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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married to Bronwen Burgess
Children: Isla Macbeth Burgess, Romilly Belle Burgess
Citizenship: UK

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – present	Director, Economics of Environment and Energy Programme, STICERD, LSE
2007 – present	Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
2008 – present	Founder and Director, International Growth Centre, LSE
2004 – 2007	Reader in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
2018	Ta-Chung Liu Distinguished Visitor, Department of Economics and Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, May
2015	Visiting Professor, Department of Economics and Stanford Center for International Development, Stanford University, Summer
2005	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Fall Semester
2003	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University and National Bureau for Economic Research, Fall Semester
2002	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University College London, Fall Semester
2001	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT, Fall Semester
2000 – 2004	Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics, LSE
1998 – 1999	Lecturer in Development Economics, Development Studies Institute and Department of Economics, LSE
1991 – 1995	Consultant Economist, Chief Economists Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1989 – 1991	Consultant Economist, World Development Report and Research Department, World Bank

EDUCATION

1992 – 1998: Ph.D. Economics, Oxford University
1986 – 1988: M.Sc. Economics, LSE, 1988
1981 – 1985: B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Sciences, Edinburgh University, *Summa Cum Laude*

HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

2023 – present	Fellow of the Econometric Society
2023 – present	Research Network Fellow, CESifo
2022 – present	Co-Director (with Michael Greenstone), Coase Project on the Economics of Climate, Energy and Environment, LSE and University of Chicago
2019 – 2023	President, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis (BREAD), Board Member (2008 – present), Senior Fellow (2005 – present), Junior Affiliate (2002 – 2005)
2018 – present	Affiliate, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE)
2017 – 2023	Editorial Board, VoxDev
2016 – present	Fellow of the British Academy
2016 – present	Commissioner, LSE/Oxford Commission on Growth in Fragile States
2013 – present	Board Member, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley
2011 – present	Fellow, Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality
2006 – present	Program Director, CEPR Development Economics Program
2004 – 2010	Faculty Research Fellow, Economics of Education and Labor Studies Programs, National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)
2002 – 2009	Founder and Director, Microeconomics of Growth Research Network (with Chang-Tai Hsieh)
2001 – present	Member, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD)
2001 – present	Fellow, European Development Research Network (EUDN)

AWARDS

2020 – 2023	USAID DIV “Jobs to End Poverty: Evidence from Bangladesh” (with Oriana Bandiera), \$1.5 million
2019 – 2026	Department for International Development “International Growth Centre Phase III” Grant” (with Oriana Bandiera, Paul Collier, Chang-Tai Hsieh, Jonathan Leape, John Sutton, Anthony Venables), £57 million
2017 – 2024	Advanced European Research Council (ERC) Grant “Man and Nature in Developing Countries”, €2.3 million
2017 – 2019	British Academy Early Childhood Development Grant (with Oriana Bandiera), £340,000
2014 – 2017	Economic and Social Research Council “Basic Entrepreneurship: A Means for Transforming the Lives of the Poor?”, £472,238
2013 – 2017	Department for International Development “International Growth Centre Phase II” Grant” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier, Anthony Venables, Chang-Tai Hsieh), £52 million
2009 – 2013	Department for International Development “International Growth Centre Phase I” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier, Stefan Dercon, Chang-Tai Hsieh and Gobind Nankani), £37 million
2007 – 2010	Economic and Social Research Council “Infrastructure and Development: Evidence from India and East Africa” £251,382
2007 – 2011	Department for International Development “Institutions, Growth and Poverty” (with Timothy Besley, Paul Collier and Stefan Dercon) £5.02 million

PAPERS

“The Search for Good Jobs: Evidence from a Six-Year Experiment in Uganda” (with Oriana Bandiera, Vittorio Bassi, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman and Anna Vitali), Forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*

“Innovation, Growth, and the Environment” (with Stefano Caria, Tim Dobermann, and Allegra Saggese), *IGC White Paper on Sustainable Growth*. 2023

“The Economics of Tropical Deforestation” (with Clare Balboni, Aaron Berman and Benjamin A. Olken), *The Annual Review of Economics*, 15, 723-754, 2023

“Social Incentives, Delivery Agents and the Effectiveness of Development Interventions” (with Oriana Bandiera, Erika Deserranno, Ricardo Morel, Imran Rasul and Munshi Suleiman), *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, 1(1): 164-224, 2023.

“Technology and Development” (with Menna Bishop and Céline Zipfel) in T. Madon, A. Gadgil, R. Anderson, L. Casaburi., K. Lee and A. Rezaee (ed.) *Introduction to Development Engineering*, Springer Publishing, 2022.

“Bureaucracy and Development” (with Tim Besley, Adnan Khan and Guo Xu), *The Annual Review of Economics*, 14: 397-424, 2022.

“Why Do People Stay Poor?” (with Clare Balboni, Oriana Bandiera, Maitreesh Ghatak and Anton Heil), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 137 (2), 785-844, 2022.

“Microfinance and Diversification” (with Oriana Bandiera, Erika Deserranno, Ricardo Morel, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman and Jack Thiemel), *Economica*, 2022.

“Organization of the State: Social Proximity and Bureaucrat Performance: Evidence from India” (with Marianne Bertrand, Arunish Chawla and Guo Xu), *The Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, 2021.

“Cycles of Fire? Politics and Forest Burning in Indonesia” (with Clare Balboni, Anton Heil, Jonathan Old and Benjamin A. Olken) *American Economic Association: Papers and Proceedings*, 111, 415–419, 2021.

“Tackling Youth Unemployment: Evidence from a Labour Market Experiment in Uganda” (with Livia Alfonsi, Oriana Bandiera, Vittorio Bassi, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman, Anna Vitali) *Econometrica* 88 (6), 2369-2414, 2020.

