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CURRENT APPOINTMENT Associate Professor of Political Science at McGill University (2018 -)

Research fellow at the Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative, CIREQ (2018 -)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow, Stanford University (2020-2021)

Jean Monnet Fellow, EUI (2019-2020)

Assistant Professor of Political Science at McGill University (2015 - 2018)

Assistant Professor of International Relations at LSE (2012 - 2015)

NCGG Research Fellow at Princeton University (2011 - 2012)

Post-Doctoral Fellow at IMT Lucca (2009 - 2011)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow at New York University (2008 - 2009)

RESEARCH INTERESTS International Political Economy; Comparative Political Economy; International Trade; International Organizations; Political Behavior; Development; Conflict.

EDUCATION Ph.D. in Political Science, 2010, Trinity College Dublin

M.A. in International Relations, 2005, University of Bologna

Laurea in Economics (M.A.), 2003, University of Florence (*summa cum laude*).

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Cutting the Gordian Knot of Economic Reform: When and How International Institutions Help, with Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University). Oxford University Press, 2014. [OUP link](#). Covered by Perspectives on Politics, Review of International Organizations, Rethinking Economics, and VoxEU.

Journals

Services and Economic Development in Africa, with Marco Fiorini (OECD), Bernard Hoekman (EUI), and Marco Sanfilippo (University of Turin). Technical appendix available [here](#). Forthcoming in *The World Bank Research Observer*.

The Social Construction of Global Health Priorities: An Empirical Analysis of Contagion in Bilateral Health Aid, with Mirko Heinzl (University of Potsdam) and Mathias Koenig-Archibugi (LSE). Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*.

Gone For Good: Deindustrialization, White Voter Backlash, and U.S. Presidential Voting, with Stephen Weymouth (Georgetown University). Winner of the 2018 David A. Lake Award for the best paper presented at IPES. *American Political Science Review*, 115(2), 2021: 550-567. 2022 Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award for the best article in political economy published in 2021.

Trade Liberalization and Labor Market Institutions, with Mattia Guidi (University of Siena), Arlo Poletti (University of Trento), and Aydin Yildirim (WTI, Bern). *International Organization*, 1-35. DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818321000138>.

Comparative Advantage and Legislators' Support for Trade, with Francesco Amodio (McGill), Giorgio Chiovelli (LBS), and Michele Di Maio (University of Rome, La Sapienza). Forthcoming in *The Journal of Politics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/715590>.

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election, with Abel Brodeur (Ottawa) and Steve Weymouth (Georgetown). Covered by USA Today, National Newswatch, and The Conversation. *Journal of Population Economics*, 34(2), 2021: 739767.

Security, Trade, and Political Violence, with Francesco Amodio (McGill University) and Michele Di Maio (University of Rome, La Sapienza). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 19(1), 2021: 1-37. Leading article.

Terrorism and Voting Behavior, with Abel Brodeur (University of Ottawa), Sean Nossek (McGill) and Eran Shor (McGill University). *Research & Politics*, 13 January 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168020987333>.

Explaining Governors' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States, with Abel Brodeur (Ottawa). IZA Discussion Paper No. 13137. *American Political Research*, 1 December 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X20973453>.

Information and Voting: How Voters Update Beliefs After Natural Disasters, with Lucas Leemann (ETH Zurich). *Political Science Research Methods*, 25 June 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2020.25>. 2022 PSRM Best Paper Award.

Globalization and State Capitalism: Assessing Vietnam Accession to the WTO, with Giammario Impullitti (Cambridge University) and Edmund J. Malesky (Duke University). *Journal of International Economics*, 119, 2019: 75-92.

The Economics and Politics of Preferential Trade Agreements. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22, May 2019.

The Service Economy: Understanding Sectoral Differences in Patterns of Lobbying for Trade in the United States, with Iain Osgood (University of Michigan) and Stephen Weymouth (Georgetown University). *Review of International Organizations*, 14(2), 2019:

26196.

The Politics of Preferential Trade Liberalization: Changing Trade Policy, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg). *Global Policy*, 9(52), 2018: 49-57.

Intra-Industry Trade, Global Value Chains, and Preferential Tariff Liberalization, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg) and Manfred Elsig (University of Bern). *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(2), 2018: 329-340.

Business Politicians and Subnational Fiscal Policy, with Kristina Johnson (Princeton University), Quan Li (Texas A&M) and Irina Mirkina (Lund University). *Business & Politics*, 20(3), 2018: 410-37.

