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SUMMARY

Political scientist and international development professional with two decades of experience in academia, applied policy research, and international research leadership. PhD MIT, MPP Harvard, BSFS Georgetown. Current projects on group-based inequality and ethnic politics; the nature of inequality and its impact on development and governance; state-building and the role of aid; and governance and democracy. Experience in presenting research to scholarly and policy audiences. Co-author of the first two editions of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, an established reference on governance. Qualitative and quantitative research skills, including field research in diverse contexts (Benin, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Somaliland, and South Africa, among others).

EDUCATION

PhD	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Political Science, 2007
MPP	Harvard University, Public Policy and International Development, 1999
BSFS	Georgetown University, Foreign Service and International Economics, 1997
	Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Hungary, spring term 1996
	Boston University-Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, Niger, fall term 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2024-	Professor in Governance and Development, and Director of the Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC), International Development Department, University of Birmingham
Oct. 2024-	Non-resident Senior Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER
2019-2024	Senior Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER
2011-2019	Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER
2010-2011	Consultant, World Bank
2007-2009	Research Director, Index of African Governance, Harvard University (Kennedy School)
2005-2007	Research Fellow, Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs)
2001-2006	Research and Teaching Assistant, MIT (Department of Political Science)
1998-2000	Program Associate, Harvard University (Program on Intrastate Conflict)
1998	Summer Intern, Medunsa Organisation for Disabled Entrepreneurs, Pretoria, South Africa
1997	Research and Administrative Assistant, Center for the Economic Analysis of Law, Washington, DC

RESEARCH FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

Principal Investigator (with Finn Tarp (lead PI), Dang Thi Thu Hoai, and Fernando Lichucha). Novo Nordisk Foundation Grant NNF19SA0060072. “The Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Democracy.” 2020-2024. 11.3 million DKK (~1.5 million Euros)

Universität Zürich (UZH) Research Priority Program “Equality of Opportunity.” Research support awarded for project “Towards Understanding Drivers of Variations in Local Government Performance in Developing Countries: The case of Ghana” (with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah). 2022-2023. 10,000 CHF.

Lead expert in UNU-WIDER contract with ECORYS, “Demonstrating the Impact of Effectiveness – Research Learning and Outreach Component International Research Conference.” 2022. 50,000 Euro.

Senior collaborator in UNU-WIDER bid (team lead: Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) to Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), Sweden. Study on the Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Support. 2019-2020. SEK 797,839 (~80,000 Euro)

Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs). Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2007. Jointly affiliated with the Program on Intrastate Conflict and the International Security Program

National Science Foundation. Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-0419737), 2004-2005

National Security Education Program. Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2002 and 2004

MIT, Center for International Studies. Summer Research Grant, summers 2003 and 2004

MIT Carroll L. Wilson Award, summer 2002

Harvard University Southern Africa Program Summer Internship Grant, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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Rachel M. Gisselquist, Patricia Justino, and Andrea Vaccaro (eds.), *Fragile Aid: Development Cooperation in Weak States and Conflict Contexts*. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

* Rachel M. Gisselquist, Anustup Kundu, and Kunal Sen (eds.), *The Subnational State and Crisis Response: Understanding Pandemic Governance across India*. Under review, Routledge India.

* Rachel M. Gisselquist (ed.), *Addressing Group-based Inequality: Comparative Experiences*. Final manuscript due to Brookings Institution Press, 2024.

* Michael Danquah, Kunal Sen, and Rachel M. Gisselquist (eds.), *African Cities: Urbanization without Structural Transformation?* Final manuscript due to Brookings Institution Press, 2024.

Rachel M. Gisselquist (ed.), *Development Assistance for Peacebuilding* (Routledge, 2017). First published as special issue of *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (August 2015).

Rachel M. Gisselquist (ed.), *Fragility, Aid, and State-building: Understanding Diverse Trajectories* (Routledge, 2017). First published as special issue of *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (July 2015).

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Rachel M. Gisselquist, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Kunal Sen (eds.), *Clientelist Politics and Development*, special issue of *World Development* (online 2023).

