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EDUCATION

Ph.D. candidate in Economics, University of Warwick, expected completion 5/2019
 Thesis supervisor: Sascha O. Becker

M.Res. in Economics, *with distinction*, University of Warwick, 2015

M.Sc. in Economics, *110 cum laude*, University of Bologna, 2013

B.A. (Hons.) in Economics, *first class honors*, University of Stirling, 2011

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH AREAS

Labor Economics, Economic History

WORKING PAPERS

“World War II and African American Socioeconomic Progress” (job market paper)

Abstract: This paper argues that the unprecedented socioeconomic rise of African Americans at mid-century was causally related to the labor shortages induced by WWII. Combining novel military and Census data in a difference-in-differences setting, results show that counties with an average casualty rate among semi-skilled whites experienced a 13 to 16% increase in the share of blacks in semi-skilled jobs. The casualty rate also positively relates to wages, home ownership, house values, and education for blacks. Using Southern survey data, IV regression results indicate that individuals in affected counties had more interracial friendships and reduced preferences for segregation in 1961. This is an example for how better labor market opportunities can improve both economic and social outcomes of a disadvantaged minority group.

“Fatherless: The Long-Term Effects of Losing a Father in the U.S. Civil War” (with Yannick Dupraz)

Abstract: We use the demographic shock of the U.S. Civil War, in which more than 650,000 soldiers perished, to identify the causal effect of losing a father on long-run socioeconomic outcomes. Linking Union Army military records with the U.S. 1860 population census, we identify fathers who fought and died or survived during the war. We then follow the (male) children of Union Army soldiers into adulthood by linking the 1860 Census to the 1880 Census. We instrument the probability of dying by the leave-out death rate of a father’s company. We find that losing a father during the war has a long lasting negative effect on childrens’ occupational outcomes. It significantly decreases the likelihood of having a semi-skilled occupation in 1880 and 1900.

“Warfare, State Capacity, and the Rise of Democratic Institutions” (with Sascha O. Becker, Eric Melander, and Luigi Pascali)

Abstract: This paper studies the effect of warfare on the evolution of state capacity and representative institutions in European history. To give our estimates a causal interpretation, we exploit changes in inter-family links in a network of nobles that exogenously shock the probability that a city is involved in a conflict. Using data on 2,340 German cities between 1100 and 1750, we find that an increase in conflict exposure increases the size of the city council, the probability that the council is elected by the citizens and the separation of powers into distinct institutional branches. It also implies a larger number of taxes and more sophisticated methods of taxation, thus supporting the hypothesis that, during wars, rulers trade-off tax revenues for political power according to the idea ‘no taxation without representation’.

“Consequences of Forced Migration: Recent Findings” (with Sascha O. Becker)

Abstract: Forced migration as a consequence of wars, civil conflicts, or natural disasters may have consequences different from those of voluntary migration. Recent work has highlighted the consequences of forced migration on host populations, on migrants themselves and on populations at origin. We document findings from recent work, on education and other economic outcomes, but also on political outcomes. We summarize key lessons and point to gaps in the literature.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“A Dynamic Analysis of Group Cohesion and Loyalty: Evidence from 2 Million Soldiers in the Civil War” (with Christian Dippel)

“The Effects of WWI Anti-German Sentiment on Long-Run Growth in U.S. Counties” (with Price V. Fishback)

PRE-PHD PUBLICATIONS

Ferrara, A. and Lange, I. (2014) “Voluntary Programs to Encourage Diffusion: The Case of the Combined Heat-and-Power Partnership”, *The Energy Journal*, Vol. 35(1), pp. 161-173

REFEREEING

American Political Science Review

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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| 2018 | University of Oxford*, University of Melbourne*, Monash University*, University of New South Wales*, Australian National University*
* scheduled, non-job talks |
| 2017 | University of Arizona, London School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2018 | CEPR-NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Economic Divergence and Convergence in History, Royal Economic Society (RES) conference, Economic History Society (EHS) conference, 56th Annual Cliometric Society Conference, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 7th Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society (IRES) Graduate Student Workshop, IZA World Labor Conference, 10th Petralia Sottana Applied Economics Workshop, 18th World Economic History Congress, 33rd European Economic Association (EEA) Congress, Economic History Association (EHA) annual meeting, 30th European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) conference, 5th Australasian Cliometrics Workshop*, 44th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)*
* scheduled |
| 2017 | 3rd Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) Europe Conference, 3rd Royal Economic Society (RES) Junior Symposium, 29th European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Conference, Scottish Economic Society 2017 Conference, 20th IZA Summer School, CAGE/EHES/IAS Summer School |

TEACHING

- 2016/17 Econometrics I, Teaching Assistant, 2nd year undergraduates
Evaluation: 4.38 out of 5 (module average of all TAs: 3.75)
- 2015/16 Econometrics I, Teaching Assistant, 2nd year undergraduates
Evaluation: 4.78 out of 5 (module average of all TAs: 4.20)
- The World Economy: History & Theory, Teaching Assistant, 1st year undergraduates
Evaluation: 4.67 out of 5 (module average of all TAs: 4.35)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 SSHA Tilly Graduate Student Travel Award
Petralia Sottana Unicredit best presentation award
Royal Economic Society Small Academic Expense Grant
- 2016-19 Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarship - The Bridges Programme, University of Warwick
- 2016 and 2017 Nomination for the Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Warwick
- 2011-13 Fellowship at the Collegio Superiore, University of Bologna
- 2011 Annual prize for the best performance in economics modules, University of Stirling
Annual prize for the best undergraduate dissertation, University of Stirling

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2018-19 Co-organizer of the 5th Royal Economic Society Junior Symposium
- 2017-present Coordinator of the Warwick full-count, restricted-use U.S. Census User-Group
Co-organizer of the Warwick Economic History workshop
- 2016-present Co-organizer of the CAGE Applied Micro Early Stages (AMES) workshop
- 2014-17 Course representative for Warwick Economics MRes/PhD students

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata/Mata (advanced), Matlab (intermediate), R (basic)
Python for machine learning (pattern recognition, text and sentiment analysis) and web scraping
ArcGIS, Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
L^AT_EX, common Windows text processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: March 17, 1987. Citizenship: German.
Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate).