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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married to Bronwen Burgess
Children: Isla Macbeth Burgess (August 03, 2005), Romilly Belle Burgess (May 14, 2009)
Citizenship: UK

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy,
Labor Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POSITIONS

2007 – present	Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
2008 – present	Founder and Director, International Growth Centre, LSE
2004 – 2007	Reader in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1999 – present	Director, Economic Organization and Public Policy Programme, STICERD, LSE
2018	Ta-Chung Liu Distinguished Visitor, Department of Economics and Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, May
2015	Visiting Professor, Department of Economics and Stanford Center for International Development, Stanford University, Summer
2005	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Fall Semester
2003	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University and National Bureau for Economic Research, Fall Semester
2002	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University College London, Fall Semester
2001	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT, Fall Semester
2000 – 2004	Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1998 – 1999	Lecturer in Development Economics, Development Studies Institute and Department of Economics, LSE
1991 – 1995	Consultant Economist, Chief Economists Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1989 – 1991	Consultant Economist, World Development Report and Research Department, World Bank

AFFILIATIONS

2018 – present	President Elect, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis (BREAD), Board Member (2008 – present), Senior Fellow (2005 – present), Junior Affiliate (2002 – 2005)
2018 – present	Affiliate, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE)
2017 – present	Editorial Board, VoxDev
2016 – present	Fellow of the British Academy
2016 – present	Commissioner, LSE/Oxford Commission on Growth in Fragile States

2013 – present	Board Member, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley
2011 – present	Fellow, Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality
2006 – present	Program Director, CEPR Development Economics Program
2004 – 2010	Faculty Research Fellow, Economics of Education and Labor Studies Programs, National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)
2002 – 2009	Founder and Director, Microeconomics of Growth Research Network (with Chang-Tai Hsieh)
2001 – present	Member, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD)
2001 – present	Fellow, European Development Research Network (EUDN)

AWARDS

2017 – 2022	Advanced European Research Council (ERC) Grant “Man and Nature in Developing Countries” 2.3 million euro
2017 – 2019	British Academy Early Childhood Development Grant (with Oriana Bandiera) £340000
2014 – 2017	Economic and Social Research Council “Basic Entrepreneurship: A Means for Transforming the Lives of the Poor?” £472,238
2013 – 2017	Department for International Development “International Growth Centre Phase II” Grant” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier, Anthony Venables, Chang-Tai Hsieh) £52 million
2009 – 2013	Department for International Development “International Growth Centre Phase I” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier, Stefan Dercon, Chang-Tai Hsieh and Gobind Nankani) £37 million
2007 – 2010	Economic and Social Research Council “Infrastructure and Development: Evidence from India and East Africa” £251,382
2007 – 2011	Department for International Development “Institutions, Growth and Poverty” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier and Stefan Dercon) £5.02 million

EDUCATION

1992 – 1998: Ph.D. Economics, Oxford University

1986 – 1988: M.Sc. Economics, LSE, 1988

1981 – 1985: B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Sciences, Edinburgh University, *Summa Cum Laude*

WORKING PAPERS

“Why do people stay poor?” (with Clare Balboni, Oriana Bandiera, Maitreesh Ghatak and Anton Heil)

“Demand for electricity in a poor economy” (with Michael Greenstone, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan)

“Strategic Fire Setting: Evidence from 100000 Forest Fires in Indonesia” (with Clare Balboni and Ben Olken)

“Social Ties and the Delivery of Development Programs” (with Oriana Bandiera, Erika Deseranno, Ricardo Morel, Imran Rasul and Munshi Sulaiman)

“Wilderness Conservation and the Reach of the State: Evidence from National Borders in the Amazon” (with Francisco Costa and Ben Olken)

Social Proximity and Bureaucrat Performance: Evidence from India (with Marianne Bertrand, Arunish Chawla and Guo Xu)

“Railroads and the Demise of Famine in Colonial India” (with Dave Donaldson)

“The Costs of Market Disintegration: Evidence from the Indo-Pak Border” (with Xiang Ding, Dave Donaldson and Stephen Redding)

“Weather, Climate Change and Death in India” (with Olivier Deschenes, Dave Donaldson and Michael Greenstone)

“Mao’s Legacy: Access to Land and Hunger in Modern China”

“Cities, Slums and Growth in India” (with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Enrico Moretti and Guo Xu)

PAPERS

“The Glittering Prizes: Career Incentives and Bureaucrat Performance” (with Marianne Bertrand, Arunish Chawla and Guo Xu) forthcoming *Review of Economic Studies*

“Tackling Youth Unemployment: Evidence from a Labour Market Experiment in Uganda” (with Livia Alfonsi, Oriana Bandiera, Vittorio Bassi, Robin Burgess, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman, Anna Vitali) revise and resubmit *Econometrica*

“Women’s Empowerment in Action: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Africa” (with Oriana Bandiera, Niklas Buehren, Markus Goldstein, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul and Munshi Sulaiman) forthcoming *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

“Electricity is Not a Right” (with Michael Greenstone, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan) forthcoming *Journal of Economic Perspectives*

“Labor Markets and Poverty in Village Economies” (with Oriana Bandiera, Narayan Das, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(2), 2017.

“The Value of Democracy: Evidence from Road Building in Kenya” (with Remi Jedwab, Edward Miguel, Gerard Padro i Miquel, and Ameet Morjaria) *American Economic Review* 105(6), 2015.

“War and Deforestation in Sierra Leone”, (with Edward Miguel and Charlotte Stanton) *Environmental Research Letters*, 10, 2015.

“The Political Economy of Deforestation in the Tropics” (with Matthew Hansen, Benjamin Olken, Peter Potapov and Stefanie Sieber) *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 127 (4), 2012.

“Can Openness Mitigate the Effects of Weather Shocks? Evidence from India's Famine Era” (with Dave Donaldson) *American Economic Review*, 100(2), 2010.

“The Intention to Participate in Adolescent Training Programs: Evidence from Uganda” (with Oriana Bandiera, Markus Goldstein, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 8(2-3), 2010.

“The Unequal Effects of Liberalization: Evidence from Dismantling the License Raj in India” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *American Economic Review*, 98(4), 2008.

“Do Rural Banks Matter? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment” (with Rohini Pande). *American Economic Review*, 95(3), 2005.

“Entry Liberalization and Inequality in Industrial Performance” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India” (with Rohini Pande and Grace Wong). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Can Labor Regulation Hinder Economic Performance? Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(1), 2004.

“Towards a Microeconomics of Growth” (with Anthony Venables) in *Accelerating Development: Annual Bank Conference in Development Economics*, Oxford University Press, 2004.

“Halving Global Poverty” (with Timothy Besley). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 17(3), 2003,

“The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4), 2002.

“Mass Media and Political Accountability” (with Timothy Besley and Andrea Prat) in Islam, R. (ed) *The Right to Tell: Institutions and the Media*, World Bank, 2002.

“Political Agency, Government Responsiveness and the Role of the Media” (with Timothy Besley). *European Economic Review*, 45(4-6), 2001.

“Land Reform, Poverty and Growth: Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 105(2), 2000.

“Value-Added Tax Options for India” (with Stephen Howes and Nicholas Stern). *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2(1), 1995.

“The Behaviour of State Firms in Eastern Europe, Pre- Privatization” (with Philippe Aghion and Olivier Blanchard). *European Economic Review*, 38(6), 1994.

“Taxation and Development” (with Nicholas Stern). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31(2), 1993.

INVITED LECTURES

September 2019	Invited lecture, International Monetary Fund, Washington
September 2018	Invited Lecture, European Association of Labor Economists, Lyon
June 2018	Keynote, Tinbergen International Trade and Development Conference, Amsterdam
July 2016	Invited Lecture, Asian Development Bank Conference, Seoul
May 2016	Invited Lecture, World Bank Conference on Inclusive Growth, Washington
February 2016	Keynote, World Wildlife Fund Green Economy Conference, Stockholm
December 2015	Keynote, World Bank Conference on The Challenges of Job Creation, New Delhi
July 2015	Keynote, International Growth Centre Africa Growth Forum, Addis Ababa
June 2014	Keynote, International Growth Centre Africa Growth Forum, Accra
June 2014	Semi-Plenary Address, 2014 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Taipei
June 2014	Invited Lecture, IEA 17 th World Congress, Jordan
March 2014	Keynote, International Growth Centre Bangladesh Launch, Dhaka
July 2013	Keynote, International Growth Centre Bihar Growth Week Conference, Patna
June 2011	Keynote, 7 th Australasian Development Economics Conference, Perth
March 2010	Keynote, Gustav Ranis Lecture, Pakistan, 25 th Annual General Meeting and Conference of The Pakistan Society of Development Economists, Islamabad

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2017 –	LSE School of Public Policy Implementation Group
2017 –	Co-Organizer, LSE Applications Seminar

- 2015 – Steering Committee, STICERD, LSE
- 2013 – Steering Committee, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE
- 2010 – LSE Investments Committee
- 2003 – Co-founder & Organizer, LSE MPA Programme
- 1998 –2017 Co-organizer, LSE-UCL Development and Growth Seminar

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2016 – Member, Grants Committee, British Academy
- 2013 – Member, Grants Committee, JPAL
- 2008 – Co-Founder and Scientific Committee Member, China Economic Summer Institute
- 2009 – 2013 Member, European Economic Association Council
- 2004 – 2009 Associate Editor, Economic Journal
- 2007 – 2008 Co-organizer, Africa Development Group, World Bank
- 2005 – 2008 Chair, Advisory Board on Microeconomics of Growth, World Bank
- 2002 – 2006 Elected Research Affiliate Representative, Executive Committee, CEPR
- 1991 – 1993 Advisor on Indirect Tax Reform to Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (with Nicholas Stern)

PHD STUDENTS

- 2019
 - Shan Aman-Rana (Department of Economics, University of Virginia)
 - Clare Balboni (Department of Economics, MIT)
 - Simon Franklin (Department of Economics, Queen Mary College, University of London)
 - Xuezhu Shi (Department of Economics, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing)
 - Torsten Walter (Department of Economics, NYU Abu Dhabi)
- 2018
 - Michel Azulai (Department of Economics, UCL and IFS)
 - Hanwei Huang (Department of Economics, City University of Hong Kong)
 - Dana Kassem (Department of Economics, University of Mannheim)
- 2017
 - Florian Blum (Young Professionals Program, World Bank)
 - Yatang Lin (Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
 - Junichi Yamasaki (Department of Economics, Kobe University)
 - Guo Xu (Haas School of Business, University of California Berkeley)
- 2016
 - Jonathan Colmer (Department of Economics, University of Virginia)
 - Shiyu Bo (Department of Economics, Jinan University)
- 2015
 - Ameet Morjaria (Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences Department, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University)
 - Erika Deserrano (Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, Kellogg, Northwestern University)
 - Pedro Souza (Department of Economics, PUC Rio)
 - Samuel Marden (Department of Economics, Sussex University)
 - Jason Garred (Department of Economics, Ottawa University)
 - Yi Fan (Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore)
- 2013
 - Ben Faber (Department of Economics, UC Berkeley)
 - Francisco Costa (Graduate School of Economics, Getulio Vargas Foundation)
 - Ann Brockmeyer (Young Professionals Program, World Bank)
- 2012
 - Luke Miner (New Economic School, Moscow)
 - Remi Jedwab (Department of Economics, George Washington University)

	Oliver Vanden-Eynde (Department of Economics, Paris School of Economics and Post-Doc, Princeton University)
2011	Selim Gulesci (Department of Economics, Bocconi University) Stefanie Sieber (Young Professionals Program, World Bank)
2010	Sónia Gonçalves (Department of Management, Kings College London)
2009	Dave Donaldson (Department of Economics, MIT) Juan Pablo Rud (Department of Economics, Royal Holloway)
2008	Roberto Bonfatti (Department of Economics, University of Oxford) Ralph Ossa (Booth School of Business, University of Chicago)
2006	Irma Clots (Department of Economics, Carlos III)
2005	Matthieu Chemin (Department of Economics, University of Quebec) Pataporn Sukontamarn (Department of Economics, Adelaide University)
2004	Berta Esteve-Volart (Department of Economics, York University, Canada) Grace Wong (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania)
2002	Imran Rasul (Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago)
2001	Marta Reynal-Querol (Department of Economics, Pompeu Fabra)

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Co-organizer, IGC Growth Week Conference, LSE: 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
 Co-organizer, CEPR Development Economics Conference: 2017 (Dublin), 2016 (LSE), 2015 (Barcelona), 2014 (Stockholm), 2012 (Bocconi), 2008 (LSE), 2006 (Paris)
 Co-organizer, IGC/BRAC Ultra-Poor Conference, LSE: 2015
 Co-organizer, BREAD/CEPR Conference on Development Economics: 2018 (LSE), 2016 (Bocconi), 2014 (LSE), 2011 (Paris), 2009 (LSE), 2007 (LSE)
 Co-organizer, IGC South Asia Growth Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh: 2012
 Co-organizer, Growth in Bihar Conference, Patna, India: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
 Co-organizer, China Summer Institute: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
 Co-organizer, Polarization and Conflict Conference, LSE: 2008
 Co-organizer, Microeconomics of Growth Conference, World Bank: 2007
 Co-organizer, Growth in Brazil Conference, Rio de Janeiro: 2007
 Co-organizer, CEPR/Swedish Development Economics Network Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm: 2007
 Program Committee, European Economic Association Annual Meeting: 2013

REFEREE

Journal of Applied Econometrics, American Economic Review, Department for International Development, Journal of Development Economics, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Ecological Economics, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Journal of Economic Literature, Economic Journal, Economics of Planning, Economics of Transition, Economic and Social Research Council, Journal of the European Economic Association, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, International Tax and Public Finance, Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Leverhulme Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, MIT Press, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Nuffield Foundation, Oxford University Press, Journal of Political Economy, Princeton University Press, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Rand Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Rockefeller Foundation, World Bank

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Social Science Association Meetings, Bangalore Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Beijing University, Beijing University Conference on Land Reform, Beijing Conference on Pro-Poor Growth, Bellagio Conference on Social Dynamics and the Microeconomics of Poverty, Bonn, Brazilian Ministry of Land Reform Conference, Brown,

Bureau of Research on Economic Development Conference, Caltech, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UCLA, UC-San Diego, Canadian Institute of Advanced Research Institutions, Organizations and Growth Meeting, Cambridge, CEPR Dynamic Aspects of Policy Reform Conference, CEPR Conference on Gender Inequalities, CEPR Conference on the Economic Analysis of Political Institutions, CEPR Public Policy Symposium, CEPR Conference on International Trade, CEPR Transition Meets Development Conference, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Da Nang University, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi Pro-Poor Growth Conference, Department for International Development, University of East Anglia, Essex, European Economic Association Meetings, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Hanoi National University, Harvard, Harvard Political Institutions and Economic Policies Conference, Heidelberg, IFPRI/IDB Conference on Disaster Mitigation, IMF, Indian National Sample Survey Organization, Indian Ministry of Finance, Indian Ministry of Rural Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, LSE, LSE Economics of Industrial Development Conference, MacArthur Inequality and Economic Performance Network, Michigan, MIT, NBER Summer Institute, NBER Globalization and Poverty Conference, New York University, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Nottingham, Oxford, Paris School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Princeton, Pompeu Fabra, Rand, Southampton, Stanford, Stockholm Institute of International Studies, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Toulouse, UBC Conference on Indian Economic Reforms, UCL, UNDP Vietnam Office, World Bank, World Development Report Meeting on the Role of Media in Development, Yale, Yale Conference on Political Economy of Development, Yale Globalization Conference