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EMPLOYMENT

2016– Professor, Department of Economics, University of Warwick  
2014–2016 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oxford  
2010–2013 University Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Oxford

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2010  
M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2007  
M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2005  
B.A. (Hons), Economics, Queen's University, 2004

I. RESEARCH

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

- 1807: Economic shocks, conflict and the slave trade  
with N. Kala  
*Forthcoming, Journal of Development Economics*
- Polygamy and child mortality:  
Historical and modern evidence from Nigeria's Igbo  
with V. Arthi  
*Forthcoming, Review of Economics of the Household*
- 2016 Intra-household labor allocation in colonial Nigeria  
with V. Arthi  
*Explorations in Economic History*
- 2015 African polygamy: Past and present  
*Journal of Development Economics*
- 2015 Climate and the slave trade  
with N. Kala  
*Journal of Development Economics*
- 2014 Trees, tenure and conflict: Rubber in colonial Benin  
*Journal of Development Economics*
- 2014 The battle for rubber in Benin  
*Economic History Review*
- 2014 Ecology, trade, and states in pre-colonial Africa  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*
- 2014 *Imachi nkwu*: Trade and the commons  
*Journal of Economic History*

- 2013 Does land abundance explain African institutions?  
*Economic Journal*
- 2013 Revealed preference tests of the Cournot model  
with A. Carvajal, R. Deb, and J. Quah  
*Econometrica*
- 2013 “Rubber will not keep in this country”: Failed development in Benin, 1897-1921  
*Explorations in Economic History*
- 2012 Partition, migration and jute cultivation in India  
with P. Bharadwaj  
*Journal of Development Studies*
- 2012 Land abundance and economic institutions: Egba land and slavery, 1830-1914  
*Economic History Review*
- 2011 Land tenure and investment incentives: Evidence from West Africa  
*Journal of Development Economics*
- 2010 *L'Étranger*: Status, property rights and investment incentives in Côte d'Ivoire  
*Land Economics*

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Economic Growth and Measurement Reconsidered  
Book review, *Journal of Economic History*
- 2014 A nonparametric analysis of multi-product oligopolies  
with A. Carvajal, R. Deb, and J. Quah  
*Economic Theory*
- 2014 Debt and Slavery in the Mediterranean and Atlantic Worlds  
Book review, *Journal of Economic History*
- 2012 History, Historians and Development Policy: A Necessary Dialogue  
Book review, *Economic History Review*
- 2011 Property rights in rural West Africa: Causes and consequences  
Dissertation summary, *Journal of Economic History*
- 2010 The causal history of Africa: A response to Hopkins  
Literature review, *Economic History of Developing Regions*

#### WORKING PAPERS

- Early-life circumstance and adult mental health  
with A. Adhvaryu and A. Nyshadham  
*Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy*
- Oil and ethnic inequality in Nigeria  
with I. Zurimendi  
*Revision requested, Journal of Economic Growth*
- Conflict and the formation of political beliefs in Africa  
with A. Adhvaryu  
*Revision requested, Economic Development and Cultural Change*
- Dust and Death: Evidence from the West African Harmattan  
with A. Adhvaryu, P. Bharadwaj, A. Nyshadham and R. Stanley
- Economic shocks and unrest in French West Africa  
with C. Christian
- Fetal Origins of Mental Health: Evidence From Africa  
with A. Adhvaryu, N. Kala and A. Nyshadham

Is Africa Different? Historical Conflict and State Development  
with M. Dincecco and M. Onorato  
Resources, Conflict, and Economic Development in Africa  
with A. Adhvaryu, A. Nyshadham, and G. Khanna

#### HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 British Academy Wiley Prize in Economics
- 2014 John Fell Fund
- 2010 Alexander Gerschenkron Prize
- 2009 Robert M. Leylan Fellowship in the Social Sciences
- 2008 Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale Grant; Georg W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant; John F. Enders Fund Grant; Sasakawa Research Award
- 2007 Georg W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant; Gilder Lehrman Center Graduate Research Fellowship; MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant; Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders' Fellowship
- 2006 Economic History Association Exploratory Travel and Data Grant; MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant

#### II. TEACHING

##### COURSES TAUGHT

- 2016- Topics in Economic History and Development (lectures)
- 2014-2016 Quantitative Methods II (lectures)
- 2013-2016 Foundations of Development (lectures)
- 2012-2016 Economic History I: The Great Divergence (lectures)
- 2011-2016 British Economic History since 1870 (lectures and tutorials)
- 2015-2016 Economic History II: Money, Finance and Cycles in History (lectures)
- 2012-2015 MSc Economics for Development (tutorials)
- 2010-2012 Economic Growth in History (lectures)

##### SUPERVISION

- Current students: Daniel Brown (Economics DPhil), Karan Nagpal (Economics DPhil), Viviana Perego (Economics DPhil),
- 2016 Leander Heldring (Economics DPhil, Harvard Postdoc), Patrick McGrath (Economics MPhil, Boston Consulting Group), Rinchan Mirza (History DPhil, University of Namur Postdoc), Giulio Schinaia (Economics MPhil, ODI fellowship)
- 2015 Vellore Arthi (DPhil; University of Essex); Mattia Bertazzini (History MPhil; LSE Economic History DPhil), Charlotte Carter (Economics MSc, Barclays), Cornelius Christian (Economics DPhil; St. Francis Xavier University), Elizaveta Elizarova (History MSc), Smit Gade (Economics MPhil, KPMG), Daniel Hall (History MSc), Allan Hsiao (Economics MSc; MIT Economics PhD), Johannes Jaeckle (Economics MSc), Cristina Melnic (History BA; Google), Alexander Neubauer (Economics MSc; Boston Consulting Group)

- 2014 Russell Black (History BA; Toulouse economics Master's), Hugo Brook (History MSc), Athena Sharma (Economics MSc; Accenture), Alice Xiang (Economics MSc; Yale Law)
- 2013 Jonathan Reader (Economics MSc; Oxford MBA), Bas Heerma van Voss (History MSc; Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Marc Witte (Economics MSc; Oxford economics DPhil)
- 2012 Elizabeth Betterbed (History MPhil; US Army), Rossa O'Keeffe-O'Donovan (Economics MSc; University of Pennsylvania economics PhD), Daniel Ross (History MSc; Greenhill & Co), William Santa Cruz (Economics and Management BA; PokerStrategy.com)

#### ADDITIONAL TEACHING

- 2015 Lecture on "Causality in Economic History" for the class "What Happened and Why?" at the University of Oxford.
- 2014 Lecture on "Warfare in African History" for the Summer School in Economic Growth at the University of Warwick.
- 2013 Guest Lectures on "Globalization" and "Genetics, Ethnicity and Conflict" at the University of Michigan; Lecture on "Environmental History" for the Summer School in Economic Growth at the University of Warwick.
- 2011 Lecture on "Environmental History" at the University of Michigan.
- 2010 Lecture on "Economic Development in Africa" for the Yale "Teaching of Africa" program.

### III. SERVICE

#### GENERAL SERVICE

- 2016– Junior Hiring Committee
- 2015– Program Committee for Royal Economic Society Conference
- 2013–2016 Co-organizer, CSAE Research Workshop
- 2012–2016 Deputy Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies
- 2012–2016 Member, Examining Committee for Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- 2012 Member, CSAE UNLTF Recruitment Committee
- 2011-2013 Co-organizer, Applied Microeconomics Seminar
- 2011–2016 Member, MPhil Admissions Committee for Economics
- 2011–2016 Co-organizer, Economic and Social History Seminar
- 2010-2013 Member, Examining Committee for Economic and Social History

#### REFEREEING

*Agricultural Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Business History, Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Canadian Journal of Economics, Cliometrica, Econometrica, Economics Bulletin, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic History of Developing Regions, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, Economic Research Southern Africa, Economics and Human Biology, Environment and Development Economics, Erdkunde: Archive for Scientific Geography, European Review of Economic History, Forest Policy and Economics, Global Food Security, International Journal of Peace and Development Studies, Journal of African Economies,*

*Journal of African History, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of International Development, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Relations and Development, Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Land Economics, National Science Foundation, Open Book Publishers, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Development Studies, Oxford Economic Papers, Palgrave Pivot, PLOS One, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Sciences, The World Economy, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2015–	Explorations in Economic History
2015–	Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
2012–2015	Journal of African Economies
2010–2016	Oxford Economic Papers