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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy; development; institutions; governance; inequality; SDGs; convergence; state capacity.

## PRESENT APPOINTMENT

2022 – Reader in Development Economics, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

2020 – Non-resident Senior Fellow at UNU-WIDER (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research).

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2018/21 Senior Lecturer in Development Economics, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

2011/7 Lecturer in Development Economics (tenured), Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

2011 – 2019 Researcher at the *Effective States and Inclusive Development centre* ([www.effective-states.org](http://www.effective-states.org)), University of Manchester.

2010/1 Teaching Fellow in Economics (tenured), Dept. Economics, University of Exeter.

2008/9 Lecturer in Economics (temporary), School of Economics, University of Reading.

2007/8 Teaching Fellow in Economics (temporary), School of Economics, University of Reading.

## EDUCATION

2008/9 Ph.D. Economics, University of Bath.

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

2024 “Is There a Fiscal Resource Curse? Resource Rents, Fiscal Capacity and Political Institutions in Developing Economies” (with T. Masi and K.Sen). *World Development*, Vol. 177, May.

2023 “Constraints on the Executive and Tax Revenues in the Long Run” (with A.Tagem and K. Sen). *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19(3), 314-331.

2023 “The Origins of Fiscal States in Developing Economies: History, Politics and Institutions” (with K. Sen). *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19(3), 303-313..

2023 “Decentralisation or Patronage: What determines government’s allocation of development spending in a unitary country? Evidence from Bangladesh” (with A.M. Ali). *European Journal of Political Economy*, Vol.78, June.

2023 “Regional Income Inequality in Egypt: Evolution and Implications for Sustainable Development Goal 10” (with. I. Bournakis, M. Said, F. Savoia). *Oxford Development Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/13600818.2023.2225429.

2021 “The Political Economy of the Resource Curse: a Development Perspective” (with K. Sen). *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, Vol.13: 203-223.

2021 “Understanding a ‘Development Miracle’: Poverty Reduction, Economic Growth and Human Development in Malaysia during 1970-2010” (with N.Asadullah and N. Mansor). ), *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Vol.22(4): 551-576.

2020 “Will South Asia Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030? Learning from the MDGs experience” (with N. Asadullah and K. Sen). *Social Indicators Research*, 152(1): 165-189. Springer.

2020 “Measuring Governance to achieve Sustainable Development: Promises and Challenges” (with D. Malito, G. Umbach and D. Hulme). Forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Peace Justice and Strong Institutions Volume*. Springer.

2019 “What Determines Administrative Capacity in Developing Countries?” (with R. Ricciuti and K.Sen). *International Tax and Public Finance*, 26(5): 972-998. Springer.

- 2019 “How Do Political Institutions Affect Fiscal Capacity? Explaining Taxation in Developing Economies” (with R. Ricciuti and K.Sen). *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 15(2): 351-380. Cambridge University Press.
- 2018 “Poverty Reduction during 1990-2013: Do Millennium Development Goals adoption and State Capacity Matter?” (with N.Asadullah). *World Development*, Vol.105, pp.70-82, May 2018. Elsevier.
- 2016 “Do We See Convergence in Institutional Quality? A Cross-Country Analysis” (with K. Sen), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 52(2). Taylor & Francis.
- 2016 “Institutions: Evolution, Path Dependency, Anachronism and Impact” (with R. Dimova), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 52(2). Taylor & Francis.
- 2015 “Measurement, Evolution, Determinants and Consequences of State Capacity: A Review of Recent Research” (with K.Sen), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 29(3): 441-458, July 2015. Wiley.
- 2015 “Governance as a Global Development Goal? Setting, Measuring and Monitoring the Post 2015 Development Agenda” (with D. Hulme and K.Sen), *Global Policy*, 6: 85-96, May 2015. Wiley.
- 2014 “Paths to Development: Is There a Bangladesh Surprise?” (with N.Asadullah and W.Mahmud), *World Development*, October 2014, Vol.62, pp.138-154. Elsevier.
- 2013 “Inequality in Developing Economies: the Role of Institutional Development” (with J.Easaw and A.Amendola), *Public Choice*, 2013, 155(1-2): 43-60. Springer.
- 2010 “Inequality, Democracy and Institutions: a Critical Review of Recent Research” (with J.Easaw and A.McKay), *World Development*, February 2010, Vol.38, No.2, pp.142-154. Elsevier.

### **EDITORIAL ACTIVITY**

- Oct. 2024 – Managing Co-Editor of *The Journal of Development Studies*, Routledge - Taylor & Francis.
- 2023 Guest editor, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, special issue on *Fiscal States in Developing Economies*, Cambridge University Press, June 2023.
- 2018 – Member of the editorial board of *Global Policy* (GPol), Wiley - Blackwell.
- 2016 Guest editor, *The Journal of Development Studies*, special issue on *Institutions and Development*, Routledge - Taylor & Francis, 2016, Vol.52 Issue 2.
- 2013/9 Member of the editorial board of *Development Studies Research* (DSR), Routledge - Taylor & Francis.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Postgraduate level: Development Economics; Quantitative Methods for Economic Development; Economics of Governance and Development; Development Finance.
- Undergraduate level: Development Economics; Macroeconomics; Econometrics, and Economics of Inequality.

Antonio Savoia, September 2024