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PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married to Bronwen Burgess
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Citizenship: UK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POSITIONS

2007 – present	Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
2004 – 2007	Reader in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1999 – present	Co-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)
2005 – present	Senior Fellow, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
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

“The Unequal Effects of Liberalization: Evidence from Dismantling the License Raj in India” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *American Economic Review*, 2007, forthcoming.

“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

“Mao’s Legacy: Access to Land and Hunger in Modern China”. mimeo 2005.

“Modernisation and Son Preference” (with Juzhong Zhuang). STICERD Development Economics Discussion Paper No. 29., March 2003.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The Political Economy of Deforestation in Indonesia” (with Benjamin Olken and Stefanie Sieber)

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

“Climate Change and Death in India” (with David Donaldson and Michael Greenstone)

“Does Conflict Lead to Environmental Degradation? Evidence from Sierra Leone” (with Edward Miguel)

“Criminal Politicians” (with Timothy Besley)

“The Political Economy of Road Placement in East Africa” (with Edward Miguel and Ameet Morjaria)

“Expanding Opportunity? The Ultra-Poor Program in Bangladesh” (with Oriana Bandiera, Imran Rasul and Selim Gulesci)

“Railways and Famine in Colonial India” (with David Donaldson)

“Growth in India” (with Chang-Tai Hsieh)

“What Explains the Rise in Obesity in Mexico?” (with Matthew Rabin and Eric Verhoogen)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

JOURNALS

2004 – present Associate Editor, *Economic Journal*

PUBLIC SERVICE

2007 – present Co-organizer, Africa Development Group, World Bank
2005 – present 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

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, Rockefeller Foundation, World Bank

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 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 – present 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 – present World Bank Research Department: “Microeconomics of Growth Network” Conference Grant (with Chang-Tai Hsieh and John Sutton)
- 2003 – present 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

- 2007 Juan Pablo Rud (Development Studies Institute, LSE)
- 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