Rachel M. Gisselquist (ed.), *Involuntary Migration, Inequality, and Integration: Vietnamese and Afghan Migrants in Canada, Germany, the U.K., and the U.S.*, special issue of the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47.21 (December 2021).

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Rachel M. Gisselquist, "Developing and Evaluating Governance Indexes: Ten Questions," *Policy Studies* 35.5 (2014): 513-531.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, "Benin: A Pulverized Party System in Transition," in *Party Systems and Democracy in Africa*, edited by Renske Doorenspleet and Lia Nijzink (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 129-147.

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Rachel M. Gisselquist, "Ethnicidad, clase y cambio en el sistema de partidos boliviano," *T'inkazos: Revista Boliviana de Ciencias Sociales* 8.18 (2005): 53-80. Republished in *T'inkazos* 13, suppl. 1 (2010), *Edición Antológica 2003-2010*, 141-165.

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Robert I. Rotberg and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2008* (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, October 2008).

Robert I. Rotberg and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Rankings and Results 2007* (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, December 2007).

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Enrico Casadio Tarabusi and Giulio Guarini, "An Unbalance Adjustment Method for Development Indicators," *Social Indicators Research* 112.1 (2013): 19-45.

Paolo Paruolo, Michaela Saisana, and Andrea Saltelli, "Ratings and Rankings: Voodoo or Science?" *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)* 176.3 (2013): 609-634.

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Hazel M. McFerson, "Measuring African Governance: by Attributes or by Results?" *Journal of Developing Societies* 25.2 (April/June 2009): 253-274.

Conor Farrington, "Putting Good Governance into Practice (I): The Ibrahim Index of African Governance," *Progress in Development Studies* 9.3 (2009): 249-255.

Daniel Kaufmann and Art Kraay, "Governance Indicators: Where Are We, Where Should We Be Going?" *The World Bank Research Observer* 23.1 (2008): 1-30.

Kazi Iqbal and Anwar Shah, "A Critical Review of Governance Indicators," World Bank, 10 December 2008.

Robert I. Rotberg, "An African Scorecard," *International Herald Tribune*, 5 December 2008.

Jeremias Blaser, "Notes on the Ibrahim Index," *Staff Opinion* no. 2 (United Nations Development Programme, Zambia, February 2008).

"Criteria for a Continent," *The Economist*, 15 November 2007. Published in *The World in 2008*.

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"Africa: Can the Ibrahim Index Improve Governance?" *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief*, 3 October 2007.

"African Governance: It's Better to Be Out to Sea," *The Economist*, 27 September 2007.

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the United States: A Systematic Literature Review, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 15/2023 (January 2023).

Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, Ana Horigoshi, and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Aid's Impact on Democracy*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2022/15 (February 2022).

Rachel M. Gisselquist and Andrea Vaccaro, *COVID-19 and the State*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/80 (May 2021).

Klarizze Puzon and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Consolidating Behavioural Economics and Rational Choice Theory: Insights from Inequality Research*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/76 (April 2021).

Ines A. Ferreira, Rachel M. Gisselquist, and Finn Tarp, *On the Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Governance*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2021/34 (February 2021).

Rachel M. Gisselquist, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Melissa Samarin, *Does Aid Support Democracy? A Systematic Review of the Literature*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 14/2021 (January 2021).

Rachel M. Gisselquist and Anustup Kundu, *Horizontal Inequality, COVID-19, and Lockdown Readiness: Evidence from India*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 156/2020 (November 2020).

Patricia Funjika and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Social Mobility and Inequality between Groups*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 12/2020 (February 2020).

Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Involuntary Migration, Inequality, and Integration: National and Subnational Influences*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper (December 2019).

Carla Canelas and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Horizontal Inequality as a Dependent Variable*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 70/2018, June 2018.

Carla Canelas and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Horizontal Inequality and Data Challenges*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 55/2018, May 2018.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Legal Empowerment and Group-Based Inequality*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2018/39, March 2018.

Carla Canelas and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Human Capital, Labour Market Outcomes, and Horizontal Inequality in Guatemala*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2017/91, April 2017. Also released in Documents de travail du Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne 2017.45.