The Politics of Preferential Trade Liberalization in Authoritarian Countries, with Wilfred Chow (UC Davis). *International Interactions*, vol. 44(2), 2018: 189-216.

Counterterrorist Legislation and Respect for Civil Liberties: An Inevitable Collision? with Shor, Eran, Chi-ting Tsai, Tai-Ho Lin, and Titus Chen. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, vol. 41(5), 2018: 339-364.

The Distributional Consequences of Preferential Trade Liberalization: Firm-Level Evidence, with Pablo Pinto (Columbia University) and Steve Weymouth (Georgetown University). *International Organization*, vol. 71(2), 2017: 373-95.

Internet Effects in Times of Political Crisis: Online Newsgathering and Attitudes Towards the European Union, with Maria Laura Sudulich (University of Kent) and Matthew T. Wall (University of Swansea). *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 80(2), 2016: 411-36.

Depth, Flexibility and International Cooperation: The Politics of Trade Agreement Design, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg) and Manfred Elsig (University of Bern). *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 59(4), 2015: 765-775.

Wired Voters: The Effects of Internet Use on Voters' Electoral Uncertainty, with Laura Sudulich (University of Kent) and Matthew T. Wall (University of Swansea). *British Journal of Political Science*, vol 45(4), 2015: 853-881.

Investment Discrimination and the Proliferation of Preferential Trade Agreements, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 59(4), 2015: 617-644.

The Design of International Trade Agreements Introducing a New Database, with with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg), and Manfred Elsig (University of Bern). *Review of International Organizations*, vol. 9(3), 2014: 353-375. Covered by VoxEU: [available here](#).

Corporate Tax Cuts and Foreign Direct Investment, with Quan Li (Texas A&M) and Irina Mirkina (Lund University). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, vol. 33(4), 2014: 977-1006.

Why Do Countries Ratify ILO Conventions? The Importance of “Rivalry” and “Friendship”, with Mathias Koenig-Archibugi (London School of Economics). *World Politics*, vol. 66(3), 2014: 446-490.

Before Ratification: Understating the Timing of International Treaty Effects on, Domestic Politics, with Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University). *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 58(1), 2014: 29-43.

International Institutions and Domestic Politics: Can Preferential Trading Agreements Help Leaders Promote Economic Reform? with Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University). *The Journal of Politics*, vol. 76(1), 2014: 195-214.

Cheap Talk: Transaction Costs, Quality of Institutions, and Trade Agreements. *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 20(1), 2014: 80-117.

Global Energy Governance: Trade, Infrastructure, and the Diffusion of International Organizations, with Veronica Lenzi (IMT Lucca) and Paul Thurner (University of Munich). *International Interactions*, vol. 39(2), 2013: 192-216.

Strategic Side Payments: Preferential Trading Agreements, Economic Reform, and Foreign Aid, with Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University). *The Journal of Politics*, vol. 74(4), 2012: 932-949.

Preventing Protectionism: International Institutions and Trade Policy, with Soo Yeon Kim (National University of Singapore). *Review of International Organization*, vol. 7(4), 2012: 369-398.

Democratization and Trade Policy: An Empirical Analysis of Developing Countries. *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 18(3), 2012: 454-478.

Government Fractionalization and Partisan Shifts to the Left Increase the Volatility of Public Energy R&D Expenditures, with Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University). *Energy Policy*, vol. 46(1), 2012: 49-57.

The New Regionalism and Policy Interdependency, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg). *British Journal of Political Science*, vol. 42(1), 2012: 57-79.

Explaining Formation and Design of EU Trade Agreements: The Role of Transparency and Flexibility, *European Union Politics*, vol. 11(2), 2010: 195-217.

Contribution to Books

The Political Economy of Preferential Trade Agreements. Forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy*, edited by Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrooke, Oxford University Press, 2018.

Economic Reform and Service Liberalization in Developing Countries: Can Preferential Trade Agreements Help?. Forthcoming in the *Routledge Handbook of International Trade Agreements*, edited by Robert Looney, Routledge, 2018.

Innovation and Imitation in International Governance: The Diffusion of Trade Agreement Design, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg) and Yoram Haftel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). In Andreas Dr and Manfred Elsig (eds) (2014) *Trade Cooperation: The Purpose, Design and Effects of Preferential Trade Agreements*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Globalization and Economic Crisis: Does Information Really Matter? (with Soo Yeon Kim, Transatlantic Academy), in “Financial Crisis: Thinking Otherwise,” edited by

Thomas Lagoarde-Segot, NOVA editions, NY, US, 2010: chapter 6.

