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### Education

**University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D., Economics (2008)

**Stanford University**  
B.S., Mathematics (2003)  
B.A., Economics (2003)

### Research Interests

Economic History, Political Economy, Applied Econometrics, Middle Eastern and European History, Development

### Academic Positions

<b>Associate Professor</b>	Harvard University Department of Economics	2014-
<b>Member</b>	Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, NJ	2012-2013
<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Harvard University Department of Economics	2008-2014

### Awards, Fellowships and Grants

Mellon Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (2015-2016)

Andrew E. Furer Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University (2014-2017)

Mary Parker Follett Prize for “The Feudal Revolution and Europe’s Rise” (2014)

Comparative Democratization Outstanding Article Award for “The Feudal Revolution and Europe’s Rise” (2014)

Clark Award, Harvard University (2014)

Weatherhead Center Grant, Harvard University (2009-2011)

Buchanan Award, U.C. Berkeley (2010)

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2006-2008)

David L. Boren Fellowship (2004-2006)

## Publications

(with Attila Ambrus and Igor Salitskiy). “Pirates of the Mediterranean: An Empirical Investigation of Bargaining with Transaction Costs.” *Quantitative Economics*, forthcoming.

“Medieval Origins: A Review Essay on Campbell’s *The Great Transition*.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, forthcoming.

(with Rick Hornbeck). “Economic Dynamics in the Malthusian Era: Evidence from the 1609 Spanish Expulsion of the Moriscos.” *Economic Journal*, 126 (2016): 1404-1440.

(with Lisa Blaydes). “The Political Economy Legacy of Institutions from the Classical Period of Islam.” *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, edited by Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume, 2016.

“Measuring the Military Decline of the Western Islamic World: Evidence from Barbary Ransoms.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 58 (2015): 107-124.

“Revolt on the Nile: Economic Shocks, Religion and Political Power.” *Econometrica*, 81, no. 5 (2013): 2033-2053.

(with Lisa Blaydes). “The Feudal Revolution and Europe’s Rise: Political Divergence of the Christian West and the Muslim World before 1500 CE.” *American Political Science Review*, 107, no. 1 (2013): 16-34.

“Democratic Change in the Arab World: Past and Present.” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 42, no. 1 (2012): 363-414.

“Separation of Powers and the Medieval Roots of Institutional Divergence between Europe and the Islamic Middle East.” In *Institutions and Comparative Economic Development*, edited by Masahiko Aoki, Timur Kuran and Gérard Roland, 116-127. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

“Islam and Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Pre-Modern Muslim Science.” In *Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, edited by Rachel McCleary, 81-92. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

“Assessing Pacification Policy in Iraq: Evidence from Iraqi Financial Markets.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 36, no. 1 (2008): 1-16.

## Book Reviews

*Nature and Empire in Ottoman Egypt*, by Alan Mikhail. *Journal of Economic History* 72, no. 4 (2012): 1123-1124.

*States of Credit: size, power and the development of European politics*, by David Stasavage. *Economic History Review*, 65, no. 4 (2012): 1591-1592.

*The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East*, by Timur Kuran. *Development and Change*, 42, no. 6 (2011): 1465-1472.

## Other Publications

"The dissertations of José-Antonio Espín-Sánchez, Amanda Gregg, and Casey Marina Lurtz." *Journal of Economic History*, 76, no. 2 (2016): 612-615.

(with Attila Ambrus and Igor Salitskiy). "Váltságdíjtárgyalások- tranzakciós költségek melletti alkudozás empirikus vizsgálata," *Közgazdasági Szemle*, 62, no. 10 (2015): 997-1029.

"Els efects a llarg termini de l'explotaió i la neteja ètnica: el testimoniatge de l'expulsió dels moriscs," *Afers*, 62/63 (2009): 173-199.

## Working Papers

"Religion and the Rise and Fall of Muslim Science." 2016.

"Ethnic Cleansing and the Persistence of Extractive Institutions: Evidence from the Expulsion of the Moriscos." 2008.

## Works in Progress

"Scientific Revolution: Measuring the Intellectual Rise of the Western World"

"Medieval Democracy and Human Capital: Evidence from the Iberian Peninsula"

"The Long-Run Economic Effects of Autonomy: Evidence from the Basque Country"

## Selected Press Coverage

"Democratic Change in the Arab World: Past and Present" *The Economist*, *Time Magazine*, *CNN*, *Jerusalem Post*

"Pirates of the Mediterranean: An Empirical Investigation of Bargaining with Transaction Costs" *The Economist*

## Teaching

Introduction to Econometrics (Harvard University)

Undergraduate Economic History of Islamic World (Harvard University)

Graduate Economic History of Islamic World and Western Europe (Harvard University)

## Professional Service

Steering Committee Member, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 2008-2011; 2016-

Alexander Gerschenkron Dissertation Prize convener, 2015

Referee for: American Economic Review, Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, American Political Science Review, Explorations in Economic History, European Review of Economic History, Review of Economics and Statistics, Berkeley Electronic Journal, Economic Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macro, Journal of Economic History, Economic History Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Choice, Cambridge University Press, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of the Royal Society Interface, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Urban Economics, European Research Council, University of Chicago Press, NSF, Journal of Politics, World Bank Economic Review, Rationality and Society, Journal of Regional Science, Perspectives on Politics, Middle East Development Journal, American Journal of Political Science, UC Press, JEEA

## Research Languages

English, Arabic, Catalan, French, Spanish

## Other Positions

Research Associate, American Enterprise Institute (2006)

Consultant, World Bank (2004)

## Presentations

2016: Stanford Poli. Sci., Stanford Econ., AALIMS-Stanford, CASBS Stanford, Harvard, U.C. Berkeley, NBER Summer Institute

2015: AEA Meetings, ASREC, AALIMS-Oxford, Toulouse, EHA meetings, Northwestern, Washington Area Economic History Seminar

2014: Rochester, Princeton, AALIMS-Princeton, Duke, UCLA, Harvard IQSS, Harvard, NBER Summer Institute, Clark University, Harvard PIEP

2013: IAS Princeton, Rice, IMT Lucca, Sciences Po, Princeton, University of Connecticut

2012: BPEA, Utrecht, Princeton, Stanford, Oxford, UC Berkeley, American University

2011: AEA Meetings, Harvard, NBER Summer Institute, IEA meetings, GMU, University of Michigan, Yale, CalTech

2010: Harvard, NYU Abu Dhabi, UCL, Duke, EEA, UBC, Iowa State University, Sabanci

2009: Universidad Carlos III, CREI, UCSD, EHA meetings, Vanderbilt, ASREC, Harvard

2008: AEA Meetings, Oxford, Stanford, Yale, Dartmouth, Harvard, KSG-Dubai, Notre

Dame, CREI, World Bank, U.C. Davis, SITE  
2007: Stanford, NBER Summer Institute

**Other**

Misc.: Certificate in Arabic: Institut Français d'Études Arabes de Damas (Damascus, Syria); Graduate (EGB, Bachillerato and COU) of Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo (Madrid, Spain)

U.S. Citizen