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### CURRENT APPOINTMENT:

**2008- Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University**

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Stanford University

Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Stanford University

(by courtesy)

### PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT:

**2006-08 Academy Scholar, Harvard University**

### EDUCATION:

**2006 Stanford University: Doctor of Philosophy, Economics**

Dissertation: Essays in the development of culture and governance

Primary advisors: Professors Susan Athey and Avner Greif

**2001 University of Cambridge: Part III Mathematical Tripos, with merit** (equivalent to an M.Sc.)

**2000 University of Cambridge: Master of Philosophy, Economics**

**1999 Williams College: BA *summa cum laude* in Mathematics & Economics, with highest honours.**

### SELECT HONOURS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2006-08 Academy Scholar, Harvard University

2005-06 Koret Foundation Dissertation Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

2005 Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies

2005 Research Fellow, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics, Stanford Law School

2004 NSF invited attendee, 1st Nobel Prize Conference in Economics, Lindau, Germany

2001-04 Graduate Fellow, Department of Economics, Stanford University

1999 Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London (declined)

1999-01 Dr. Herchel Smith Scholarship to Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

1999 Carl Van Duyne Prize for excellence and intellectual curiosity in Economics, Williams College

1998 Phi Beta Kappa (junior year inductee- top 5% of class)

1995-99 Haystack International Scholarship to Williams College

### WORKING PAPERS:

**1) Trade, institutions and religious tolerance: evidence from India**, Stanford GSB Research Paper No. 2004, January 2008

**2) A theory of community formation and social hierarchy**, with Susan Athey and Emilio Calvano.

**3) Shares, coalition formation and political development: evidence from 17th century England**, *under review*, revised from Stanford GSB Research Paper No. 2005, August 2008

### PUBLICATIONS:

**1) The administrative foundations of self-enforcing constitutions**, with Yadira Gonzalez de Lara and Avner Greif, *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, Vol 98, No. 2, pp. 105-09, May 2008.

**2) Maintaining peace across ethnic lines: new lessons from the past**. *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 89-93, July 2007 (invited policy overview article).

**3) Governance in the gullies: democratic responsiveness and leadership in Delhi's slums**, with Vijayendra Rao and Michael Woolcock, *World Development*, Vol 35, No.2, pp. 230-246, February 2007, revised from World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 3694, September 2005.

**OTHER RESEARCH IN PROGRESS: (working titles)**

A theory of ethnic cronyism and tolerance.

Havens of corruption: evidence from international cricket (with Aprajit Mahajan).

Innovations and trade (with Petra Moser).

Trade and ethnic diversity: evidence from Mexico (with Alberto Diaz-Cayeros).

Ethnic complementarities and governmental trust: evidence from India's polio epidemic (with Aprajit Mahajan).

Political geography and small business development in developing societies (with Jessica Leino).

Rituals and coordination: evidence from colonial East Africa (with Kimuli Kasara).

Stockmarket development and political coalition formation: evidence from England (with Ann Carlos and Zac Peskowitz).

Veterans and ethnic cleansing: evidence from the Partition of India (with Steven Wilkinson).

**EXPERIENCE:**

2008- Consultant, World Bank Panchayat Strengthening Project, Bihar, India

2000, 01 Consultant, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank

2005 RA to Professor Avner Greif for "Institutions and the path to the modern economy", Stanford University

2000-01 RA to Professor Kenneth Arrow for "Valuing the future", Stanford University

2000 Research Associate, Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge University

1997, 98 Editor, International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO), Geneva, Switzerland

**TEACHING:**

POLECON 683 Political Economy of Developing Societies (Stanford GSB: PhD) (new course)

POLECON 230 Non-Market Strategy (Stanford GSB: MBA)

GSBGEN 203 Global Management (Stanford GSB: MBA)

GSBGEN 208 Ethics and Management (Stanford GSB: MBA) (co-developer)

Undergraduate courses:

American Economic History: TA to Professor Gavin Wright, Stanford University

Economic Modernisation of the Islamic Middle East: TA to Professor Timur Kuran, Stanford University

Econometrics: Supervisor, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge.

Differential Equations and Vector Calculus: TA to Professor Stewart Johnson, Williams College

**ADVISING:**

Katrina Kosec, Stanford GSB Political Economics PhD (3<sup>rd</sup> year) (co-chair)

Christopher Paik, Stanford GSB Political Economics PhD (5<sup>th</sup> year) (co-chair)

**CASES:**

2009: Stanford GSB Case P-60A Layoffs at Jet Airways (A): Weathering Turbulence (with Nate Blair)

Stanford GSB Case P-60B: Layoffs at Jet Airways (B): A Bumpy Landing (with Nate Blair)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled):**

2010: Asian Historical Economics conference (Beijing), UC- Berkeley (Haas urban economics/ real estate), Stanford (comparative politics).

2009: NYU (political economy), ISNIE (Berkeley), Colonial Mexico conference (USCD), Stanford India conference (discussant), UC-Berkeley (development economics), Partitions and violence conference (U-Chicago), Endogenous political institutions and conflict conference (Berkeley), UCLA (comparative politics)

2008: UC-Davis (economic history), UBC (development economics), UCLA (economic history), Harvard-Hitotsubashi-Warwick conference on Indian Ocean trade (Venice), Cliometrics World Congress (Edinburgh), Harvard Academy, Princeton Political Institutions and Economic Policy conference (discussant), CEPR Polarisation and Conflict conference (LSE), LSE (economics), World Bank (development economics research group), NYU Stern (economics), Harvard (economics), Northwestern (economics), Stanford GSB (political economy), Stanford (political science)

2007: MIT (political science), Princeton (political science)/ Woodrow Wilson School, Chicago (political science), NEUDC (Harvard), ASSA meetings (Chicago), Columbia/ NYU (ethnic politics), Stanford (political science/ institute for comparative analysis), Harvard (economic history), Stanford (economic history), HBS (international business)

2006: All-UC economic/ world history conference on Middlemen & Networks (UCSD), Stanford (economic history), Stanford (development economics), Western Ontario (economic history), Cliometrics (Binghamton)

2005 and earlier: Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (San Diego), Stanford (economic history), Pacific development conference (USF), World Bank ABCDE (Washington, DC)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Refereeing: *American Economic Review* (x2), *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (x2), *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (x2), *Economic History Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*

Field Research: Oaxaca, Mexico; Bihar, Gujarat & Delhi, India; Stone Town, Zanzibar; Moscow, Russia.

Memberships: American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Cliometrics Society

Affiliations: Center for South Asia, Center for Global Business and the Economy

### **PERSONAL:**

Languages: Hindi/ Urdu, German (working), Kiswahili and Maithili (intermediate), Arabic, Farsi, Russian (beginner)

Citizenship: United Kingdom, India (Overseas); US Permanent Resident.