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RESEARCH & TEACHING APPOINTMENTS	Southern Africa Labour & Development Research Unit (SALDRU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Postdoctoral Research Fellow Jul 2024 – present ▪ Junior Research Fellow Aug 2021 – Jun 2024 ▪ Researcher Feb 2015 – Jul 2015 Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research Fellow Aug 2015 – Jul 2016 School of Economics, University of Cape Town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tutor (TA equivalent) Jul 2012 – Dec 2014
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PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES	JOURNAL ARTICLES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [3] I. Bassier, <u>J. Budlender</u>, R. Zizzamia and R. Jain (2023). “The labour market and poverty impacts of covid-19 in South Africa” <i>South African Journal of Economics</i>, DOI: 10.1111/saje.12356. [2] I. Bassier, <u>J. Budlender</u>, 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. [1] I. Turok, <u>J. Budlender</u>, and J. Visagie (2018). “Urban ‘Slums’ and Social Mobility” <i>Development Policy Review</i>, 36(6): 703-725.
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WORKING PAPERS

- [7] J. Budlender (2024). “Surviving in the dark: the mortality effects of reducing rolling blackouts” (WIDER Working Paper 2024/44). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [6] I. Bassier and J. Budlender (2024). “Stimulus effects of a large public employment programme” (AFD Research Paper 305). Agence française de développement.
- [5] J. Budlender and I. Bassier (2023). “Rent sharing, wage floors and development” (WIDER Working Paper 2023/132). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [4] 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. (*conditionally accepted, International Journal of Microsimulation*)
- [3] J. Budlender and A. Ebrahim (2021). “Estimating employment responses to South Africa’s Employment Tax Incentive” (WIDER Working Paper 2021/118). 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.

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- [5] 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.
- [4] 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.
- [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 (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 PRESENTATIONS

- [5] I. Bassier and J. Budlender, “Stimulus effects of a large public employment programme,” for the *Inequality, Work and Nature Conference*. Agence Française de Développement Group: Cape Town, Nov 2023.
- [4] J. Budlender and I. Bassier, “Monopsony, wage floors and structural transformation,” for the *2023 Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa*. Economic Society of South Africa: Pretoria, Sep 2023.
- [3] I. Bassier, J. Budlender and M. Leibbrandt, “Stimulus effects of public social programmes,” for the *2023 Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa*. Economic Society of South Africa: Pretoria, Sep 2023.
- [2] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard, “Weakly relative poverty lines in developing countries: The case of South Africa,” for the *2015 Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa*. Economic Society of South Africa: Cape Town, Sep 2015.
- [1] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard, “A “Weakly Relative” Poverty Line for South Africa,” for the *Workshop on Measuring Deprivation in order to Promote Human Development in South Africa*. Academy of Science of South Africa: Muldersdrift, Jun 2015.

GRANTS

SRG Research Grant, STEG

- Monopsony, Wage Floors, and Structural Transformation (2023-24)

RFI Research Grant, EU-AFD

- Stimulus effects of a large public employment programme (2021-23)

SA-TIED Research Grants, UNU-WIDER

- Economic and social costs of rolling blackouts in South Africa (2023-24)
- Monopsony, Wage Floors, and Structural Transformation (2022-23)
- Project on the South African Employment Tax Incentive (2020-21)
- Industry classification in the South African tax microdata (2019-20)
- The market structure-profit relationship in South Africa: Evidence from administrative data (2018-19)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Foreign Student Program ▪ Doctoral Abroad Scholarship, National Research Foundation (South Africa) ▪ Chevening Scholarship, United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office ▪ Thembi Losi Memorial Prize, School of Economics, University of Cape Town ▪ Undergraduate Winner, Nedbank & Old Mutual Budget Speech Competition | <p>Full-tuition scholarship with stipend (2 years), for PhD at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 2017</p> <p>Scholarship with stipend (4 years), for PhD at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 2017</p> <p>Full-tuition scholarship with stipend (1 year), for MSc at University College London (UCL). 2016</p> <p>For best Honours Long Paper with a developmental theme. 2014</p> <p>National Economics essay-writing competition, with interview component for top-10. 2013</p> |
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