/2011 - 03/2015

University of Munich (LMU)

Grade: 1.41 (with honours)

ECTS-Grade: Best 10%

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH

The Value of Names - Civil Society, Information, and Governing Multinationals on the Global Periphery — with Nathan Lane and Paul Raschky

Civil society is essential to governing the global periphery, where laws and authority are weak. We study how a core strategy of international civil society groups—informing and publicizing human rights abuses—impacts those tied to abuse. Our study focuses on a major trend at the center of on-going international media campaigns: the assassination of civil society activists involved in mining activity. Collecting and coding 20 years of data on assassination events, we use Event Study Methodology to study how publicity of these events impact the asset prices of firms associated with abuse. We show that publicizing abuses has a significant impact on multinationals. Firms associated with an assassination have large, negative abnormal returns following the event; we calculate a median loss in market capitalisation of over 100 million USD, ten days following violence. We highlight the importance of publicity; we show negative returns are stronger during periods of low media pressure versus when assassinations coincide with competing newsworthy events. We find our results are driven by events where companies are explicitly named in coverage, versus events where they are un-named but operating at the site of killings. Furthermore, we reject that results are driven by other forms of unrest and conflict. Last, we show activist assassinations are positively related to the royalties paid by firms to domestic governments.

TEACHING

Microeconomics (ECF1100) - Undergraduate

07/2019 - 11/2019

Monash University, TA for George Rivers

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant - for Sascha Becker

10/2019 - Present

Monash University

Research Assistant - for Vinod Mishra and Philip Grossman

06/2019 - 11/2019

Monash University, Provision of drop-in sessions for statistical programming for "Master/Honours in Economics" students

PRESENTATIONS

Research In Terrorism Seminar (Upcoming)

12/2020

Virtual 2020 North East Universities Development Consortium (Upcoming)

11/2020

Applied Young Economists Webinar

09/2020

SCHOLARSHIPS & HONOURS

Monash Graduate Scholarship

07/2018 - Present

Monash Departmental Scholarship (Top-up)

07/2018 - Present

Monash International Tuition Scholarship

07/2018 - Present

Hans-Rudolf Stiftung Scholarship

10/2013 - 09/2017

ERASMUS+ Scholarship

09/2016 - 12/2016

Dean's List Autumn Quarter 2014 & Winter Quarter 2015 -

09/2014 - 03/2015

College of Arts & Science, University of Washington

MEMBERSHIPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Co-Organizer of the SoDa Labs ML-Applied Economics Reading Group 04/2019 - Present

Member of SoDa Labs 11/2018 - Present
Monash University

Econometric Game - Monash University Team Member 04/2019
University of Amsterdam, Finalist Award (Top 10)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Advanced	STATA, Python
Intermediate	R, R Markdown, L ^A T _E X, ArcGIS/ArcPy
Basic	Mata, git, Unix, Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

German (native), **English** (fluent, TOEFL iBT: 116/120), **Latin** (Advanced Latinum)