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EMPLOYMENT

2024– Assistant Professor, New York University, Department of Economics
2023–24 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College, Department of Economics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University College London, 2023
Committee: Imran Rasul, Fabien Postel-Vinay, Costas Arkolakis, Oriana Bandiera
M.S. Economics, Bocconi University, 2014
B.S. Economics, Bocconi University, 2011

RESEARCH AREAS

Development Economics, Spatial Economics, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS

2020 “Tackling Youth Unemployment: Evidence from a Labor Market Experiment in Uganda”, with L. Alfonsi, O. Bandiera, R. Burgess, V. Bassi, I. Rasul and M. Sulaiman, *Econometrica*, 88(6): 2369-2414

WORKING PAPERS

2023 “Consumer Search and Firm Location: Theory and Evidence from the Garment Sector in Uganda”
2023 “The Search for Good Jobs: Evidence from a Six-year Field Experiment in Uganda”, with O. Bandiera, R. Burgess, V. Bassi, I. Rasul and M. Sulaiman, R&R *Journal of Labor Economics*

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 REStud North North America Tour
2023 China Star Tour
2022 Special mention of merit at EEA UniCredit Econ Job Market Best Paper Award 2022
2021–22 UCL Studentship for postgraduate work in the Department Economics
2021 Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Luca d’Aglano Research Scholarship
2020 UCL Doctoral School, Yale UCL Bursary
2016–20 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) PhD Scholarship

GRANTS

2024	STEG (co-PI) – £24,697
2024	International Growth Centre (PI) – £30,403
2021	International Growth Centre (PI) – £12,296
2020	J-Pal Job and Opportunity Initiative (Co-PI) – \$69,426
2020	GCRF UCL internal grant (Co-PI) – £57,042
2020	PEDL Special ERG Call on the Economic Impacts of Coronavirus (Co-PI) – £28,720
2019	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (PI) – £32,898
2018	International Growth Centre (Co-PI) – £15,520

SEMINARS

2024	UCLA*, Stanford*, Harvard/MIT
2023	CEPR Virtual IO Seminar, World Bank Africa Economics Seminar Series, Penn State, PKU, Fudan University, CUHK, IFS IO Seminar, IIES, Dartmouth College, Trinity College Dublin, Bocconi University, University of Pennsylvania, UT Austin, University of Chicago, UC Berkeley (ARE), Boston College, New York University, John Hopkins SAIS, World Bank DEC, Columbia GSB, Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management, CREI, Michigan University
2022	Stockholm University, IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics WIP seminar, Yale International and Spatial Economics Lunch
2021	Yale International and Spatial Economics Lunch, Yale Development Lunch, UCL PhD Seminar
2020	UCL PhD Seminar, Ugandan Ministry of Finance Private Sector Development Unit-IGC Policy Seminar on the Impact of Covid-19 on Ugandan Firms

CONFERENCES

2024	STEG Annual Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2023	NBER ITI Meeting, Stanford, CA
2023	SEA Conference Structural Micro Program, New Orleans, LA
2023	Chicago-Princeton Conference on Spatial Economics, Chicago, IL
2023	NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics, Boston, MA
2023	BSE Summer Forum, Development, Barcelona, Spain
2023	UEA European Meeting, Milan, Italy
2022	IGC-Stanford Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development, London, UK
2022	Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Oxford, UK
2022	Oxford Linkages in Labor Economics, Oxford, UK
2020	Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, online
2019	Ugandan Economic Growth Forum, Kampala, Uganda
2018	BRAC-IGC-World Bank Workshop on Key Challenges to Firm Success, Kampala, Uganda

REFeree SERVICES

Econometrica, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Journal of the European Economics Association

TEACHING

- 2021–23 Issues in Development Economics, Undergraduate, UCL
- 2021–22 Introductory Microeconomics, Undergraduate, Yale
- 2020–22 Economics of Development, Graduate, UCL
- 2019–20 Microeconomics, Undergraduate, UCL
- 2017–20 Economics of Migration and Job Search, Undergraduate, UCL
- 2017–19 Quantitative Economics and Econometrics, Undergraduate, UCL

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

- 2015–16 Consultant, Poverty and Social Protection Portfolio, Oxford Policy Management, Oxford
- 2015–16 Research Assistant, Institute for Fiscal Studies and UCL, London
- 2013–15 Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies and BRAC Uganda, Kampala
- 2013 Intern, Social Policy Division, OECD, Paris

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Skill-capital Complementarities and the Effectiveness of Firm Training Programs, with V. Bassi, I. Rasul, and O. A. Veroux”
2. ““The Nature of the Firm” revisited: Documenting Relational Contracts within and between Firms, with V. Minni”
3. “COVID-19, Firm Dynamics and Market Structure in Urban Uganda”, with O. Bandiera, V. Bassi, R. Burgess and Imran Rasul

Last updated: March 2024