Tony Addison, Rachel M. Gisselquist, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal, *Needs vs Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/062, August 2015. Also released by Centre for Research on Peace and Development (CRPD), KU Leuven, as CRPD Working Paper No. 23, 2015.

Rauli S. Lepistö, Rachel M. Gisselquist, and Jussi Ojala, *"Embedded" Assistance: Finn Church Aid's Staff Secondment in Somalia*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/037, March 2015.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, *State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa*, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/035, March 2015.

Omar S. McDoom and Rachel M. Gisselquist, *The Conceptualization and Measurement of Ethnic and Religious Divisions: Categorical, Temporal, and Spatial Dimensions, with Evidence from Mindanao, the Philippines*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/022, February 2015.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, Stefan Leiderer, and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, *Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision in Zambia: Further Evidence of a Subnational "Diversity Dividend,"* UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2014/162, December 2014.

Rachel M. Gisselquist and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, *What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Governance?* UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/077, August 2013.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Evaluating Governance Indexes: Critical and Less Critical Questions*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/068, July 2013.

Rachel M. Gisselquist, *Good Governance as a Concept, and Why This Matters for Development Policy*, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2012/30, March 2012.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC SPEAKING (SELECTED)

Academic Professional Association Annual Conferences

(Paper presenter=P, Discussant=D, Chair=C)

- American Political Science Association (2002-P, 2005-P, 2006-P, 2008-P, 2009-P, 2010-P, 2014-D, 2017-D, 2018-P, 2020-C, 2021-P, 2022-P&C, 2023-P)
- International Studies Association (2009-P, 2011-P, 2014-P, 2015-P&P&C, 2017-P&D, 2021-P&P, 2022-P, 2023-P&D)
- Academic Council of the United Nations System – ACUNS (2024-P&P)
- European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (2014-D)
- Latin American Studies Association (2004-P)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2006-P)
- Nordic Africa Days (2012-P)

Other Academic Conferences, Workshops, and Seminar Series (see also joint academic-policy below)

Presented two papers (“Addressing Group-based Inequalities: A Range of Measures” and “Development Cooperation, Democracy Promotion, and Democratic Backsliding”), annual meeting of the Academic Council of the UN System (ACUNS), 20-23 June 2024, Tokyo.

Presented “Dimensions of Inequality: Impacts on Growth, Governance, and Human Development” and co-hosted 3 sessions on the @EQUAL project, Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), 17-18 June 2024, Copenhagen.

Participation and poster presentation on “The Impact of Inequality on Growth, Human Development, and Democracy--@EQUAL” in “Status Symposium ‘Perspectives on Wealth and Social Inequality’” October 4-5, 2023, Hanover, Germany.

Panel member, Roundtable on “Rethinking Democratic Backsliding,” Centre for Elections, Democracy, Accountability and Representation (CEDAR), University of Birmingham, and participant in workshop, 16-17 June 2023

Paper presenter and discussant, “Inequality, Democracy, and Development,” workshop at Aarhus University, 25-26 May 2023.

“International Research Conference on the Effectiveness of Development Cooperation,” jointly organized by UNU-WIDER, Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, and European Commission (DG INTPA), Brussels, 17-18 November 2022. Delivered opening and closing remarks as

conference academic lead (co-leads: Patricia Justino and Andrea Vaccaro).

“Addressing Group-based Inequalities” project workshop, online, 15 December 2021. Chair and presenter.

“Subnational Governance in Ghana: How Can New Comparative Assessment Help Us to Better Understand What Makes Decentralised Governance Work?” (coauthored with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah). Invited participant, book workshop for “Global Perspectives on Decentralized Governance: Ways to Create Effective and Democratic Political Systems” (LSE Press), hosted by Jean-Paul Faguet and Sarmistha Pal. Online, 13-14 December 2021.

“Covid-19 impact and policy response across Indian states” project workshop, online, 2-3 December 2021. Co-chair and presenter.

“Covid-19 and the State” project workshop, online, 22 and 23 November 2021. Chair and presenter.