Policy Papers

”Services, job , and economic development in Africa”, VoxEU, published on 25 January 2022.

”Global value chains and deep integration”, with Matteo Fiorini (OECD), Bernard Hoekman (EUI), Carlo Altomonte (Bocconi), and Italo Colantone (Bocconi). In *The Economics of Deep Trade Agreements eBook*, published on July 19 2021.

”Globalization and State capitalism: Assessing the Effects of Vietnam’s WTO Entry”, VoxEU, published on 17 May 2019.

”The Distributional Consequences of Preferential Trade Liberalization: Firm-Level Evidence”, *EconoMonitor*, published on 28 September 2016.

”TPP may benefit both global businesses and the developing countries where they operate”, *LSE Business Review*, published on 23 September 2015.

”Preferential trading agreements: helping economic reform in developing countries Economic”, with Johannes Urpelainen, VoxEU, published on 9 January 2015.

”Preferential trade agreements: design matters!”, with Andreas Dr and Manfred Elsig, VoxEU, published on 24 November 2013.

”It’s Not All About Trade: Preferential Trading Agreements Induce Economic Reforms in Developing Countries”, with Johannes Urpelainen, ARTNet Policy Brief, No. 33, Feb. 2012.

”Preferential Trading Agreements and Economic Reform in Developing Countries”, with Johannes Urpelainen, IMO Policy Paper, No. 1/2012, Feb. 2012.

Dataset

”DesTA: The Scope of Preferential Trade Agreements” (with Andreas Dür and Manfred Elsig): Available at <http://www.designoftradeagreements.org/>. IPES Best Dataset Award (2017). Media coverage: *The Economist* and *The Guardian* (among others).

WORKING PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

Austerity, Economic Vulnerability, and Populism, with Thomas Sattler (UNIGE). Revisions requested at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Firms’ (In)Equality and Attitudes toward Migration, with Magnus Lodefalk (Örebro University) and Radka Sabolova (Örebro University). Revisions requested at *International Organization*.

Economic Shocks and Policy Preferences: Experimental Evidence, with Mattia Guidi (University of Siena) and Arlo Poletti (University of Trento).

Automation, Offshoring, and the Demand for Radical Political Action, with Costin Ciobanu (McGill University) and Krzysztof Pelc (McGill University).

Trade Agreements: What Do Governments Maximize?, with Francesco Amodio (McGill), Giorgio Chiovelli (UdM), and Michele Di Maio (University of Rome, La Sapienza).

Corruption and GDP Manipulation in China, with Yushan Hu (Renmin University of China) and Ben Li (Uni of Massachusetts).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Trade Liberalization and Political Violence: Evidence from North-South Preferential Trade Agreements, with Francesco Amodio (McGill), Giorgio Chiovelli (UdM), and Michele Di Maio (University of Rome, La Sapienza).

Global Value Chains and Deep Integration, with Matteo Fiorini (OECD), Bernard Hoekman (EUI), Carlo Altomonte (Bocconi), and Italo Colantone (Bocconi).

Lobbying in the European Union: A New Dataset at the Firm Level, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg).

Can Natural Disasters Have Long Lasting Political Consequences? Evidence from a Massive Earthquake in Early Modern History, with Paola Giuliano (UCLA), Giacomo Lemoli (NYU), and Shanker Satyanath (NYU).

AWARDS

2022 Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award

2022 Political Science Research Methods Best Paper Award

2018 David A. Lake Award for the best paper presented at IPES

Award for Professor of the Year (McGill University, 2017-2018)

Award for Best Dataset in IPE (International Political Economy Society, 2017)

Award for Best Lecturer (McGill, 2015-2016)

Award for Inspirational Teaching (LSE, 2014-2015)

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Political Economy of International Organizations (Graduate), University of Cologne (2019)

Causal Inference with Observational Data (Graduate), McGill (2016, 2017, 2018, 2022)

Political Economy of Multinational Corporations (UG), McGill (2016, 2018, 2022). Award for Best 400-level Course of the Year (2016 and 2018).

Political Economy of International Organizations (UG), McGill (2015, 2017, 2018, 2021)

International Political Economy (Graduate), LSE (2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15)

Political Economy of International Trade (Graduate), LSE (2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15)

Economic Diplomacy (Graduate), LSE (2012-13)

Quantitative Approaches to International Relations (Graduate) & International Political Economy (Graduate), University of Munich, (Spring 2010; Spring 2011)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Graduate) & International Political Economy (Graduate), IMT Lucca, Italy (Spring 2010; Fall 2010; Spring 2011)

Globalization, Governance, and Development (UG) & Analytical Political Economy (Graduate), NYU, (Spring 2009; Summer 2010)

Supervision

Ph.D. students: Veronica Lenzi (IMT Lucca, 2009-2013); Borja Guijarro-Usobiaga (LSE, 2012-2015); Matthew Castle (McGill, 2015-); Zarlisht M. Razeq (McGill, 2017-), Costin Marius Viorel Ciobanu (2018-)

McGill masters students: Meryem Bezzaz (2015-2017); Mark Williamson (2016-2018); Aleksandra Conevska (2017-2020); Fang Liu (2017-2020); Rohan Carter-Rau (2018-2020), Sean Nossek (2018-2020).

45 master students (LSE, 2012-2015)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2021-2024)

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship, Stanford University, 2020-2021

COVID-19 Rapid Response SSHRC Grant (2020-21)

International Growth Center (ICG) grant (# XXX-20086 – 2020-21)

Jean Monnet fellowship, EUI, 2019-2020

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2018-2024)

SSHRC Productivity Partnership Grant (2018-2019)

SSHRC and ESRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant (2018-2019)

FRQSC Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs (2016-2019)

McGill University Internal SSH Development Grant (2016, 2017)

McGill University Paper Presentation Grant (2016, 2017, 2018)

McGill Arts Undergraduate Research Internship Awards (2016, 2017)

LSE STICERD Grant (2014, 2015)

LSE Department Grant (2012, 2013)

NCGG fellowship (Princeton University), 2011-12.

Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers (Humboldt Foundation), 2011 (declined)

NCCR Trade Project, WP 2.1, funded by the Swiss government (2009-2017)

Government of Ireland Research Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Science (IRCHSS), Post-Graduate Scholarship (2008-2009)

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Scholarship (2007)

Research Studentship at Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS), Trinity College Dublin (January - June 2007)

Postgraduate Research Studentship, Trinity College Dublin (2005-2008)

SERVICE

Administrative and Committee Work

Major/minor undergraduate advisor (McGill, 2021-)

Graduate admissions committee (McGill, 2018-)

Member of the Social Entrepreneurship Program Committee (McGill, 2017-)

McGill expert of the Transformational Map on Canada (Global Markets) in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (McGill, 2017-)

Faculty member on the search committee in Environment and Politics (McGill, 2016)

Advisor, Internships, Transfer Credits, Term/Year Away, Exchanges (McGill, 2016-)

Industrial Relations Faculty Program Committee (McGill, 2016-)

Advisory board of the McGill Journal of Political Studies (2016-)

Graduate Admissions Committee (LSE, 2014-2015)

Service to the Profession

Host of the 2024 IPES annual conference at the EUI, Florence

IPES Steering Committee (2022-2025)

Associate Editor of *Economics and Politics* (2017-)

Member of the editorial board of *European Union Politics* (2018-)

Member of Virtual IPES steering committee (2017-)

External Examiner of the PhD candidate Aydin Yildirim at University of Antwerp (September 2017)

External Examiner of the PhD candidate Peter McCrossan at Dublin City University (September 2014)

Refereeing Activity

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Economics and Politics; European Journal of Development Research; European Journal of International Relations; European Journal of Political Research; European Union Politics; Foreign Policy Analysis; Governance; International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics; International Interactions; International Organization; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Politics; Political Science Research and Methods; Politics and Policy; Research and Politics; Review of International Economics; Review of International Organization; Review of International Political Economy; Studies in Comparative International Development; The World Economy; World Politics; World Trade Review

Other Activities

Organizer of the APSA panel “Examining the Political Strategies of Trade’s Winners and Losers” (2017)

Organizer of the APSA panel “The Micro-foundation of Political Violence” (2017)

Organizer of a monthly webinar on the Political Economy of Trade (2016-2017)

Co-Organizer of the LSE-UCL Workshop in Political Science and International Relations (2014-15)

Co-Organizer of the LSE Seminar in International Political Economy (2014-15)

Co-organizer of a section on “The Political Economy of International Institutions” at ECPR 2014.

