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Education:

Ph.D. Yale University, 1993

M.A. University of Warwick, 1985-1986

BSc. (Econ) London School of Economics and Political Science, 1979-1982

Main Fields: Political Economy and Comparative Politics. Economic and Political Development.

Current Positions:

Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago, Since July 1, 2020.

Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies, since July 1, 2016.

University Professor, University of Chicago, since July 1, 2015.

Fellow of the Institute for African Studies, University of Nigeria at Nsukka, Since July 1, 2023.

Previous Positions:

Wilbur A. Cowett Professor of Government, Harvard University, July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015.

David Florence Professor of Government, Harvard University, July 1, 2009-June 30, 2014.

Professor of Government, Harvard University, July 1, 2004-June 30, 2009.

Associate Professor of Political Science and Economics, University of California at Berkeley, July 1, 2001-June 30, 2004.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, July 1, 1999-July 1 2001.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Southern California, September 1, 1995-June 30, 1999.

Lecturer in Economics, University of Melbourne, September 1, 1992-August 30, 1995.

Other Activities:

Director of the Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts since July 1, 2016.

Academic Adviser to the World Bank's World Development Report 2017.

Member of the board of the Global Development Network, January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011.

Member of the Swedish Development Policy Council, a committee advising the Swedish Foreign Minister on Sweden's International Development Policy, 2007-2010.

Senior Scholar of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 2004-2015.

Academic Adviser to the World Bank's World Development Report 2005.

Awards:

2024 Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

2023 Leo Mechelin Medal of Honour, Leo Mechelin Foundation, Finland.

2023 El Colegio de México Daniel Cosío Villegas Prize in Social Science.

2022 given the chieftaincy title Nwanne di na Mba by the community of Umuchieze, Imo state, Nigeria.

2021 Elected Fellow of the Econometric Society

2021 Doctor Honoris Causa, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.

2018 Carlos F. Díaz-Alejandro Prize of Outstanding Economic Research (Awarded by the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association).

2017 William H. Riker Prize in Political Science (Awarded by the Department of Political Science at the University of Rochester in recognition of scholarly achievement that exemplifies and advances the scientific study of politics.)

2017 Doctor Honoris Causa, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, March.

2016 Doctor Honoris Causa, National University of Mongolia, UlaanBaatar, Mongolia, May.

2016 Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Warwick, UK, July.

David Davidson Prize for the best paper published in the Scandinavian Journal of Economics in 2013.

30th in Prospect Magazine's ranking of World Thinkers of 2013.

2013 Honorable Mention for *Why Nations Fail* by Council on Foreign Relations

(CFR) [Arthur Ross Book Award](#) for the best book published on international affairs.

2013 International affairs book of the year award for *Why Nations Fail* at the Paddy Power and Total Politics Political Book of the Year ceremony.

2013 Eccles Prize awarded to *Why Nations Fail* (awarded by Columbia Business School for the book the faculty committee believes has the most substantial broad impact on applications of economics in business or public policy).

Why Nations Fail chosen as one of the Washington Post's top 10 books of the year for 2012, one of the *Economist* and *Financial Times*' "Best Books of 2012", one of the *Christian Science Monitor's* 15 Best Books of 2012, one of *Businessweek's* "Best Books of 2012, According to Business Leaders".

Why Nations Fail short-listed for the FT-Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award.

Selected as one of *Foreign Policy's* Top Global Thinkers of 2012.

2012 Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

2010 Florence Gould Fellowship, Paris School of Economics, France.

2007 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, awarded by the American Political Science Association for "the best book published in the United States during the prior year on government, politics or international affairs."

2007 William Riker Prize for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, awarded by the American Political Science Association for the best book in political economy published in 2006.

2007 Heinz I. Eulau Award awarded by the American Political Science Association to “Economic Backwardness in Political Perspective” for the best article published in the *American Political Science Review* in 2006.

2007 Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, awarded by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University to “selected faculty members in recognition of their achievements and scholarship in the fields of “literature, history or art, as such terms may be liberally interpreted””

2006 Association of American Publishers Award of Excellence in Professional Scholarly Publishing, in Economics and Finance, for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*.

2002 Carnegie Scholar.

Susan Louis Dyer Peace Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1999-2000.

Named Lectures:

2023 Arthur Lewis Lecture, Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Nairobi.

2023 The Second Annual Lecture in political science and political economy, LSE, London.

2023 Distinguished Lecture, Egyptian Institute of National Planning, Cairo.

2023 Distinguished Lecture, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Cairo.

2022 Robert H. Foster Lecture, Idaho State University, Pocatello.

2021 Inaugural Memorial Lecture in Honor of Professor Benno Ndulu, AERC, Nairobi.

2021 Mahbub ul Haq Distinguished Lecture, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan.

2021 Queens University Annual Politics Lecture, Belfast, UK.

2020 Zvi Griliches Memorial Lectures, New Economic School, Moscow.

2020 Inaugural Waterloo Lecture, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada.

2020 30th Anniversary Keynote Lecture, Department of Development Studies, LSE, London.

2019 Inaugural Nick Crafts Lecture, University of Warwick, UK.

2019 Inaugural Riitta Hjerpe Lecture in Social Science History, Helsinki.

2018 Sun Chen Lecture, Taiwan National University, Taipei.

2018 Carlos F. Díaz-Alejandro Lecture, Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association Annual Meetings, Guayaquil.

2018 Inaugural Master Conference, Instituto del Banco Central del Paraguay, Asunción.

2018 Sir Richard Stone Annual Lecture, University of Cambridge, UK.

2017 Tinbergen Lectures, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2017 W. Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

2016 Inaugural Malcolm Deas Annual History Seminar, University of Oxford, UK.

2016 Rimini Lecture, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada.

2016 Oxford Development Studies Annual Lecture, Development Studies Association Annual Conference, Oxford, UK.

2016 CPB Lecture, Netherlands Bureau for Economic Analysis, The Hague, Netherlands.

2016 UB Impulse Lecture, National University of Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia.

2016 Linowes Lecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2016 Kuznets Lecture, Yale University, New Haven.

2016 Master Lecture, Rafael del Pino Foundation, Madrid, Spain,

2016 50th year Department of Economics Lecture, University of California at Irvine.

2014 ESOP Public Lecture, University of Oslo, Norway.

2014 Annual University Opening Speech, University of Utrecht, Netherlands.

2014 Andrew Tan Lecture Series, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines.
2014 IRPA Lecture, Institute for Research on Public Administration, Rome, Italy.
2014 Collegio Aperto Lecture, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy.
2013 Eli F. Heckscher Lecture, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden.
2013 Bernard Schwartz Distinguished Lecture, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, USA.
2013 Maddison Lecture, University of Groningen, Netherlands.
2013 EMST Open Lecture, European School of Management and Technology, Berlin, Germany.
2011 Morishima Lecture, London School of Economics, UK.
2010 Munro Public Lecture, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, USA.
2009 Trevor Swan Distinguished Lecture, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.
2008 Yan Fu Memorial Lecture, Peking University, China.
2007 Distinguished Guest Lecturer, Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, USA.
2007 Richard G. Lipsey Lectures, University of Essex, England
2006 Malim Harding Visitorship Lecture, University of Toronto, Canada.

Book Manuscripts:

The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies and the Fate of Liberty (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) (2019) New York: Penguin.

(Translated into Albanian, Azerbaijani, Brazilian, Burmese, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Kazakh, Korean, Kyrgyz, Montenegrin, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese).

Africa's Development in Historical Perspective (edited with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert H. Bates and Nathan Nunn), (2014) New York: Cambridge University Press.

The Role of Elites in Economic Development (edited with Alice H. Amsden and Alisa DiCaprio) (2012) New York: Oxford University Press.

Why Nations Fail (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) (2012) New York: Crown.

(Translated into Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Bosnian, Brazilian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kazakh, Korean, Kurdish, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Pashtun, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Tigrinya, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese)

Natural Experiments in History (co-edited with Jared Diamond, UCLA) (2010) Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Die Ursprünge der modernen Welt: Geschichte im wissenschaftlichen Vergleich (co-edited with Klaus Wiegandt) (2008) Frankfurt: Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag.

Economía Colombiana del Siglo XX: Un Análisis Cuantitativo (2007) (jointly edited volume with Miguel Urrutia, University of the Andes in Bogotá), Bogotá and México D.F.: Fondo de Cultura Económica.

Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy (2006) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) New York; Cambridge University Press.

