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## Personal Data

Place of Birth: Porto Alegre, Brazil

Citizenship: Brazilian, British, South African Permanent Resident

## Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Bristol, 2007

*Thesis title: Macroeconomic Determinants of Inequality and Finance: Evidence from Brazil*  
*Committee: Professor Jonathan Temple (Chair), Professor Paul Gregg (Supervisor) and Professor Nauro Campos (External Examiner)*

M.Sc., Economics, University of Bristol, 2002

Dip., Economics, University of Warwick, Coventry, 1999

B.Sc., Economics, Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Porto Alegre, 1994

## Academic Positions

Associate Professor in Economics, University of Pretoria, 2013-present

Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Pretoria, 2009-2012

Lecturer in Economics, University of Cape Town, 2007-2009

Teaching Assistant, University of Bristol, 2001-2007

Research Assistant, Fundação de Economia e Estatística FEE, Porto Alegre, 1995-1996

## Affiliations and Visiting Positions

Elected Member of the Council, Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA), 2013-2017

Affiliated Researcher, Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA), 2012-present

Guest Researcher, Heidelberg University, 2012-2017

Visiting Researcher, Göttingen University, 2012

Visiting Researcher, Stellenbosch University, 2012

Member, Growth and Inequality Panel, Ministry of Finance (South Africa), 2012

Guest Professor, Göttingen University, 2008-2012

Guest Researcher, IZA, Institute for the Study of Labour, 2008

Consultant, United Nations University (UNU-WIDER), 2007-2008

## Publications

2016. Evolution of Monetary Policy Transmission Mechanism in Malawi: A TVP-VAR Approach" (with Chance Mwabutwa and Nicola Viegi). *Journal of Economic Development* 41(1): 33-55.

2015. Inflation and Economic Growth in the SADC: Some Panel Time-Series Evidence (with René van Eyden and Monaheng Seleteng). *South African Journal of Economics* 83(3): 411-424.

2015. Determinants of Government and External Debt: Evidence from the Young Democracies of South America. *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* 51(3): 463-472.

2014. Tax Evasion, Financial Development and Inflation: Theory and Empirical Evidence (with Rangan Gupta and Lardo Stander). *Journal of Banking and Finance* 41(June): 194-208.

2014. Economic Growth and Inequality: Evidence from the Young Democracies of South America. *International Symposia in Economic Theory and Econometrics*. G. P. Kouretas and A. P. Papadopoulos, Emerald Group Publishing Limited. 23: 37-58.

2013. The Impact of House Prices on Consumption in South Africa: Evidence from Provincial-Level Panel VARs (with Rangan Gupta and Beatrice Simo-Kengne). *Housing Studies* 28(8): 1133-1154.

2013. Nonlinearities in Inflation-Growth Nexus in the SADC Region: A Panel Smooth Transition Regression Approach (with René van Eyden and Monaheng Seleteng). *Economic Modelling* 30(January): 149-156.

2012. Democracy, Populism and Hyperinflation: Some Evidence from Latin America. *Economics of Governance* 13(4): 311-332.

2012. Financial Development and Economic Growth in Latin America: Is Schumpeter Right? *Journal of Policy Modeling* 34 (3):341-355.

2012. Inflación y Crecimiento Económico: Evidencia con datos de panel para América del Sur. *Revista Estudios Económicos, Banco Central de Reserva del Perú* 23 (Junio): 25-38.

2012. House Prices and Economic Growth in South Africa: Evidence from Provincial-Level Data (with Rangan Gupta and Beatrice Simo-Kengne). *Journal of Real Estate Literature* 20(1): 97-117.

2012. Inflation and Economic Growth in Latin America: Some Panel Time-Series Evidence. *Economic Modelling* 29(2): 333-340.

2011. Comment on 'Debates on the Measurement of Global Poverty', ed. Sudhir Anand, Paul Segal, and Joseph E. Stiglitz. *The Developing Economies* 49(2): 228-30.

