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Current Appointments and Affiliations

Tufts University, Department of Economics

J.C. Keogh and Family Associate Professor (with tenure), 2026-

J.C. Keogh and Family Assistant Professor, 2025-2026

Assistant Professor, 2019-2025

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Faculty Research Fellow, DEV and POL, 2023-

Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)

Affiliate, 2023-

Past Positions

Harvard University, Center for International Development, Kennedy School

Visiting Research Scholar, 2022

Trinity College Dublin, Department of Economics & TRiSS

Visiting Fellow, 2018-19

Yale University, Department of Economics & Economic Growth Center

Postdoctoral Associate, 2016-18

Brown University, Department of Economics & Watson Institute

Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs, 2014-16

University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics & GCGD

Postdoctoral Researcher, 2013-14

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Trinity College Dublin (University of Dublin), 2013

Dissertation: *Essays on the Political Economy of Development*

Advisor: Pedro C. Vicente; Examiner: Gani Aldashev

Fulbright Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2011-13

Advisor: Edward Miguel

M.A. Economics, University College Dublin, 2008

B.Comm. Intl. (French), National University of Ireland, Galway, 2007

Erasmus Visiting Student, Université de Montpellier, 2005-06

Fields of Interest

Development Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics

Research

Working Papers

Development Mismatch? Evidence from Agricultural Projects in Pastoral Africa (with Nathan Nunn)
NBER Working Paper w33191

Published Papers

Geoeconomics and Conflict: A Review and Open Questions (with Christoph Trebesch)
Economic Policy, 2025, 40(123), 683-715.

Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa (with Nathan Nunn)
Review of Economic Studies, 2025, 92(1), 404-441.
NBER Working Paper w28243

No Kin in the Game: Moral Hazard and War in the U.S. Congress (with Nate Hilger & Nicholas Miller)
Journal of Political Economy, 2023, 131(9), 2289-2595
NBER Working Paper w23904

The Economic Origins of Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke)
Journal of Political Economy, 2020, 128(10), 3679-4009
NBER Working Paper w23056

Foreign Aid Preferences and Perceptions in Donor Countries (with Pedro Vicente & Daniel Kaufmann)
Journal of Comparative Economics, 2019, 47(3), 601-617

Democratic Accountability, Regulation and Inward Investment Policy (with Michael Dorsch & Fergal McCann)
Economics and Politics, 2014, 26(2), 263-284

The Illusory Leader: Natural Resources, Taxation and Accountability
Public Choice, 2013, 154(3-4), 285-313

Selected Works in Progress

Economic Complementarities and Conflict: Evidence from Farmers and Herders in Africa (with Oeindrila Dube)

Policy Papers and Other Writing

Mismatched Development Projects in Fragile States: Evidence from Agricultural Projects in Pastoral Africa

RECIPE Research Note, CEPR Growth Research Platform Publication [link], 2026

Displaced and Divided: How Some Development Projects Undermine Africa's Pastoral Communities, Sparking Violence (with Nathan Nunn)

VoxDev Column [link], 2025

War in Ukraine, World Food Prices, and Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke). Reprinted in L. Garicano, D. Rohner and B. W. di Mauro (Eds.), *Global Economic Consequences of the War in Ukraine: Sanctions, Supply Chains and Sustainability*, CEPR Press, 2022.

VoxEU Column [link], 2022

How Climate Shocks Trigger Inter-Group Conflicts: Evidence from Africa's Transhumant Pastoralists (with Nathan Nunn)

VoxDev Column [link], 2021

Review: "The Development Dilemma: Security, Prosperity, and a Return to History" by Robert Bates

Economic History Association [link], 2018

Food fights: Food Prices and Civil Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke)

IGC Blog Post [link], 2017

The Political Economy of Direct Cash Transfers in Resource-Rich Countries: A Theoretical Consideration (with Anand Rajaram & Marcelo Giugale)

World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series WPS7575, 2016

DFID Support to Education in East Africa: Lessons from the Research Literature

CEGA, UC Berkeley. Prepared for the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (UK), 2012

Teaching and Academic Service

Instructor

Tufts University

Advanced Topics in Political Economy and Development Economics (Ec 192-1), Spring 2025

Graduate Workshop in Empirical Economics (Ec 299), Fall 2023-Spring 2026

Basic Econometrics (Ec 15), Fall 2019-Spring 2026

Brown University, Development and the International Economy (Econ 0510), Spring 2015, 2016

Gothenburg University, The Quality of Government, Spring 2014

Course Director

Yale University, Microeconomics (Econ 115), Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Other Lectures

Johns Hopkins SAIS

Climate Change and Conflict in Africa, Conflict Management Field Trip, 2024

Brown University

Research on the Causes of Civil War, BIARI, 2017

Randomized Experiments, Political Research Methods, 2017

Module on Experiments and Intensive Field Work (graduate), 2016

PhD Advising (Chair) and Placement

2024: Ernesto Tiburcio, UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, Post-Doc

2023: Mohammad Ahmad, Federal Communications Commission, Economist

Conference Organization

NEUDC (selection committee/session chair): Harvard University, 2023; Boston University, 2021; Dartmouth College, 2020; Brown University, 2015

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting, Brown University, 2015

Irish Society of New Economists Annual Meeting, Trinity College Dublin, 2010

Panel Speaker

U.S. Department of Defense Africa Symposium, Defense Intelligence Agency, 2022

The (Dis)United Kingdom? The UK after the Referendum? Watson Institute, Brown University, 2014

Learning to Give: Towards an Evidence Based Approach to Global Education, University of Gothenburg Global Week, 2013

Scientific Committee Service

Reducing Conflict and Improving Performance in the Economy (ReCIPE) Programme, Theme Leader, CEPR, 2024-

Editorial Service

Referee (in alphabetical order): American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Economic Studies; Econometrica; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Economics Letters; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic History; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Peace Studies; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; Journal of Public Economics; Oxford Development Studies; Oxford Economic Papers; Public Choice; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Research Grants Council of Hong Kong; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Studies in Comparative International Development; University of Chicago Press; World Bank Economic Review; World Development; World Politics; zie: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Faculty Research Fund Award, Tufts University, 2022
Neubauer Fund for Faculty Excellence, Tufts University, 2019-20
Watson Institute Collaboration Grant, Brown University, 2015
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University, 2015
Fulbright Award in Social Sciences, 2011
AMID Marie Curie Fellowship (Declined), 2011
Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Scholarship, 2009-12
Trinity College Dublin Graduate Research & Teaching Fellowships, 2008
NUIG University Scholar, 2006

Invited Seminar and Conference Presentations

2026

Dartmouth College
University of Pittsburgh
University of Galway
Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB)

2025

NBER Summer Institute: Development Economics
80th Economic Policy Panel Meeting, CESifo Venice Summer Institute
Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum
Boston University: Development and International Economics Seminar
University of British Columbia: Development/Political Economy Seminar
University of Calgary: Economics Seminar
Villanova University: Economics Seminar
George Mason University: Public Choice Seminar
CEPR ReCIPE Annual Conference, Paris School of Economics
Texas Tech University: Economics Seminar

2024

UC San Diego: Political Economy Seminar
Clark University: Economics Seminar
ESOC Conference, UCLA
Yale University: Leitner Political Economy Seminar
NBER Summer Institute: Inequality and Macroeconomics
SIOE Conference: U Chicago

CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium, Paris School of Economics
World Bank Land Conference
UC Berkeley: Oliver E. Williamson Seminar, Haas School of Business
Brown University: Development, Institutions and Political Economy Seminar, Economics Dept.
UCLA: Global Economics and Management Seminar, Anderson School of Management
CSAE Conference, University of Oxford

2023

BREAD and IZA Conference on Development Economics, Nairobi
Harvard University: Alberto Alesina Seminar on Political Economy
Georgetown University: *guide* Development Economics Seminar, Econ. Dept. & McCourt School
World Bank: Microeconomics Seminar
Trinity College Dublin: Economics Seminar
WGAPE Workshop, Yale University
University of Göttingen: Development Economics Seminar

2022

European Economic Association Meetings, Milan
NBER Summer Institute: Development Economics
NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, Lisbon
100 Years of Economic Development Conference, Cornell University
Penn Development Research Initiative Conference, University of Pennsylvania
NBER Political Economy Spring Meeting
MIT: Development Economics Seminar (joint with Harvard)
American Economic Association Meetings, Virtual

2021

CEPR Workshop in Development Economics, Trinity College Dublin
NEUDC Conference, Boston University
Brown University: Growth Lab Seminar, Economics Dept.
CSAE Conference, University of Oxford
PacDev Conference, UC San Diego
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Advances in Micro Development
Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting
Irish Economic Association Conference

2020

Harvard University: Seminar in Economic History
University of Southern California: Development Economics Seminar
Loyola Marymount University: Economics Seminar

2019

Trinity College Dublin: Economics Seminar
Queen's University Belfast: Economics Seminar
Households in Conflict Network Conference, Paris School of Economics

2018

American Economic Association Meetings, Philadelphia
Tufts University: Economics Seminar
UC Berkeley: Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar
Williams College: Economics Seminar
University College Dublin: Economics Seminar
World Bank: Macroeconomics, Trade, and Finance Seminar
Nova School of Business and Economics: NOVAFRICA Seminar

2017

CSAE Conference, University of Oxford
Yale University: Development Economics Workshop
Yale University: Leitner Political Economy Seminar
NEUDC Conference, Tufts University

2016

All UC Conference on Conflict and Development, UC Irvine
Trinity College Dublin: Economics Seminar
Yale University: Development Economics Workshop

2015

UC Berkeley: Development Economics Lunch Workshop
NEUDC Conference, Brown University
PacDev Conference, UC San Diego
World Bank Annual Conference on Africa, UC Berkeley
Brown University: Watson Institute Seminar
B-WGAPE Workshop, Yale University

2014

Brown University: Watson Institute Seminar
American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, DC
World Bank, Washington DC
PacDev Conference, UCLA
CSAE Conference, University of Oxford
Georgetown University: School of Foreign Service
European Public Choice Society, University of Cambridge

2013

NEUDC Conference, Harvard University
WGAPPE Workshop, World Bank
IFPRI: Seminar, Washington DC
University of Gothenburg: Economics Seminar
University of Navarra: Economics Seminar

2012

UC Berkeley: Development Economics Lunch Workshop
Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Cambridge
Nordic Conference on Development Economics, University of Gothenburg

2011

CSAE (x3 papers), University of Oxford
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, University of Groningen
Irish Society of New Economists, University College Dublin

2010

CSAE, University of Oxford
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Luxembourg
Irish Economics Association, Belfast
Irish Society of New Economists, Trinity College Dublin

2009

Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies, Dubai School of Government

Other Consulting and Visiting Positions

Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges, 2018-19.

World Bank, 2013-14

Center for Effective Global Action, University of California, Berkeley, 2012/-13/-14.

Other Activities and Affiliations

Center for Economics, Policy and History (CEPH)

Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

International Relations Core Faculty, Tufts University

References

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