“The Impact of Inequality of Economic Growth, Human Development, and Governance - @EQUAL” project workshop, online, 21 September 2021. Co-chair

“Clientelist Politics and Economic Development,” UNU-WIDER workshop, online, 15-16 October 2020. Workshop co-chair (with Kunal Sen and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa)

“Horizontal Inequality and Social Mobility,” paper presentation in project workshop for book “Social Mobility in Developing Countries: Concepts, Methods, and Determinants,” edited by Vegard Iversen, Anirudh Krishna, and Kunal Sen. Helsinki, 5-6 September 2019

“Development Research and Impact: A Few Thoughts,” keynote address at “Research to Make Impact!” Academy Programme for Development Research (2018-2022) Kick-off Seminar, Academy of Finland, Helsinki, 26 November 2018

“Think Development, Think WIDER,” UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Helsinki, 13-15 September 2018. Organizer and chair of 2 parallel sessions (“Aid, Peace, and Fragile States” and “Group-based Inequalities”)

“Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy,” UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Accra, Ghana, 5-6 October 2017. Chair of 2 parallel sessions and of closing plenary

“Forced Migration and Inequality: Country- and City-level Factors Influencing Refugee Integration,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Accra, Ghana, 4 October 2017. Workshop chair

“Addressing Group-based Inequality through Legal Empowerment,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 7-8 October 2016. Workshop chair

“The Political Implications of Group-based Inequalities,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 9-10 September 2016. Workshop chair

“Group-based Inequalities: Patterns and Trends within and across Countries,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-17 June 2016. Workshop chair (with Carla Canelas)

“State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa,” presentation to KOICA and UNU-WIDER workshop on “The Practice of Industrial Policy – Lessons for Africa,” Helsinki, 9-10 March 2015

“Good Aid in Hard Places: Learning from What Has Worked in Fragile Contexts,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 12-13 December 2013. Workshop chair

“Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: Findings from Comparative Cases,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-16 November 2013. Workshop chair

“Experimental and Non-Experimental Methods to Study Government Performance,” hosted by UNU-WIDER at New York University, 22-23 August 2013. Workshop co-chair and paper presenter

“Measuring Governance Effectiveness,” hosted by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the North-South Institute, CIGI Campus, Waterloo, Canada, 19-20 June 2013

African Affairs Seminar Series, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 7 September 2010

“How Genocides End,” Harvard University, 10 May 2008

“Deviant Democracies: Democratization against All Odds,” Leiden University, 28-29 September 2006

International Security Program Seminar Series, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), Harvard University, 18 May 2006

Program on Intrastate Conflict Seminar Series, BCSIA, Harvard University, 5 May 2006

Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP), University of California, San Diego, 9-10 December

2005

- “New Challenges for Political Parties and Representation,” European Union Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6-7 May 2005
- Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 29 April 2005
- Identity Politics Working Group, MIT Center for International Studies, 8 April 2005
- Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 9 April 2004
- Working Group on Civil-Military Relations, MIT Center for International Studies, 24 October 2002

Events including a Policy and/or Public Audience

- Participated in the UNU-WIDER Development Conference, 14-16 May 2024, Maputo. Panelist in the plenary session on “Eliminating Poverty: The Future of Aid” and presented paper on affirmation action database in parallel 5.1 on “Affirmative Action and Labour Markets”
- Presentation (with Daniel Chachu and Michael Danquah) at Research Dissemination Seminar on our project ‘Understanding Drivers of Variations in Local Government Performance in Developing Countries: The case of Ghana’, Accra and online, 22 November 2023
- Presentation, “Inequality, Polarization, and Challenges of Promoting Inclusion,” at German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) conference, “Perils and Promises: Social Cohesion Amidst the Global Polycrisis,” Bonn, 6-8 November 2023.
- Presentation, “Addressing Group-based Inequality: A Range of Measures,” UNU SDG Big Ideas Dialogue, online, 24 October 2023
- Presentation to the Bertelsmann Foundation’s Symposium, ‘Countering Democratic Erosion’ on ‘Social Inequality and a Range of Options to Promote Inclusion’, September 2023.
- Presenter, “Aid Effectiveness in Fragile States,” SIDA Africa Department, online, 23 May 2023
- Presenter, “Address Ethnic Inequality: Comparative Experiences,” UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Webinar, online, 29 March 2023
- Panelist, Session 3: Measurement and elimination of global poverty and inequality. Workshop on promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Hosted by United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, 6-8 February 2023
- Presenter, Spotlight Session 1, Effective Development Co-operation Summit, 12-14 December 2022, Geneva
- Participation in UNU-WIDER Development Conference “Reducing Inequality,” Bogotá, Colombia, 5-7 October 2022. Chair of keynote by Francisco H. G. Ferreira; organizer and chair of sessions on (a) Addressing group-based inequalities and (b) The impact of inequality on growth, human development, and governance; panelist in session on “Leave No One Behind.”
- Presenter, Aid and Democracy (based on work coauthored with Miguel Nino-Zarazua, Ana Horigoshi, and Melissa Samarin) at UNU-WIDER Development Conference on “The Puzzle of Peace,” May 2022.
- Session facilitator, “New realities and challenges for development brought by Covid-19 – a dialogue between UNU-WIDER researchers and MFA Finland experts,” 1 December 2021
- Panelist, “Development Cooperation as a Foreign and Security Policy Instrument in Fragile States,” Development Policy Days, hosted by Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 9 November 2021
- Presenter and panelist in session on “impactful partnerships between universities & civil society to overcome inequality,” Poverty & Inequality Thematic Track Breakout Session, SDGs Africa Summit 2021, online, 14 September 2021
- Chair of keynote address by Staffan Lindberg (“Covid 19: Trends for Democracy and Autocracy”); chair of panel, “Covid-19 and democracy;” “fireside chat” with Jo Beall on the challenges facing African cities, online, 6-8 September 2021
- Panelist in seminar of the Finnish Development Policy Committee on “how can development aid better reduce inequalities in developing countries?” online, 2 September 2021
- Panelist, “Virtual Symposium: A New Generation of Human Security” in Session 3 “Human insecurity as a threat to human development,” hosted by UNDP Human Development Report Office, 9-11 June 2021

Invited participant, virtual expert group meeting (EGM) in preparation for the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), 18-19 May 2021

Discussant, seminar “Who is being left behind? Closing the horizontal inequality gap.” Hosted by Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP), George Washington University; UNDP Human Development Report Office (HDRO); and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford. Online, 17 May 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid* to OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Network on Governance (GovNet), online, 15 April 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by USAID, Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, online, 24 March 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion on ‘Does Democracy Aid Work?’, hosted by the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), online, 11 March 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), online, 19 February 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD), online, 16 February 2021

Chair of panel discussion, “The new normal and future development of Africa,” UNU-WIDER conference, *Development challenges in Africa in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic*, online, 12 February 2021

Presentation (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and discussion of *Effects of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by CONCORD Sweden, online, 27 January 2021

Panelist for webinar “Leave No One Behind – Five Years into Agenda 2030,” hosted by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), online, 21 January 2021

Presenter (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa) and panelist for launch event of our report *Effect of Swedish and International Democracy Aid*, hosted by Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), online, 10 December 2020

Discussant for WIDER Webinar by François Roubaud and Isabelle Guérin on “COVID-19 and the Role of RCTs in Development,” online, 10 November 2020

“Political Economy of Ethnic Inequalities and Exclusion: Implications for Development Policy,” SIDA Evidence in Action seminar series, Stockholm, 6 February 2020

Moderator, launch of the 2019 Human Development Report, hosted by United Nations Development Programme, Helsinki, 13 December 2019

“The Politics of Group-based Inequalities,” presentation at the “Workshop on Inequality,” hosted by UNU-WIDER and UN DESA, New York, 6 May 2019

Panelist in session on “Equality through Empowerment,” Expert Group Meeting on Reducing Inequalities: SDG 10 Progress and Prospects, hosted by the World Bank and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Geneva, 3 April 2019

Discussant for WIDER Annual Lecture by Ernest Aryeetey: “The Political Economy of Structural Transformation: Has Democracy Failed African Economies?” Helsinki, 14 September 2018

“Research Meets Policy: What Insights Does Research Offer for Policy? What Questions Remain Unanswered?” chair of closing plenary for UNU-WIDER Development Conference, “Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy,” Accra, Ghana, 6 October 2017

“Why We Need to Rethink the Diversity Debate,” TEDxOtaniemi, Espoo, Finland, 18 August 2017. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRyLvF2Xxfs>

“Engagement on Strategies to Overcome Inequality in South Africa,” policy seminar jointly organized by the Mandela Initiative, the Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development, and UNU-WIDER, Pretoria, South Africa, 1-2 June 2017. Chair of session on Civil Society Engagement with Inequality

“Crossing the Boundaries of Academia: Working in or with the Policy Community,” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2017

“World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law – Launch Seminar,” organized by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, Helsinki, 9 February 2017. Served as discussant on panel with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen and Anu Juvonen, Demo Finland

“The Politics of Ethnic Inequality,” presentation for expert group meeting on “Promoting Inclusion through

Social Protection,” for the 2017 *Report on the World Social Situation*, hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), 1 December 2016

“Crises & Responses: Framing the Issues,” remarks as panellist in opening plenary session of UNU-WIDER “Responding to Crises” conference, 23-24 September 2016

“WIDER Knowledge and Agenda 2030 Challenges” (with Finn Tarp and Smriti Sharma), presentation to the Finnish Development Policy Committee, 15 March 2016

Consultation Seminar on “World Development Report 2017: Governance and Law,” hosted by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 17 November 2015. Served as discussant along with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen

“Lessons from ReCom in a post-2015 Perspective” (with Finn Tarp and Tony Addison), seminar hosted by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Stockholm, 8 October 2014

“ReCom – What Works in Foreign Aid” (with Finn Tarp), presentation to the Advisory Unit of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, 31 October 2013

“A Bird’s-eye View of Current UNU-WIDER Research on Fragility” and “Preliminary Findings from Two UNU-WIDER Studies” at conference on “Fragility and Aid: What Works?” hosted by the United Nations University-Office in New York (UNU-ONY) and UNU-WIDER at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, New York, 25 October 2013

“UNU-WIDER Position Paper on Governance and Fragility” (with Finn Tarp) at “ReCom Results Meeting: Challenges of Governance and Fragility,” hosted by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), UNU-WIDER, Danida, and Sida, Copenhagen, 23 October 2013

“Aid, Governance, and Fragility,” presentation as part of event on UNU-WIDER’s ReCom programme, Helsinki, 19 September 2013

“Escaping Fragility,” at conference on “The New Global Development Agenda,” hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and UNU-WIDER, 12 November 2012

“Strengthening African Governance. The Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2009,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, 1 October 2009

“The Ibrahim Index of African Governance,” Kigali, Rwanda, 14 January 2009. Delivered opening remarks and participated in day-long seminar with senior Rwandan government officials, hosted by the Rwandan Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and Governance Advisory Council

Panel member (with Mo Ibrahim, Mary Robinson, Salim Ahmed Salim, Mamphela Ramphele, and Robert Rotberg) at press conference to launch the 2008 Ibrahim Index of African Governance and participant in “Academic Roundtable,” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 6 October 2008

Other

Co-research lead (with Kunal Sen and Patricia Justino) of WIDER Webinar Series, “How is Covid-19 Changing Development?” and “New Perspectives on Development.” Chair for selected events, 2020-2022

Speaker, various UNU-WIDER videos: “[Women in Science](#)” (2020), “[Ten Lessons for Development](#)” (2018), “[Aid: Lessons for Development](#)” (2018), “[Think Development, Think WIDER](#)” conference (2018), “[Responding to Crises](#)” conference (2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Birmingham:

Lecturer on International Development module (Masters level), term 1 2024

PhD co-supervisor, Giulio di Pinto

UNU-WIDER:

Faculty mentor in the Institute’s 3-month pre-doctoral fellows program:

- 2023: Swetha Ramachandran (International Relations/Political Science, Geneva Graduate Institute)
 2020: Andrea Vaccaro (Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome)
 2019: Weiwei Chen (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)
 Patricia Funjika (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria)
 2018: Pui Yi Wong (Department of Administrative Studies and Politics, University of Malaya)
 Daniel Osarfo (Department of Economics, University of Ghana)
 Lulu He (Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Brisbane)
 2017: Anne Kantel (Political Science, American University)
 Bharti Nandwani (Economics, Shiv Nadar University)
 2016: Nicole Beardsworth (Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick)
 Dede W. A. Gafa (Development Economics, University of Ghana)
 Benjamin Anang (Economics, University of Helsinki)
 2015: Bethlehem Asres Argaw (Economics, Leibniz University of Hanover)
 Pouirkèta Rita Nikiema (Economics, Université Cheikh Anta Diop)
 2014: Judith Sinja (Development Economics, Wageningen University and Research Centre)
 Nelson Ruiz Guarín (Development Studies, London School of Economics)
 Smriti Sharma (Economics, University of Delhi)

UNU-WIDER and Helsinki Centre of Economic Research:

Lecture on “Democracy and Development” and “Ethnicity and Development” for *Development Economics I and II* (graduate), 2012-2019

Co-supervisor, Master’s thesis on state-building, Hannakaisa Andersson, 2013

Harvard University:

Capacity Building for Governance: Index of African Governance Workshop (executive education). Instructor, 2008

The Microeconomic Analysis of Poverty and Development (graduate). Teaching Assistant, 1999

MIT:

Research Scope and Methods (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2006

Introduction to African Politics and Society (non-credit seminar). Instructor, 2005

Fundamentals of Public Policy (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2005

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS, AND SERVICE

Academic and Research

Member of the Editorial Board, Cambridge University Press Elements Series in Development Economics, 2021-present. Thematic Editor for Political Economy of Development

Member of the Editorial Board, *Policy Studies*, 2020-

Advisory Group Member, Economics as Serviceable Social Knowledge. Funded by the Finnish Cultural Foundation on “Economics as serviceable social knowledge” (PI: N. Emrah Aydinonat)

Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) scientific panel on Population, Inequality and Climate Change, 2022-

Served as a reviewer for: African Research Universities Alliance, *African Studies Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, Economic and Social Research Council, European Research Council, Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of*

International Development, Journal of International Relations and Development, Journal of Poverty Alleviation and International Development, Méthod(e)s: Revue africaine de méthodologie des sciences sociales/African Review of Social Sciences Methodology, Party Politics, Public Administration and Development, Terrorism and Political Violence, UNDP Human Development Report, UNESCO, World Development, and World Politics

External examiner/reviewer for Ph.D. dissertations:

- Lasse Leipziger, Aarhus University, 2023
- Department of Economics, University of Pretoria, 2022
- Andrea Vaccaro, Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome, May 2021. "On the Measurement of State Capacity: Quantitative Questions and Conceptual Considerations."
- Anne J. Kantel, School of International Service, American University, September 2019. "Scapegoating as a Practice of Rule and Actor (De-)Legitimization: Capitalism, Race, and Gender in Uganda's Fish and Land Governance."
- Joseph Landry, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) and Carleton University, January 2019. "From Fragility to Stability: A Novel Transition Model for Third-Party Interventions in Fragile and Conflict Affected States."

Chair, Awards Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper, African Politics Conference Group, 2019

Member of Advisory Board, "Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty" Survey, Warwick University, 2016-7

Visiting Scholar, London School of Economics (Department of Government), 2010-2012

Affiliated Scholar, Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique/Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP), Cotonou, Benin, 2004-2005

Visiting Scholar, Universidad de la Cordillera, La Paz, Bolivia, 2004-2005

Policy and Public Engagement

Member of Reference Group for study, "Evaluation of Sweden's efforts to strengthen state capacity in fragile and conflict-affected situations," Swedish Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), 2024-25

Member of Advisory Council, Global Women's Leadership Index, an initiative of the Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2016-18

Member of Reference Group for study, "Quality of Government – A Meta-analytical Evaluation of Implications for Development Policy," Swedish Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), 2015

Member, Carroll L. Wilson Award Committee, MIT, 2008-2011. The award supports projects by MIT students designed to address societal challenges with international dimensions