

## ROBIN BURGESS

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married to Bronwen Burgess  
Children: Isla Macbeth Burgess (Aug 03, 2005), Romilly Belle Burgess (May 14, 2009)  
Citizenship: UK

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### POSITIONS

2007 – present	Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
2008 – present	Founder and Academic Director, International Growth Centre, LSE
2004 – 2007	Reader in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1999 – present	Director, Economic Organization and Public Policy Programme, STICERD, LSE
2005	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Fall Semester
2003	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University and National Bureau for Economic Research, Fall Semester
2002	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University College London, Fall Semester
2001	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT, Fall Semester
2000 – 2004	Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1998 – 1999	Lecturer in Development Economics, Development Studies Institute and Department of Economics, LSE
1991 – 1995	Consultant Economist, Chief Economists Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1989 – 1991	Consultant Economist, World Development Report and Research Department, World Bank

#### AFFILIATIONS

2006 – present	Program Director, CEPR Development Economics Program (with Esther Duflo)
2009 – present	Board Member, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Senior Fellow 2005-2008, Junior Affiliate 2002-2005
2004 – present	Faculty Research Fellow, Economics of Education and Labor Studies Programs, National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)
2002 – present	Founder and Director, Microeconomics of Growth Research Network (with Chang-Tai Hsieh)
2001 – present	Member, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD)
2001 – present	Fellow, European Development Research Network (EUDN)

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy, Labor Economics, Environmental Economics

## **EDUCATION**

D.Phil. Economics, Oxford University, 1998

M.Sc. Economics, LSE, 1988

B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Sciences, Edinburgh University, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1985

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Can Openness Mitigate the Effects of Weather Shocks? Evidence from India's Famine Era” (with Dave Donaldson) *American Economic Review*, 100(2), 2010.

“The Intention to Participate in Adolescent Training Programs: Evidence from Uganda” (with Oriana Bandiera, Markus Goldstein, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 8(2-3), 2010.

“The Unequal Effects of Liberalization: Evidence from Dismantling the License Raj in India” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *American Economic Review*, 98(4), 2008.

“Do Rural Banks Matter? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment” (with Rohini Pande). *American Economic Review*, 95(3), 2005.

“Entry Liberalization and Inequality in Industrial Performance” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India” (with Rohini Pande and Grace Wong). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Can Labor Regulation Hinder Economic Performance? Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(1), 2004.

“Towards a Microeconomics of Growth” (with Anthony Venables) in *Accelerating Development: Annual Bank Conference in Development Economics*, Oxford University Press, 2004.

“Halving Global Poverty” (with Timothy Besley). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 17(3), 2003,

“The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4), 2002.

“Mass Media and Political Accountability” (with Timothy Besley and Andrea Prat) in Islam, R. (ed) *The Right to Tell: Institutions and the Media*, World Bank, 2002.

“Political Agency, Government Responsiveness and the Role of the Media” (with Timothy Besley). *European Economic Review*, 45(4-6), 2001.

“Land Reform, Poverty and Growth: Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 105(2), 2000.

“Value-Added Tax Options for India” (with Stephen Howes and Nicholas Stern). *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2(1), 1995.

“The Behaviour of State Firms in Eastern Europe, Pre- Privatization” (with Philippe Aghion and Olivier Blanchard). *European Economic Review*, 38(6), 1994.

“Taxation and Development” (with Nicholas Stern). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31(2), 1993.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Weather and Death in India” (with Olivier Deschenes, Dave Donaldson and Michael Greenstone)

“The Political Economy of Deforestation in the Tropics” (with Matthew Hansen, Benjamin Olken, Peter Potapov and Stefanie Sieber)

“Can Entrepreneurship Programs Transform the Economic Lives of the Poor?” (with Oriana Bandiera, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman)

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Can Trade Openness Reduce Real Income Volatility? Evidence from Colonial India’s Famine Era” (with Dave Donaldson)

“What Makes Bureaucrats Effective? Evidence from the Indian Administrative Service” (with Marianne Bertrand and Arunish Chawla)

“Ethnicity Meets Politics: One Hundred Years of Road Building in Kenya” (with Remi Jedwab, Edward Miguel and Ameet Morjaria)

“Industrial Clustering in China” (with Chang-Tai Hsieh and Enrico Moretti)

“Mao’s Legacy: Access to Land and Hunger in Modern China”

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **JOURNALS and ASSOCIATIONS**

2009 – 2013                      Member, European Economic Association Council  
2004 – 2009                      Associate Editor, *Economic Journal*

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

2007 – 2008                      Co-organizer, Africa Development Group, World Bank  
2005 – 2008                      Chair, Advisory Board on Microeconomics of Growth, World Bank  
2002 – 2006                      Elected Research Affiliate Representative, Executive Committee, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)  
1991 – 1993                      Advisor on Indirect Tax Reform to Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (with Nicholas Stern)

#### **CONFERENCES**

2010 (December)                Co-organizer, Growth in Bihar Conference, Patna, India  
2010 (July)                        Scientific Committee, China Summer Institute, Beijing, China  
2009 (December)                Co-organizer, Growth in Bihar Conference, Patna, India  
2009 (October)                 Co-organizer, BREAD/CEPR Conference on Development Economics, LSE  
2009 (September)               Co-organizer, IGC Growth Week Conference  
2009 (July)                        Scientific Committee, China Summer Institute, Tianjin, China  
2008 (October)                 Co-organizer, CEPR Development Economics Conference  
2008 (July)                        Scientific Committee, China Summer Institute, Beijing, China  
2008 (March)                      Co-organizer, Polarization and Conflict Conference, LSE  
2007 (December)                Co-organizer, Growth in Brazil Conference, Rio de Janeiro  
2007 (October)                 Co-organizer, BREAD/CEPR Conference on Development Economics, LSE  
2007 (June)                        Co-organizer, Microeconomics of Growth Conference, World Bank  
2007 (March)                      Co-organizer, CEPR/Swedish Development Economics Network Conference on Development Economics  
2006 (December)                Co-organizer, Growth in India Conference, Delhi  
2006 (November)                Co-organizer, CEPR/EUDN Development Economics Conference, Paris  
2006 (May)                        Co-organizer, Freedom in Development Conference, LSE  
2006 (May)                        Co-organizer, Microeconomics of Growth Conference, World Bank  
2006 (April)                        Scientific Committee, BREAD/CEPR/EBRD Conference on Institutional Development, Market Integration and Growth, Tokyo

2005 (November)	Co-organizer, Growth in China Conference, Beijing
2005 (June)	Scientific Committee, CEPR/BREAD Conference on Institutions, Development and Transition, Istanbul
2004 – 2006	Program Committee, European Economic Association Annual Meeting
2004 – 2006	Program Committee, Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting
2004 (December)	Co-organizer, Economics of Industrial Development Conference, LSE
2004 (May)	Co-organizer, Economics of Industrial Development Conference, World Bank
2003 (November)	Co-organizer, Economics of Industrial Development Conference, LSE

#### REFEREE

Journal of Applied Econometrics, American Economic Review, Department for International Development, Journal of Development Economics, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Ecological Economics, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Journal of Economic Literature, Economic Journal, Economics of Planning, Economics of Transition, Economic and Social Research Council, Journal of the European Economic Association, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, International Tax and Public Finance, Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Leverhulme Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, MIT Press, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Nuffield Foundation, Oxford University Press, Journal of Political Economy, Princeton University Press, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Rand Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Ruckerfeller Foundation, World Bank

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

2009 – 2012	Department for International Development “Grant to Establish International Growth Centre” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier, Stefan Dercon, Chang-Tai Hsieh and Gobind Nankani)
2007 – 2010	Economic and Social Research Council “Infrastructure and Development: Evidence from India and East Africa”
2007 – 2011	Department for International Development “Institutions, Growth and Poverty” Research Grant (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier and Stefan Dercon)
2006 – 2008	STICERD, LSE: “Railways, Famines and Banks: Evidence from Indian Districts, 1871-2001” Faculty Research Grant (with David Donaldson)
2004 – 2007	Expert Group on Development Issues, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: “Confronting Global Poverty: The Role of Institutions, Expanding Opportunities and Market Liberalization” Research Grant (with Timothy Besley and Dave Donaldson)
2003 – 2008	World Bank Research Department: “Microeconomics of Growth Network” Conference Grant (with Chang-Tai Hsieh and John Sutton)
2003 – 2006	Nuffield Foundation: “Comparing Advantages of Non-Government Organisations Versus the State: The Case of Primary Education in Bangladesh” Research Grant
2002 – 2005	Department for International Development: “Growth and Poverty in India” Research Grant (with Timothy Besley and Berta Esteve-Volart)
2000 – 2002	World Bank Social Protection Division: “Benchmarking Government Social Safety Net Spending” Research Grant (with Timothy Besley and Imran Rasul)
1999 – 2001	STICERD, LSE: “Financial Deepening, Growth and Welfare: Evidence from the Indian States 1958-2000” Faculty Research Grant

#### STUDENTS

2009	Dave Donaldson (Department of Economics, MIT) Juan Pablo Rud (Department of Economics, Royal Holloway)
2008	Roberto Bonfatti (Department of Economics, University of Oxford)

2006	Irma Clots (Department of Economics, Carlos III)
2005	Matthieu Chemin (Department of Economics, University of Quebec) Pataporn Sukontamarn (Department of Economics, Adelaide University)
2002	Imran Rasul (Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago)
2001	Marta Reynal-Querol (Department of Economics, Pompeu Fabra)

### **SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

American Social Science Association Meetings, Bangalore Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Beijing University, Beijing University Conference on Land Reform, Beijing Conference on Pro-Poor Growth, Bellagio Conference on Social Dynamics and the Microeconomics of Poverty, Bonn, Brazilian Ministry of Land Reform Conference, Brown, Bureau of Research on Economic Development Conference, Caltech, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UCLA, UC-San Diego, Canadian Institute of Advanced Research Institutions, Organizations and Growth Meeting, Cambridge, CEPR Dynamic Aspects of Policy Reform Conference, CEPR Conference on Gender Inequalities, CEPR Conference on the Economic Analysis of Political Institutions, CEPR Public Policy Symposium, CEPR Conference on International Trade, CEPR Transition Meets Development Conference, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Da Nang University, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi Pro-Poor Growth Conference, Department for International Development, University of East Anglia, Essex, European Economic Association Meetings, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Hanoi National University, Harvard, Harvard Political Institutions and Economic Policies Conference, Heidelberg, IFPRI/IDB Conference on Disaster Mitigation, IMF, Indian National Sample Survey Organization, Indian Ministry of Finance, Indian Ministry of Rural Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, LSE, LSE Economics of Industrial Development Conference, MacArthur Inequality and Economic Performance Network, Michigan, MIT, NBER Summer Institute, NBER Globalization and Poverty Conference, New York University, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Nottingham, Oxford, Paris School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Princeton, Pompeu Fabra, Rand, Southampton, Stanford, Stockholm Institute of International Studies, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Toulouse, UBC Conference on Indian Economic Reforms, UCL, UNDP Vietnam Office, World Bank, World Development Report Meeting on the Role of Media in Development, Yale, Yale Conference on Political Economy of Development, Yale Globalization Conference