2011. Is Copacabana Still the 'Little Princess of the Sea'?. *CES-Ifo Forum* 12(1): 11-16.

2011. Inflation and Financial Development: Evidence from Brazil. *Economic Modelling* 28(1-2): 91-99.

2010. Financial Development and Inequality: Brazil 1985-1994. *Economic Change and Restructuring* 43(2): 113-130.

2009. Macroeconomic Performance and Inequality: Brazil, 1983-1994. *The Developing Economies* 47(1): 30-52.

### **Working Papers**

2016. "Globalisation and Conflict: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa" (with Carolyn Chisadza). Working Papers 201640, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2015. "Education and Fertility: Panel Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa" (with Carolyn

Chisadza). Working Papers 201526, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2014. "Primary Education and Fertility Rates in Southern Africa: Evidence from Before the Demographic Transition" Working Papers 201404, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2014. "Is Democracy Eluding sub-Saharan Africa?" (with Carolyn Chisadza). Working Papers 201403, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2014. "Education and Fertility: Panel Time-Series Evidence from Southern Africa". Working Papers 201402, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2013. "Democracy and Education: Evidence from the Southern African Development Community". Working Papers 201387, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2012. "Monetary Policy Response to Capital Inflows in Form of Foreign Aid in Malawi" (with Chance Mwabutwa and Nicola Viegi). Working Papers 201232, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2012. "Financial Reforms and Consumption Behaviour in Malawi" (with Chance Mwabutwa and Nicola Viegi). Working Papers 201210, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2012. "Yet Another Look at the Modernisation Hypothesis: Evidence from Latin America". Working Papers 201205, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

2011. "Young Democracies and Government Size: Evidence from Latin America". Working Papers 201113, University of Pretoria, Department of Economics.

### **Other Publications**

2016. Is Brazil still "The Country of the Future"? The World Financial Review (January-February): 68-72.

2013. Does Growth Matter for Government and External Debt in the Young Democracies of South America? Yes it Does! Vox.LACEA Blog.

### **Work in Progress**

"Unified Growth, Institutions, Policies and Trade in Africa: pre- and post-Cold War" (with Matthew Clance and Yoseph Getachew).

"Gender Literacy Gap and Fertility: Evidence from Southern Africa".

"Political and Economic Freedom: Evidence from Southern Africa".

"Does Democracy affect Education and Health in sub-Saharan Africa?" (with Carolyn Chisadza).

### **In the Press**

"Turning Zimbabwe's Printing Press Back On", Geographical Magazine, July, 2016.

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

2017: Research Seminar Labour Economics, Hamburg. ESSA Biennial Conference, Grahamstown. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Göttingen. 21<sup>st</sup>

International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (ICMAIF), Rethymno.

*2016*: Jobs and Development Conference, Washington. Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Mpumalanga. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Heidelberg. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria. Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Oxford. UJ Seminar Series, Johannesburg. ERSA Political Economy Workshop, Johannesburg.

*2015*: Development Economics Research Seminar, Goettingen. ESSA Biennial Conference, Cape Town. 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (ICMAIF), Rethymno.

*2014*: Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, Heidelberg. 18<sup>th</sup> ICMAIF, Rethymno. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria.

*2013*: ERSA Financial Economics Workshop, Cape Town. International and Development Politics Seminar, Heidelberg. 17<sup>th</sup> ICMAIF, Rethymno. ERSA Public Economics Workshop, Pretoria. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria.

*2012*: Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Bonn. Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Gothenburg. International and Development Politics Seminar, Heidelberg. 16<sup>th</sup> ICMAIF, Rethymno. Courant Research Centre Seminar, Göttingen. ERSA Public Economics Workshop, Johannesburg. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria. Stellenbosch Seminar Series, Stellenbosch. UCT Seminar Series, Cape Town.

*2011*: Courant Research Centre Seminar, Goettingen. UCT Seminar Series, Cape Town. ESSA Biennial Conference, Stellenbosch. 10<sup>th</sup> Arnoldshain Seminar, Göttingen. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Berlin. 15<sup>th</sup> ICMAIF, Rethymno. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria. UJ Seminar Series, Johannesburg.

*2010*: Development Economics Research Seminar, Göttingen. DPRU/TIPS Lessons in Long-Run Economic Growth and Development, Johannesburg. SALDRU Seminar Series, Cape Town. Stellenbosch Seminar Series, Stellenbosch. UCT Seminar Series, Cape Town. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Hannover. UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria. Wits Seminar Series, Johannesburg.

*2009*: UP Brownbag Series, Pretoria. ESSA Biennial Conference, Port Elizabeth. ESSA Seminar, Stellenbosch. UCT Staff Seminar Series, Cape Town.

*2008*: Development Economics Research Seminar, Göttingen. UP Academic Seminar, Pretoria. African Econometric Society (AES) Annual Conference, Pretoria. UCT Staff Seminar Series, Cape Town. ERSA Institutions and Growth Workshop, Cape Town.

*2007*: Money, Macro and Finance (MMF) Research Group Annual Conference, Birmingham. UNU-WIDER Conference on Southern Engines of Growth, Helsinki. Second Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Berlin. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Göttingen. Royal Economic Society (RES) Second Ph.D. Presentation Meeting, London.

*2006*: Spanish Economic Association (SEA) Annual Congress, Oviedo. IBMEC-SP Academic Seminars, São Paulo. Macro, Growth and Development Workshop, Bristol. European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Meeting, Vienna. DEGIT-XI, Jerusalem. Research Committee Development Economics Annual Conference, Berlin. RES Annual Conference, Nottingham.

*2005*: First Meeting of ECINEQ, Palma de Mallorca. Symposium on Poverty, Inequality and Policy in Latin America, Göttingen. Second Leicester Ph.D. Conference, Leicester. Macro, Growth and Development Workshop, Bristol.

*2004*: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Annual Meeting, San José. EEA Annual Meeting, Madrid. CMPO Seminar Series, Bristol.

*1995*: Pontifícia Universidade Católica Best Students of the Year Seminar, Porto Alegre.

## **Grants and Awards**

CSAE Conference Grant, 2016

Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers, National Research Foundation (NRF), 2014-2019  
C2-Rated Researcher, NRF, 2014-2019

Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration, NRF, 2014-2015

Department of Economics Senior Researcher Award, UP, 2014

Department of Economics Postgraduate Teaching Award, UP, 2013

Staff Exchange Bursary Programme, UP, 2016 and 2013

Department of Economics Extraordinary Performance Award, UP, 2015 and 2012

Courant Research Center Travel Grant, 2012

Courant Research Center Conference Grant, 2011

Department of Economics Junior Researcher Award, UP, 2012 and 2010

UP Research Development Programme Grant, 2010-2012

ERSA Research Grants, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009 and 2008

UCT Emerging Researcher Grant, 2008-2009

UCT Conference Grant, 2008

UCT Start-Up Grant, 2008

UNU-WIDER Conference Grant, 2007

EEA Student Travel Grant, 2006

DFG (German Research Foundation) Conference Grant, 2005

RES Conference Grants, 2006 and 2004

LACEA Conference Grant, 2004

CMPO Conference Grant, 2004

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Research Methods Programme Grants, 2006, 2003 and 2002

University of Bristol Ph.D. Scholarship, 2002-2005

## **Refereeing**

Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESAM 2016), Journal of Banking and Finance, World Development, Economic Modelling, Review of International Economics, Economic Systems, Review of Development Economics, Economics E-Journal, Economic Change and Restructuring, Bulletin of Economic Research, Contemporary Economic Policy, Empirical Economics, Journal of Economic Studies, Economics Bulletin, Applied Economics Quarterly, African Development Review, South African Journal of Economics, Economic History of Developing Regions, Journal of Applied Economics, International Economic Journal, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Journal of Developing Areas, Social Indicators Research, Journal of Financial Economic Policy, IEB International Journal of Finance, British Journal of Economics, Management and Trade, Management Science and Engineering, South African Journal of Economic and Management Sciences, ERSA Working Paper Series, Brazilian Journal of Applied Economics, *Economia e Sociedade*, Development Southern Africa, Studies in Economics and Econometrics, Southern African Business Review, Journal of African Business and ESSA Biennial Conference 2017, 2013 and 2011.

## **Postgraduate Student Supervision**

*Ph.D.*: Tendai Zawaira, UP, 2016-in progress. Carolyn Chisadza, UP, 2012-2016. Lardo Stander, UP, 2012-in progress. Chance Mwabutwa, UP, 2011-2014. Beatrice Simo-Kengne, UP, 2011-2013. Monaheng Seleteng, UP, 2010-2012.

*Masters*: Lelani Coetzee, UP, 2017. Nicola Schoeman, UP, 2015-2016. Mariska Steyn, UP, 2014. Fabrice Gatwabuyege, UP, 2014. Lilian Masabala, UP, 2014. Keagile Lesame, UP, 2014. Carmen du Preez, UP, 2012-2013. Lindokuhle Matla, UP, 2011. Bryden Morton, UP, 2011. Lardo Stander, UP, 2011. Dino Lazaridis, UP, 2011. Nthabiseng Tsoanamatsie, UP,

2011. Carolyn Chisadza, UP, 2011. Livhuwani Tsikunde, UP, 2009. Elmien de Kock, UCT, 2009.

*Honours:* Zekhethelo Mbatha, UP, 2016. Lindokuhle Nkuna, UP, 2016. Samantha Kee, UP, 2015. Katie Kironde, UP, 2015. Pamela Ngwira, UP, 2015. Leoné Walters, UP, 2013. Nicola Schoeman, UP, 2013. Kenza Aggad, UP, 2013. Mariska Steyn, UP, 2013. Cláudia Santos, UCT, 2009. Charlotte Ellis, UCT, 2009. Natalie Bruyns, UCT, 2009. Jones Gondo, UCT, 2008. Lee-Anne Sulter, UCT, 2008. Carina Collins, UCT, 2008.

### **University Administration**

Göttingen University-University of Pretoria Student-Staff Exchange Agreement, 2017

Department of Economics Curriculum Transformation Committee, UP, 2017

Department of Economics Academic Seminar and Brownbag Series, UP, 2010-2017

Hiring and Interview Committee, UP, 2015-2016 and 2010-2013

Faculty of Commerce Readmission Review Committee, UCT, 2008-2009

School of Economics Library Representative, UCT, 2008-2009

### **External Examiner and Reviewer**

*Ph.D. theses:* UCT, 2017 and 2015. UKZN, 2015. Stellenbosch, 2014 and 2012. UNISA, 2016 and 2011.

*Masters dissertations:* UNISA, 2014. UJ, 2017 and 2013. Wits, 2016 and 2012. UCT, 2017, 2016 and 2011.

*Courses:* Topics in Macroeconomic Issues (MND9X02), UJ, 2016. Macroeconomic Issues in Development MAD9X02, UJ, 2015-2017. Econometric Model Building EKN4815, UJ, 2015. Managerial Economics, GSB-UCT, 2014. Applied Econometric Techniques AET9X01, UJ, 2013-2016. Macroeconomics ECO 2004, UCT, 2011. Advanced Micro and Macroeconomics ECO 3020, UCT, 2010-2013. Panel Data Econometrics EKT 814, UP, 2009.

*Books:* Palgrave, 2016. Routledge, 2015. Academic Press, 2014. Pearson Southern Africa, 2013.

*Research Councils and Awards:* NRF Thuthuka Programme, 2015. DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)/NRF in-Country Masters and Doctoral Scholarships Programme, 2014. NRF Rating, 2016, 2015, 2012 and 2011. Chancellor's Prize, UNISA, 2010.

### **Teaching**

Macroeconomics MEK 780, UP, Lecturer, 2016

ERSA Workshop in Panel Data Analysis, Pretoria, Lecturer, 2015-2017

Research Methods EBW 801, UP, Convenor, 2015-2017

ERSA Workshop in Cross-Sectional Techniques, Pretoria, Lecturer, 2014

Political Economy and Development EOG 880, UP, Lecturer, 2014

Macroeconomics MEK 781, UP, Convenor, 2017, 2015 and 2013

Panel Data Econometrics EKT 814, UP, Lecturer, 2016 and 2011-2012

Macroeconomics of Open Economies, Goettingen University, Convenor, 2011

Introductory Growth and Development Economics EKN 325, UP, Convenor, 2015-2017 and 2010-2013

Growth and Development Economics EOG 880, UP, Convenor, 2010-2013

Growth and Development Economics, Göttingen University, Convenor, 2010

Macroeconomics EKN 901, UP, Lecturer, 2009

Honours Macroeconomics, UCT, Lecturer, 2009

Advanced Macroeconomics, UCT, Lecturer, 2008-2009

M.Sc. Dissertation Guidelines, UCT, Lecturer, 2008-2009

Development [Macro]Economics, Göttingen University, Convenor, 2008

Applied Time-Series Analysis, UCT, Lecturer, 2008

Macroeconomics, UCT, Lecturer, 2008  
The Writing Up of a Ph.D. Thesis, University of Bristol, Lecturer, 2007  
Globalisation and Development, University of Bristol, T.A., 2006-2007  
Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Bristol, Marker, 2006-2007  
Econometrics (QM3), University of Bristol, T.A., 2005-2007  
Computers in Economic Modelling, University of Bristol, T.A., 2002-2006  
Introductory Macroeconomics, University of Bristol, T.A., 2001-2007  
Introductory Microeconomics, University of Bristol, T.A., 2001-2007

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