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**PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:**

2015 – 2017 MRes in Economics (Distinction), London School of Economics  
2014 – 2015 MSc in Economics (Distinction), London School of Economics  
2010 – 2014 BSc in Economics (Distinction), University of Mannheim  
2012 Visiting student at Toulouse School of Economics

**DOCTORAL STUDIES:** London School of Economics

DATES: 2017 – present

THESIS TITLE: “Essays in Development Economics”

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: Summer 2020

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**DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:**

Primary Fields: Development Economics

Secondary Fields: Economic Geography/Trade, Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Postgraduate level:**

2018 – 2019            Econometrics  
2016 – 2018            Pre-sessional Stats Course

**Undergraduate level:**

2016 – 2020            Introduction to Econometrics  
2018                    Development Economics (Summer School)  
2017                    Introductory Microeconomics (Summer School)  
2014 – 2016            Introductory Economics  
2011                    Analysis

**RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:**

2018 – 2010            Teaching Fellow, London School of Economics  
2018 – 2019            Research Assistant to Prof Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University  
2017 – 2018            Research Assistant to Dr Sandra Sequeira, London School of Economics  
2014 – 2018            Graduate Teaching Assistant, London School of Economics  
2014                    Intern, Office of the Chancellor's Personal Representative for Africa,  
                              German Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development  
2013 – 2014            Intern, KfW Development Bank, Accra Office  
2012                    Intern, Deloitte, Munich Office  
2011                    Class Teacher, University of Mannheim

**LANGUAGES:**

German (Native), English (Fluent), French (Advanced), Arabic (Basic)

**HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

2020                    Class Teacher Award  
2019 – 2021            PhD Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation  
2015 – 2019            Doctoral Training Award, UK Economic and Social Research Council  
2014 – 2015            Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation  
2014 – 2015            Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (turned down)  
2011 – 2014            Scholarship, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

**CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:**

2020	Households in Conflict Network Workshop (online), IEA World Congress Bali (postponed), Spring Meeting of Young Economists Bologna (postponed), RGS Econ Conference Bochum, LSE seminars
2019	RGS Econ Conference Essen, LSE seminars
2018	RGS Econ Conference Duisburg, LSE seminars
2017	LSE seminars
2016	Norwich Development Workshop (declined)

**REFEREE SERVICE:**

Economica, Spring Meeting for Young Economists

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

Stata, Python, Latex, R, MS Office

**COMPLETED PAPERS:**

**The Legacy of Conflict: Aggregate Evidence from Sierra Leone (*Job Market Paper*)**

This paper studies the general equilibrium impact of civil war in Sierra Leone. I first use an instrumental variable (IV) strategy and geographic conflict variation to estimate reduced-form effects. I show that civil war leads to affected areas having a higher share of workers in agriculture and lower worker income as a result. In order to explicitly take into account general equilibrium effects such as selective migration in response to the war, I then develop an economic geography model. The model sheds light on different mechanisms through which conflict affects aggregate income: Changes in education and firm productivity have both direct effects on income and indirect effects by changing the allocation of labour across sectors and locations. Changes in amenities also affect the spatial allocation of labour. Next, while education outcomes are observed, I leverage the structure of the model to identify unobserved firm productivities as well as amenities. I find that conflict strongly affects education and non-agricultural firm productivity while amenities and agricultural firm productivity are unaffected in the long run. Finally, I use the model to perform counterfactual simulations. In the absence of civil war, aggregate income in Sierra Leone would be 14.8% higher today. Human capital losses can account for about 1/3 of the effect.

**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:**

**The Impact of Peace: Evidence from Nigeria**

This paper studies the consequences of peace – or conversely, conflict – on four outcomes of fundamental economic relevance: Education, health, self-employment income and household expenditures. While the empirical literature on the consequences of conflict involving cross-country regression studies may deliver suggestive big picture evidence on links between conflict and economic outcomes, establishing causation remains problematic. By contrast, my study builds on the rather recent micro-empirical literature and proposes to use a natural experiment in Nigeria to evaluate the consequences of a reduction of conflict. The amnesty policy implemented by the Nigerian government in the Niger Delta Region in 2009 is used as a policy shock to assess the effect of a conflict reduction on the outcomes of interest. Using a constructed synthetic control region from the states that are not part of the

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Niger Delta region and therefore unaffected by the policy as a within-country counterfactual to the Niger Delta region, the natural experiment setting enables me to interpret the results causally and estimate the peace benefits that the amnesty policy generated. I find that peace through the amnesty policy generated an increase in education by 0.5 years of schooling, a 67% increase in self-employment income and a 19% increase in household expenditures four years later.