Co-Organizer of the IMT Lucca Seminar in Political Science (Fall 2009-2011)

Organizer of the panel “Research on the Design of International Institutions in the Wake of the Crisis” at the SGIR 2010

Co-organizer of the panel “Interdependent Policy-Making: Theoretical, Methodological and Empirical Advances” at ISA 2011

CONFERENCES
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PRESENTATIONS
(SELECTED)

Lobbying in the European Union: A New Dataset at the Firm Level, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg). APSA 2021.

Trade Agreements: What Do Governments Maximize?, with Francesco Amodio (McGill), Giorgio Chiovelli (UdM), and Michele Di Maio (University of Rome, La Sapienza). APSA 2021.

Security, Trade, and Political Violence, with Francesco Amodio (McGill University) and Michele Di Maio (University of Naples, Parthenope). Presented at APSA (2018) and IPES (2018).

Trade Liberalization and Political Violence: Evidence from North-South Cooperation, with Francesco Amodio (McGill), Giorgio Chiovelli (LBS), and Michele Di Maio (University of Naples). Presented at APSA 2017.

Invisible No Longer: Service Firms in the Politics of Trade, with Iain Osgood (University of Michigan) and Stephen Weymouth (Georgetown University). Presented at APSA 2017.

Information and Voting: How Voters Update Beliefs After Natural Disasters, with Lucas Leemann (Columbia University). Presented at (EPSA) 2017 and at EPG (2017).

Invisible No Longer: Service Firms in the Politics of Trade, with Stephen Weymouth (Georgetown University). Presented at MPSA (2017) and at Laval University (2017).

Security, Trade, and Political Violence with Francesco Amodio (McGill University) and Michele Di Maio (University of Naples, Parthenope). Presented at the IO Workshop on “Economics and Security Reconsidered” (2016 and 2017), APSA (2016), IPES (2016).

International Economic Agreements and the Activities of Heterogeneous Multinational Firms, with Pablo Pinto (Columbia University) and Steve Weymouth (Georgetown University). Presented at MPSA 2014, ECPR 2014, IPES 2014, and in the Law & Economics Series at the University of Hamburg.

Product Differentiation, Global Value Chains, and the Political Economy of Preferential Trade Liberalization, with Andreas Dür (University of Salzburg) and Manfred Elsig (University of Bern). Presented at EPSA 2014, APSA 2014, and ECPR 2014.

Fiscal Incentives for Foreign Direct Investment and Social Welfare Cuts: Evidence from the Russian Regions, with Kristina Johnson (Princeton University). Presented at IPES 2013.

Innovation and Imitation in International Governance: The Diffusion of Trade Agreement Design. Presented at WTI, Bern, Fall 2013.

Globalization and State Capitalism: Assessing Vietnam Accession to WTO, with Giammario Impullitti (Cambridge University) and Edmund J. Malesky (Duke University). Presented at APSA 2013, Royal Economic Society 2014, and LSE (2015), Cambridge University (2015), University of Chicago (2015), Annual Development Economics and Policy Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics in the German Economic Association (2016), RMET (2017).

Floods and Climate Sensitivity: Empirical Evidence from Switzerland, with Lucas Leemann (Columbia University). Presented at EPSA 2013 and Science Po (2015).

An Informed ‘No’: Voting Behaviour in the Irish Fiscal Compact Referendum, with Maria Laura Sudulich (EUI). Presented at EPSA 2013.

The Long-Term Effects of Short-Term Democratic Shocks on Development: Evidence from 2700 Years of Sicilian History, with Paola Giuliano (UCLA) and Shanker Satyanath (NYU). Presented at a workshop in political economy at Petralia, Italy, July 2013.

Tax Cut and Foreign Direct Investment: A Causal Inference Approach, with Quan Li (Texas A&M) and Irina Mirkina (IMT Lucca). Presented at ISA 2013.

Mode of Entry: The Politics of Preferential Trade Agreements in Autocratic Regimes, with Wilfred Chow (UC Davis). Presented at ISA 2013.

INVITED TALKS
(SELECTED)

IBEI Barcelona
McGill University
Columbia University
Princeton University
University of Nottingham
University of Hamburg
Yale University
Mannheim University
Georgetown University
Laval University
University of Antwerp
Monash University
University of Texas, Austin
University of Geneva
University of California, Berkeley
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Trento

ETH Zurich
Université de la Méditerranée
NYU
UCL
University of St. Gallen
University of Chicago
Rice University
American University
University of Toronto
University of Miami
Hebrew University
University of Melbourne
University of California, Davis
IE Madrid
Stanford University
University of Oxford
WZB Berlin Social Science
Center