(Translated into Chinese, Serbian, Turkish)

Publications in Refereed Journals:

- “Problematizing State Capacity: The Rwandan Case,” (joint with Leander Heldring) (2023) *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19, 3, 401-425.
- “Weak, Despotic, or Inclusive? How State Type Emerges from State vs. Civil Society Competition” (with Daron Acemoglu) (2023) *American Political Science Review*, 117, 2, 407 – 420.
- “Tax Aversion and the Social Contract in Africa” (2023) *Journal of African Economies*, 32, Issue Supplement_1, i33–i56.
- “Africa’s Latent Assets,” (with Soren J. Henn), (2023) *Journal of African Economies*, 32, Issue Supplement_1, i9–i32.
- “The Second World War, Inequality and the Social Contract in Britain,” (with Leander Heldring and Parker Whitfill) (2022), *Economica*, 89, S1, S137-S159.
- “Non-Modernization: Power-Culture Trajectories and the Dynamics of Political Institutions,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu), (2022), *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, 25, 323–339.
- “The Weak State Trap,” (2022) (joint with Leopoldo Fergusson and Carlos Molina) *Economica*, 89, 354, 293-331.
- “The Long-Run Impact of the Dissolution of the English Monasteries,” (2021) (with Leander Heldring and Sebastian Vollmer), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136, 4, 2093–2145.
- “Social Origins of Dictatorships: Elite Networks and Political Transitions in Haiti,” (2021) (joint with Suresh Naidu and Lauren Young), *American Political Science Review*, 115, 3, 900 – 916.
- “The Political Agenda Effect and State Centralization,” (2020) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Ragnar Torvik, Trondheim), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 48, 4, 749-778.
- “Segmentary Lineage Organization and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa,” (2020) (joint with Jacob Moscona, MIT, and Nathan Nunn, Harvard University), *Econometrica*, 88, 5, 1999-2036.
- “Trust in State and Non-State Actors: Evidence from Dispute Resolution in Pakistan,” (2020) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Ali Cheema, LUMS, and Asim Khwaja, Harvard), *Journal of Political Economy*, 128, 8, 3090-3147.
- “The Perils of Top-down State Building: The case of the Colombian ‘False Positives’” (2020) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Leopoldo Fergusson, University of the Andes, Dario Romero, Columbia University, and Juan F. Vargas, El Rosario University), *American Economic Journal: Applied* (Lead Article), 12, 3, 1-43.
- “Rents and Economic Development: The Perspective of *Why Nations Fail*,” (2019) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *Public Choice*, 181, 1-2, 13-28.

“Power and Persistence: The Indigenous Roots of Representative Democracy,” (2019) (joint with Jeanet Bentzen Sinding and Jacob Gerner Hariri, University of Copenhagen), *Economic Journal*, 129, 618, 1, 678-714.

“Democracy Does Cause Growth,” (2019) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Suresh Naidu, Columbia, and Pascual Restrepo, Boston University), *Journal of Political Economy*, 127. 1, 47-100.

“Genetic legacy of state centralization in the Kuba Kingdom of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,” (2019) (joint with Lucy van Dorp, Sara Lowes, Jonathan L. Weigel, Naser Ansari-Pour, Saioa López, Javier Mendoza-Revilla, Joseph Henrich, Mark G. Thomas, Nathan Nunn, and Garrett Hellenthal), *PNAS*, 116 (2) 593-598.

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“Endogenous Presidentialism,” (2016) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14(4), 907-942.

“Wars and State-Making Reconsidered: The Rise of the Developmental State,” (2016) (joint with Steven Pincus, Yale University), *Annales, Histoire et Sciences Sociales*, 71(1), 7-35.

“The Need for Enemies” (2016) (joint with Leopoldo Fergusson, University of the Andes, Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim, and Juan Vargas, El Rosario University), *Economic Journal*, 126(593), 1018–1054.

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“Political Centralization in Pre-Colonial Africa,” (2013) (joint with Philip Osafo-Kwaako, Harvard), *Journal of Comparative Economics* (Lead Article), 41(1), 6-21.

“The Monopoly of Violence: Theory and Evidence from Colombia,” (2013) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, and Rafael Santos, Yale), *Journal of the European Economic Association* (Lead Article), 11(1), 5-44.

“Finding El Dorado: The long-run consequences of Slavery in Colombia,” (2012) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Camilo García-Jimeno, University of Pennsylvania), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, (Lead Article), 40(4), 534–564.

“The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation: Reply,” (2012) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, and Simon Johnson, MIT), *American Economic Review*, 102(6), 3077-3110.

“The Political Value of Land: Political Reform and Land Prices in Chile,” (2012) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur), *American Journal of Political Science*. 56(3), 601-619.

“The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution,” (2011) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Davide Cantoni, Pompeu Fabra, Simon Johnson, MIT), *American Economic Review*, 101, 3286-3307.

“The Missing Middle Class: Economic and Political Consequences of the Holocaust in Russia,” (2011) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Tarek Hassan, University of Chicago), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126, 895–946.

“When is Democracy an Equilibrium? Theory and Evidence from Colombia’s *La Violencia*” (2011) (joint with Mario Chacón, New York University and Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 55: 366-396,

“Why is Africa Poor?” (2010) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 25, 21-50.

“Collusion and Interlinkage” (2010) (joint with Sripad Motiram, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research), *Review of Development Economics*, 14, 282–301.

“Are Endowments Fate? On the Political Economy of Comparative Institutional Development” (2010) (joint with Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC), *Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 28, 45-82.

“Reevaluating the Modernization Hypothesis,” (2009) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, both MIT, and Pierre Yared, Columbia), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 56, 1043-1058.

“Enclaves and Development: An Empirical Assessment” (2009) (joint with Jonathan H. Conning, Hunter College, CUNY), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 44, 359-385.

“The Political Economy of the Soft-Budget Constraint” (2009) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *European Economic Review*, 53, 786-798.

“Political Conflict and Power-sharing in the Origins of Modern Colombia” (2009) (joint with Sebastián Mazzuca, University of California at Berkeley), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 89, 285-321.

“The Persistence and Change of Institutions in the Americas” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu of MIT), *Southern Economic Journal*, 75, 282-299.

“When Does Policy Reform Work? The Case of Central Bank Independence” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and Pablo Querubín all MIT), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2008, 351-417.

“Land and Power: Theory and application to Chile” (2008) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur), *American Economic Review* (Lead Article), 98, 1737-1765.

“Income and Democracy” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, both MIT, and Pierre Yared, Columbia), *American Economic Review*, 98, 808-842.

“Persistence of Power, Elites and Institutions” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *American Economic Review*, 98, 267-293.

“Land Reform and the Political Organization of Agriculture” (2007) (joint with Jonathan Conning, Hunter College, CUNY), *Journal of Development Economics*, 82, 416-447.

“Political Foundations of the Resource Curse” (2006) (with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim and Thierry Verdier, DELTA), *Journal of Development Economics*, 79, 447-468. Awarded a prize for one of the most cited articles 2005-2009 in Elsevier’s Economics and Finance Journals.

“State Formation and Governance in Botswana” (2006) (joint with Neil Parsons of the University of Botswana), *Journal of African Economies*, 15, 100-140.

“Economic Development and Democracy” (2006) *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, 9, 503-527.

“Economic Backwardness in Political Perspective” (2006) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *American Political Science Review*, 100, 1, 115-131.

“Politician-Proof Policy?” (2005) *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 55, 1-56.

“The Rise of Europe: Atlantic Trade, Institutional Change and Economic Growth” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 95, 546-579.

“White Elephants” (2005) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *Journal of Public Economics*, 89, 197-210.

“Kleptocracy and Divide and Rule: A Theory of Personal Rule” (2004) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Thierry Verdier, DELTA), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2, 162-192.

“Institutional Causes, Macroeconomic Symptoms: Volatility, Crises and Growth” (2003) (joint with Daron Acemoglu (MIT), Simon Johnson (MIT) and Yunyong Thaicharoen (Bank of Thailand)), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 50, 49-123.

“Reversal of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the Making of the Modern World Income Distribution” (2002) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118, 1231-1294.

“Rotten Parents” (2002) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur) *Journal of Public Economics*, 84, 341-356

“The Political Economy of the Kuznets Curve” (2002) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *Review of Development Economics*, 6, 183-203.

“The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 91, 1369-1401.

“A Theory of Political Transitions” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *American Economic Review*, 91, 938-963.

