

# JOSHUA BUDLENDER

---

CONTACT	120 Gordon Hall Department of Economics University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA 01002	jbudlender@umass.edu joshua.budlender@uct.ac.za  
EDUCATION	<b>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ PhD, Economics (<i>ongoing</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fields: Labour, Development</li></ul></li></ul> <b>University College London (UCL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ MSc, Economic Policy (<i>with distinction</i>)</li></ul> <b>University of Cape Town</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ BSocSci (Honours), Economics</li><li>▪ BSocSci, Economics &amp; Economic History (<i>with distinction</i>)</li></ul>	<i>Amherst, MA</i> Sep 2017 – present  <i>London, UK</i> Sep 2016 – Sep 2017  <i>Cape Town, RSA</i> Jan 2014 – Dec 2014 Jan 2011 – Dec 2013
RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Southern Africa Labour &amp; Development Research Unit (SALDRU)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Junior Research Fellow</li></ul> <b>Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Research Fellow</li></ul> <b>Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Researcher (<i>project-based, part-time</i>)</li></ul> <b>Southern Africa Labour &amp; Development Research Unit (SALDRU)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Researcher</li></ul> <b>School of Economics, University of Cape Town</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tutor (TA equivalent)</li></ul>	<i>Cape Town, RSA</i> Aug 2021 – present  <i>Johannesburg, RSA</i> Aug 2015 – Jul 2016  <i>Cape Town, RSA</i> Apr 2015 – Aug 2016  <i>Cape Town, RSA</i> Feb 2015 – Jul 2015  <i>Cape Town, RSA</i> Jul 2012 – Dec 2014
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Fulbright Scholarship</b>, Fulbright Foreign Student Program Full-tuition scholarship with stipend (2 years), for PhD at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.</li><li>▪ <b>Doctoral Abroad Scholarship</b>, National Research Foundation (South Africa) Scholarship with stipend (4 years), for PhD at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.</li><li>▪ <b>Chevening Scholarship</b>, United Kingdom Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office Full-tuition scholarship with stipend (1 year), for MSc at University College London (UCL).</li><li>▪ <b>Thembi Losi Memorial Prize</b>, School of Economics, University of Cape Town For best Honours Long Paper with a developmental theme.</li><li>▪ <b>Undergraduate Winner, Nedbank &amp; Old Mutual Budget Speech Competition</b> National Economics essay-writing competition, with interview component for top-10.</li></ul>	2017 2017 2016 2014 2013
PUBLICATIONS	<b>JOURNAL ARTICLES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[2] I. Bassier, J. Budlender, R. Zizzamia, M. Leibbrandt, V. Ranchhod (2020). “Locked down and locked out: Repurposing social assistance as emergency relief to informal workers” <i>World Development</i>, DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105271.</li><li>[1] I. Turok, J. Budlender, and J. Visagie (2018). “Urban ‘Slums’ and Social Mobility” <i>Development Policy Review</i>, 36(6): 703-725.</li></ul> <b>WORKING PAPERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[7] I. Bassier, J. Budlender and M. Goldman (2022). “Social Distress and (Some) Relief: Estimating the impact of pandemic job loss on poverty in South Africa” (WIDER Working Paper 2022/80). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.</li><li>[6] J. Budlender and A. Ebrahim (2021). “Estimating employment responses to South Africa’s Employment Tax Incentive” (WIDER Working Paper 2021/118). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.</li></ul>	

- [5] I. Bassier and J. Budlender (2021). “Methods for credible evaluation of programme stimulus effects in South Africa” (SALDRU Working Paper 278). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.
- [4] R. Jain, J. Budlender, R. Zizzamia, and I. Bassier (2020). “The labor market and poverty impacts of covid-19 in South Africa” (SALDRU Working Paper 264). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.
- [3] J. Budlender and A. Ebrahim (2020). “Industry classification in the South African tax microdata” (WIDER Working Paper 2020/99). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [2] J. Budlender (2019). “Markups and Market Structure in South Africa: What can be learnt from new administrative data?” (WIDER Working Paper 2019/58). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [1] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard (2015). “South African poverty lines: a review and two new money-metric thresholds” (SALDRU Working Paper 151). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.

#### REPORTS

- [3] M. Goldman, I. Bassier, J. Budlender, L. Mzankomo, I. Woolard and M. Leibbrandt (2021). “Simulation of options to replace the special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant and close the poverty gap at the food poverty line” (WIDER Working Paper 2021/165). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [2] J. Budlender (2016). *Edged Out: Spatial Mismatch and Spatial Justice in South Africa’s Main Urban Areas – Technical Report*. Johannesburg: Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa.
- [1] J. Budlender and L. Royston (2016). *Edged Out: Spatial Mismatch and Spatial Justice in South Africa’s Main Urban Areas*. Johannesburg: Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa.

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [1] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard, “Weakly relative poverty lines in developing countries: The case of South Africa,” for the *Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa*. Cape Town, Sep 2015.

#### GRANTS

- **SA-TIED Research Grants, UNU-WIDER**
- Monopsony, Wage Floors, and Structural Transformation (2022)
- Project on the South African Employment Tax Incentive (2020)
- Industry classification in the South African tax microdata (2019)
- The market structure-profit relationship in South Africa: Evidence from administrative data (2018)

#### REFeree SERVICE

*Journal of Development Economics, Review of Social Economy, South African Journal of Economics, Development Southern Africa*

#### REFERENCES

Available on request.