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Employment

2018-present Lecturer (tenure-track). Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Research areas

Primary: Development economics, Political economy; Secondary: Economic history, Public Health

Education

2018	Ph.D., Economics	European University Institute, Florence
2016 - 2018		University of California, Berkeley (Visiting Research Scholar) Thesis: " <i>Essays in Development Economics</i> " Committee: Jérôme Adda, Michèle Belot, Noam Yuchtman, Eliana La Ferrara Co-Director: Edward A. Miguel
2012	M.Sc., Economics	Toulouse School of Economics
2010	B.A., Economics	Universidad Carlos III Madrid
2007/08		Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris I (exchange student)
2010	L.L.B., Law	Universidad Carlos III Madrid

Other professional affiliations & activities

2023 - Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Invited researcher
2018 - Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), Catalyst

Working Papers

"Monitoring Harassment in Organizations" (with Laura Boudreau, Sylvain Chassang and Rachel Heath) [NBER working paper; AER registry; Submitted];

"Epidemics and Conflict: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak in Western Africa" (with Elena Esposito) [Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of the European Economic Association*];

"Local Media and the Shaping of Social Norms: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak in Guinea" [Submitted];

"Escrow Mechanisms for Group-based Reporting: Evidence from Bangladesh's Garments Sector" (with Laura Boudreau & Sylvain Chassang) [accepted for publication in the *Journal of Development Economics* via pre-results review].

Selected Work in Progress

- "War and risk preferences" (with Abigail Hurwitz);
- "Microfinance and psychological wellbeing: the role of financial literacy" (with Olubunmi Samuel-Adeyemi);
- "Disentangling political ideology from ethnic voting in Africa" (with Madina Kurmangaliyeva);
- "Whistleblowing and Worker Well-being" (with Laura Boudreau and Sylvain Chassang).

Research Grants

- 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [\$225,484] (with Laura Boudreau & Sylvain Chassang):
"Whistleblowing and Worker Well-being: Evidence from Bangladesh's Garments Sector";
- 2021 J-PAL Gender & Economic Agency Initiative [\$120,871] (with Laura Boudreau & Sylvain Chassang):
"Whistleblowing and Worker Well-being: Evidence from Bangladesh's Garments Sector";
- 2020 Israeli Ministry of Science & Technology [\$14,000]:
"An epidemiological-economic model for COVID-19 intervention strategies in Israel" (with Shai Pilosof, Rami Puzis, Nadav Davidovitch, Ofer Setty);
- 2020 G²LM | LIC [€29,944] (with Laura Boudreau):
"Whistleblowing Mechanisms & Worker Well-being";
- 2020 Israeli Science Foundation (ISF) Personal Research Grant [\$265,350]: "Effects of Whistleblowing at the Workplace: Evidence from Bangladesh's Garment Sector" (with Laura Boudreau);
- 2019 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) [£46,889] (with Laura Boudreau):
"Whistleblowing Mechanisms for Employer Misbehavior";
- 2016 Royal Netherlands Embassy in Ghana funding for research in Guinea & Sierra Leone (travel grant)
"Local Media and the Spread of Epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak in Guinea".

Fellowships and Awards

- Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) Catalyst Grant, 2018.
- Visiting Research Scholar at UC Berkeley grant, European University Institute, 2016.
- PhD scholarship, "Salvador de Madariaga" (Spanish Ministry of Education), 2013-2017.
- MSc scholarship, Obra Social 'La Caixa' and the French Government, 2010-2012.
- International Cooperation Department, Universidad Carlos III Madrid, travel grant, 2009.
- Erasmus and Comunidad de Madrid scholarship, 2007/08.

Referee Service

- American Economic Review,
Journal of the European Economic Association,
Economic Journal,
European Economic Review,
European Journal of Political Economy,
World Development,
IZA Institute of Labor Economics, G²LM || LIC,
European Association of Young Economists.

Seminar and Conference Presentations

- 2023 Advances with Field Experiments (University of Chicago), Dept. Economics Seminar (Hebrew U), Workshop in Development Economics (Universtitat de Barcelona), Dept. Economics Seminar (CUNEF), Dept. Economics Seminar (Reichman U), Stockholm Workshop on Diversity & Workplace Inclusion (Stockholm Univ., Uppsala), Research Workshop in Development Economics (TAU); Dept. Economics Seminar (Bar Ilan U).
- 2022 CEPR/CESifo/Imo-ENT Munich; Barcelona Summer Forum (Barcelona GSE), Economics of Firms and Labor (LMU Munich, ifo Institute, Rationality & Competition), NBER Summer Institute - Personnel Economics, Boston (presented by co-author), German-Israeli Frontiers of Humanities Symposium, Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem, Dept. Economics Seminar (Haifa), Dept. Environmental Economics Seminar (Hebrew U).
- 2021 UNU-WIDER Conference on Covid-19 and development: effects and new realities for the Global South, Environmental Dept. Economics Seminar (Hebrew U), Dept. Economics Seminar (Bar-Ilan U).
- 2020 Dept. Economics Seminar (BGU).
- 2019 Dept. Economics Seminar (ETH Zurich), Working Group in African Political Economy (UCT), European Association of Young Economists SMYE (ULB), Israel Economic Association (Hebrew U), Pacific Development Conference (USC), Dept. Economics Seminar (IDC), HHSC Seminar (BGU), Political Economy of Development (NCID/Fundación Ramón Areces).
- 2018 Comparative Politics Association Conference (UCLA).
- 2017 Working Group in African Political Economy (UBC Vancouver), Development Lunch (UC Berkeley), Political Economy Research Lunch (UC Berkeley), Pacific Development Conference (UC Riverside), Microeconometrics Working Group (EUI), Summer Research Lunch (UC Berkeley).
- 2016 Development Lunch (UC Berkeley), ERE Seminar (UC Berkeley), IPWSD (Columbia U).
- 2015 Environmental Regulation Summer School (EAERE, FEEM, VIU), Microeconometrics Working (EUI).

Teaching

- "Political Economy of Development" (BA Economics, BGU), 2022/23 - 2023/24;
- "Development Economics" (BA Economics, BGU), 2020/21 - 2023/24;
- "Seminar in Political Economy of Development" (BA Economics, BGU), 2018/19 - 2023/24;
- "Econometrics II - Applied Econometrics" (MA Economics, BGU), 2018/19 - 2021/22;
- "Political Economy of Development" (MA Economics, BGU), 2020/21;
- "Development Economics" (MA Economics, BGU), 2019/20;
- "Transparency and Research Integrity in Data Analysis" (EUI Research community), 2021;
- "Ethics and Research Transparency" (PhD Economics & Political Science, EUI), 2-day course, 2020;
- "PhD toolkit on transparent, open & reproducible research" (PhD Economics & Political Science, EUI), 2018.

MA Thesis students

- 2021/22 - 2022/23 Yaniv Mutath (MA Thesis, advisor),
Olubunmi Samuel-Adeyemi (MA Thesis, advisor),
Dror Avraham (MA Seminar, advisor).
- 2020/21 Ron Elchayani (MA Seminar, advisor),
Roy Tvizer (MA Thesis, committee member).

Other Departmental Services

2021 - 2023 Departmental Seminar organizer

Other Employment, Research Experience and Fieldwork

2013 Deloitte Group (BIOIS), Paris, France - Junior Consultant, EU projects.
 2012/13 European Commission (DG Climate), Brussels, Belgium - Bluebook Trainee, EU policy.
 2012 Ministry of Environment (Dept. Economic Instruments), Paris, France - Research Intern.
 2010 Ministry of the Presidency, Madrid, Spain - Legal practice (towards Law degree).
 2009 Magdala Foundation for Development Tanzania (Microfinance) - Volunteer (with grant).

Languages

Spanish Native proficiency (mother tongue)
 German Bilingual proficiency (Deutsches Abitur)
 English Full professional proficiency
 French Full professional proficiency (DALF C1)
 Italian Professional working proficiency
 Hebrew Limited working proficiency (Dalet / B2)
 Serbian Elementary working proficiency

References

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