“Inefficient Redistribution” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *American Political Science Review*, 95, 649-662.

“Social Identity, Inequality and Conflict” (2001) *Economics of Governance*, 2, 85-99.

“Why Did the West Extend the Franchise? Growth, Inequality and Democracy in Historical Perspective” (2000) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, CXV, 1167-1199.

“Is Child Labor Inefficient?” (2000) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur) *Journal of Political Economy* (Lead Article), 108, 663-679.

“Dynamic Contractual Enforcement: A Model of Strikes” (1999) *International Economic Review*, 40, 209-230.

“Theories of “Bad” Policy” (1998) *Journal of Policy Reform*, 3, 1-46.

“Rent Appropriation and Sustained Growth” (1996) *Economic Letters*, 50, 71-77.

Publications in Non-Refereed Journals:

“Beyond Modernization Theory” (2018) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *The Annals of Comparative Democratization*, 16(3), 26-31.

“Keeping It in the Family: Lineage Organization and the Scope of Trust in Sub-Saharan Africa,” (2017) (with Jacob Moscona, MIT and Nathan Nunn, Harvard), *American Economic Review*, 107(5), 565-571.

“State Capacity and American Technology: Evidence from the 19th Century” (2016) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Jacob Moscona, Harvard University), *American Economic Review*, 106, 5, 61-67.

“Political Institutions and Comparative Development,” (2015) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), NBER Reporter 2015, Number 2: Research Summary.

“The Role of State Capacity in Economic Development,” (2015) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Camilo García-Jimeno, University of Pennsylvania), *The Political Economist*, XI(1), 7-9.

“Understanding Ethnic Identity in Africa: Evidence from the Implicit Association Test,” (2015) (with Sara Lowes, Nathan Nunn and Jonathan Weigel, Harvard), *American Economic Review*, 105(5), 340-345.

“Democracy, Public Policy and Inequality” (2013) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Suresh Naidu, Columbia, Pascual Restrepo, MIT), *APSA-Comparative Democratization*, 11(3), 2, 16-20.

“Colombia: Another 100 Years of Solitude?” (2013) *Current History*, 112 (751), 43-48.

“The Orangutan in a Tuxedo,” (2012) *Foreign Policy*, November 13.

“Is This Time Different? Capture and Anti-Capture of US Politics,” (2012) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *The Economists Voice*, 9(3).

“Comparative Democratization: Advances in Quantitative Research,” (2010) American Political Science Association, *Comparative Democratization*, 8:3, 1 and 8-11.

“The Junta’s Soft Landing: Why a sham election may be even better for the people of Burma than a legitimate one,” (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *Foreign Policy*, September 30. 2010.

“All the Worlds a Lab” (2010) (with Jared Diamond, UCLA) *New Scientist*, 3/27/2010, Vol. 205 Issue 2753, 28-31.

“Quis Custodiet Ipsos Custodes? Civilian Control over the Military,” (2010) (with Timothy Besley, LSE) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 8, 655-663.

“Property Rights and African Poverty,” (2010) *Defining Ideas*, 2010:1, 143-151.

“Foundations of Social Inequality” (2009) (joint with Daron Acemoglu of MIT), *Science*, 30 October, 326, 678-679.

“The Real Swing Voters Curse” (2009) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *American Economic Review*, 99, 310-315.

“Sins of the Fathers? The Future of the Patrimonial State in Sierra Leone and Elsewhere” (2008) *The New Legon Observer*, 2, 22-24.

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“De Facto Political Power and Institutional Persistence” (2006) (joint with Daron Acemoglu of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 96, 325-330.

“Economic History and Political Science: Clarifying the Questions, Methods and Answers” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *The Political Economist*, 12, pp. 4,7,11-13.

“From Education to Democracy?” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and Pierre Yared, all of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 95, 44-49.

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Publications in Books:

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“Critical Junctures and Developmental Paths: Colonialism and Long-Term Economic Prosperity,” (2021) in David Collier and Gerardo L. Munck eds. *Critical Junctures and Historical Legacies*, Rowman & Littlefield.

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“Historical Roots of Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean” (2003) (joint with Kenneth Sokoloff, UCLA) published as Chapter 5 of *Inequality in Latin America & the Caribbean: Breaking with History?* World Bank.

“An African Success Story: Botswana” (2003) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), in Dani Rodrik ed. *In Search of Prosperity: Analytic Narratives on Economic Growth*, Princeton; Princeton University Press.

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“The Economic Effects of the English Parliamentary Enclosures” (with Leander Heldring, Northwestern, and Sebastian Vollmer, Göttingen).

Invited Plenary and Keynote Lectures:

2023 Keynote speech: Human rights challenges and opportunities in Latin America. Human Rights Watch Americas Advisory Committee.

2023 Keynote Speaker, CESInfo Area Conference, The Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures, Venice, Italy.

2023 Keynote Speaker, 2nd Meeting of Economists of Paraguay, Asunción, Paraguay.

2023 Keynote Speaker, Big Counterfactuals of Macro-Political History, Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #2, University of Manchester.

2023 Keynote Speaker, CAGE 2023 Economic History Workshop, University of Warwick.

2022 Keynote Speaker, World Bank Governance Forum, Washington DC.

2022 Keynote Lecture, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Lima, Perú.

2022 Keynote Speaker, Asian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference 2022, Seoul, South Korea.

2022 Keynote Speaker, The 10th Anniversary Conference of K-Developmedia, Korean Development Institute, Seoul, South Korea.

2022 Keynote Speaker during the XIV Ministerial Development Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean, Cuenca, Ecuador.

2022 Conferencia Magistral, XI Jornadas de Investigación, University of Costa Rica.

2022 Keynote Speaker, 6a Conferencia Cracoviana de Latinoamericanistas, Krakow, Poland.

2022 Keynote Speaker, World Bank FCI Knowledge Exchange Week, Washington DC.

2021 Keynote Lecture, 2021 Ridge Virtual Forum. Workshop of Economic History, Montevideo, Uruguay.

2021 Keynote Lecture, ECONtribute: Markets and Policy in History, Bonn/Cologne workshop.

2021 Keynote Lecture, ECLAC School of Advanced Studies, Montevideo, Uruguay.

2021 Keynote Lecture, Conference on From Slavery to Outer Space: Colonialism in the 21st century, University of Groningen.

2021 Keynote Lecture, Future of Growth Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.

2021 Keynote Lecture, Workshop on Political Economy and Political Science - PEPS 2021 - at the Center for Applied Economics, University of Chile.

2020 Plenary Lecture, African Economic Research Consortium Biannual Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.

2020 Keynote Lecture of the Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy, LANE HOPE.

2020 Keynote Speaker, IMF conference on Exiting Fragility, Washington.

2019 Keynote Speaker, LACEA-LAMES Annual Conference, Puebla, Mexico.

2019 Keynote Speaker, The Politics of Development and State Effectiveness, University of Manchester.

2019 Keynote Speaker, The Economic Society of South Africa Biennial conference, Johannesburg.

2019 Keynote Speaker, 11th Global Empowerment Meeting, Harvard University.

2018 Keynote Speaker, Illinois Economics Association 48th Annual Meetings, Chicago.

2018 Keynote Speaker, Fragile states and Development, LBS Wheeler Institute for Business and Development.

2018 Keynote Speaker, Reload Greece Annual Conference, London.

2018 Keynote Speaker, Tribal Leadership Forum, Stanford University.

2018 Keynote Speaker, German Economic Association Annual Meetings, Zurich, Switzerland.

2018 Keynote Speaker, IDFC Institute Dialogue, Goa, India.

2017 Keynote Speaker, Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association Annual Meetings, Buenos Aires.

2017 Keynote Speaker, Conference on Public Sector Efficiency and Effectiveness, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden.

2017 Keynote Speaker, University of Chicago Booth Global Issues Conference, Chicago.

2017 Keynote Speaker, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2017 Keynote Speaker, New Europe Business Forum, Zagreb, Croatia.

2017 Keynote Lecture, Lund University 350 year Jubilee Symposium, Lund, Sweden.

2016 Keynote Speaker, Economic History and Cliometrics Lab: Fourth Annual Conference, Santiago, Chile.

2016 Keynote Speaker, Conference in Economics and Institutions in History, Eastern European Economic History Initiative, Prague, Czech Republic.

2016 Keynote Speaker, 11th Annual Conference on World History and Economics, Appalachian State University.

2016 Keynote Lecture, Middle Eastern Economic Association, 15th Annual International Conference, Doha, Qatar.

2016 Plenary Lecture, Conference on “Inside Government”, World Bank.

2015 Keynote Speaker, Conference on “Democracy in Africa”, Watson Institute, Brown University, Providence.

2015 Keynote Speaker, German Political Science Association, National Convention, Duisberg, Germany.

2015 Keynote Speaker, Conference on “Causality in Economics and History,” EHSS, Paris, France.

2015 Keynote Speaker, French Economic Association Annual Congress, Rennes, France.

2015 Keynote Speaker, Annual Symposium CEPR Economic History Programme, Oslo, Norway.

2015 Keynote Speaker, at the Annual World Bank Land Conference, Washington.

2014 Keynote Speaker, 30th AGM and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists, Islamabad, Pakistan.

2014 Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Econometric Society, Natal, Brazil.

2014 Keynote Speaker, IDEA Annual Democracy Forum, Gaborone, Botswana.

2014 Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Institutions, Culture and Long-term Economic Effects, Warsaw, Poland.

2014 Keynote Speaker, 2014 Political Economy Workshop, DEFAP Graduate School in Economics, Catholic University of Milan.

2014 Keynote Speaker, The Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society 2014, Cambridge UK.

2014 Keynote Speaker, Conference to Honour Mark Harrison: Economic History of Coercion and State Formation, Warwick UK.

2014 Keynote Speaker at the OECD's Sixth Incaf Director-Level Meeting, New York.

2014 Keynote Speaker at the UNDP Expert Practitioners' Meeting Shaping the State through the Social Contract in Situations of Conflict and Fragility, New York.

2013 Keynote Speaker at the 6th Annual Australasian Public Choice Conference, Singapore.

2013 Keynote Speaker at the 9th Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network, Berkeley.

2013 Keynote Speaker, International Conference at the Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München: The Long Shadow of History, Munich.

2013 Plenary Lecture, Annual Meeting of the Latin American chapter of the Econometric Society, Mexico City.

2013 Keynote Speaker, 1st Annual Canadian Conference of Development Economics, Ottawa.

2013 Keynote Speaker, Latin American Political Science Association Conference, Bogotá.

2013 Inaugural Seminar Speaker, The Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences (CHESS), Yale University.

2013 Keynote Speaker, 1st Annual International Conference of the Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kinshasa.

2013 Keynote Speaker at the World Bank's Human Development Forum, Washington.

2012 Keynote Address, Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at the beginning of its General Debate, New York.

2012 Keynote Address, Williams College, Center for Development Economics, 2012 conference.

2012 Keynote Speaker, Nigerian Economics Society Annual Conference, Abuja, Nigeria.

2012 Keynote Lecture, XVth World Economic History Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

2012 Keynote Speaker, Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Gothenburg, Sweden.

2012 Keynote Lecture, LACEA Political Economy Network Conference, Cartagena, Colombia.

2012 Keynote Lecture, International Conference on Business Excellence, University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

2011 Keynote Lecture, 2011 Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, La Paz.

2010 Plenary lecture, Annual meetings of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Medellín, Colombia.

2010 Keynote Speaker, Second Annual conference on the Colombian Economy, Bogotá, Colombia.

2010 Invited Lecture, Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China.

2010 Keynote Speaker, Center for Economic Policy Research conference on The Political Economy of Economic Development, Barcelona.

2010 Plenary Lecture, Global Development Network Annual Conference, Prague.

2009 Plenary Lecture, Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Boston.

2009 Plenary Lecture, World Bank Annual Development Economics Conference, Seoul, Korea.

2009 Keynote speaker, 6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis.

2008 Plenary Lecture, Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo, Egypt.

2008 Invited Lecture, Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economics Association, Viña del Mar, Chile.

2007 Plenary Lecture, Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo, Egypt.

2006 Plenary Lecture, Annual Meeting of the South and South East Asian chapter of the Econometric Society, Chennai, India.

2005 Keynote Speaker, Australian Conference of Economists Annual Meeting, University of Melbourne.

2004 Plenary Lecture, Annual CEPR Conference on Transition Economies, Hanoi, Vietnam.

2003 Plenary Lecture, Fifth Conference of the European Historical Economics, Madrid, Spain.

2002 Plenary Lecture, Economic History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis.