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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 (very good/excellent performance)

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 (very good/excellent performance)

ECTS-Grade: Best 10%

REFERENCES

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Full Professor of Economics

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RESEARCH

Returns to Repression - Firm Asset Price Responses to Activist Assassinations in Resource Rich Economies - with Nathan Lane and Paul Raschky

Civil society is seen a key ingredient to political and economic development. Our study explores the consequences of suppressing civil society. We do so by analyzing market responses to a severe form of repression: the extra-judicial assassinations of activists in resource-rich economies. We conduct an event study using hundreds of rare, hand-coded records of activist assassinations—including the names of implicated companies. We implement our unique, large-scale asset price study, by creating firm-level measures of "exposure" to violence and comparing the cumulative abnormal returns (CARs) across firms differentially exposed to events. By analyzing outcomes before and after violence, we answer two questions: 1) Examining asset price movements prior to killings, we test for whether markets reveal prior knowledge of violence. 2) Our main analysis then explores asset price movements after assassinations to investigate investor responses to violence. We find extrajudicial killings lead to highly significant negative abnormal returns for companies associated with violence. These effects are also highly persistent. Next, using the rich global reach of our study, we explore how market reactions vary by measures of institutional quality. We show the extent to which firms face repercussions from violence is significantly related to the quality of state institutions. Thus, our findings indicate that markets punish firms most likely to benefit from the suppression of civil society, though less so under weak states.

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

MEMBERSHIPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Organisator of the SoDa Labs ML-Applied Economics Reading Group 04/2019 - Present
Monash University, with Ashani Amarasinghe

Member of SoDa Labs 11/2018 - Present
Monash University

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

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 Winter Quarter 2015 - 01/2015 - 03/2015
College of Arts & Science, University of Washington

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)