“The Glittering Prizes: Career Incentives and Bureaucrat Performance” (with Marianne Bertrand, Arunish Chawla and Guo Xu) *Review of Economic Studies* 87(2), 2020.

“The Consequences of Treating Electricity as a Right” (with Michael Greenstone, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan) *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 34(1) 2020.

“Women’s Empowerment in Action: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Africa”

(with Oriana Bandiera, Niklas Buehren, Markus Goldstein, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul and Munshi Sulaiman) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 12(1) 2020.

“Labor Markets and Poverty in Village Economies” (with Oriana Bandiera, Narayan Das, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(2), 2017.

“The Value of Democracy: Evidence from Road Building in Kenya” (with Remi Jedwab, Edward Miguel, Gerard Padro i Miquel, and Ameet Morjaria) *American Economic Review* 105(6), 2015.

“War and Deforestation in Sierra Leone”, (with Edward Miguel and Charlotte Stanton) *Environmental Research Letters*, 10, 2015.

“The Political Economy of Deforestation in the Tropics” (with Matthew Hansen, Benjamin Olken, Peter Potapov and Stefanie Sieber) *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 127 (4), 2012.

“Can Openness Mitigate the Effects of Weather Shocks? Evidence from India’s Famine Era” (with Dave Donaldson) *American Economic Review*, 100(2), 2010.

“The Intention to Participate in Adolescent Training Programs: Evidence from Uganda” (with Oriana Bandiera, Markus Goldstein, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 8(2-3), 2010.

“The Unequal Effects of Liberalization: Evidence from Dismantling the License Raj in India” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *American Economic Review*, 98(4), 2008.

“Do Rural Banks Matter? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment” (with Rohini Pande). *American Economic Review*, 95(3), 2005.

“Entry Liberalization and Inequality in Industrial Performance” (with Philippe Aghion, Stephen Redding and Fabrizio Zilibotti). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India” (with Rohini Pande and Grace Wong). *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3(2-3), 2005.

“Can Labor Regulation Hinder Economic Performance? Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(1), 2004.

“Towards a Microeconomics of Growth” (with Anthony Venables) in *Accelerating Development: Annual Bank Conference in Development Economics*, Oxford University Press, 2004.

“Halving Global Poverty” (with Timothy Besley). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 17(3), 2003.

“The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4), 2002.

“Mass Media and Political Accountability” (with Timothy Besley and Andrea Prat) in Islam, R. (ed) *The Right to Tell: Institutions and the Media*, World Bank, 2002.

“Political Agency, Government Responsiveness and the Role of the Media” (with Timothy Besley). *European Economic Review*, 45(4-6), 2001.

“Land Reform, Poverty and Growth: Evidence from India” (with Timothy Besley). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 105(2), 2000.

“Value-Added Tax Options for India” (with Stephen Howes and Nicholas Stern). *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2(1), 1995.

“The Behaviour of State Firms in Eastern Europe, Pre- Privatization” (with Philippe Aghion and Olivier Blanchard). *European Economic Review*, 38(6), 1994.

“Taxation and Development” (with Nicholas Stern). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31(2), 1993.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Electricity Demand and Supply on the Global Electrification Frontier” (with Michael Greenstone, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan), Submitted

“The Origins and Control of Forest Fires in the Tropics” (with Clare Balboni and Ben Olken), Resubmitted, *The Review of Economic Studies*

“National Borders and the Conservation of Nature” (with Francisco Costa and Ben Olken), Submitted

“Weather, Climate Change and Death in India” (with Olivier Deschenes, Dave Donaldson and Michael Greenstone)

“Railroads and the Demise of Famine in Colonial India” (with Dave Donaldson)

“The Costs of Market Disintegration: Evidence from the Indo-Pak Border” (with Xiang Ding, Dave Donaldson and Stephen Redding)

“Mao’s Legacy: Access to Land and Hunger in Modern China”

“Cities, Slums and Growth in India” (with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Enrico Moretti and Guo Xu)

INVITED LECTURES

Oct 2023	The 2nd Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC)
Oct 2023	IGC/Yale: firms/trade/development conference
Sep 2023	Labor/public economics workshop, Yale
Aug 2023	BRAC: innovation and climate change, Bangladesh
Aug 2023	SITE conference, Stanford
July 2023	NBER summer institute, Cambridge, MA.
June 2023	Berkeley energy institute energy camp, Berkeley
June 2023	JPAL@20 science and the fight against poverty, Paris
May 2023	London consensus programme, LSE
April 2023	JADE-CEPR-TIME conference on economic development, Tokyo, Japan
March 2023	CESifo, keynote presentation, Munich
March 2023	Why do people stay poor? lecture, LSE
Feb 2023	JPAL convening, London

Dec 2022	COASE project conference, Chicago
Dec 2022	University of Chicago seminar, Chicago
Oct 2022	JPAL South-Asia policy conference, Indonesia
Apr 2021	Japanese Association of Development Economics
Nov 2020	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
Mar 2020	DFID/Foreign Office
Sept 2019	Institutions, Trade and Economic Development Conference, Nottingham
Sept 2018	European Association of Labor Economists, Lyon
June 2018	Tinbergen International Trade and Development Conference, Amsterdam
July 2016	Asian Development Bank Conference, Seoul
May 2016	World Bank Conference on Inclusive Growth, Washington
Feb 2016	World Wildlife Fund Green Economy Conference, Stockholm
Dec 2015	World Bank Conference on The Challenges of Job Creation, New Delhi
July 2015	International Growth Centre Africa Growth Forum, Addis Ababa
June 2014	International Growth Centre Africa Growth Forum, Accra
June 2014	2014 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Taipei
June 2014	IEA 17th World Congress, Jordan
Mar 2014	International Growth Centre Bangladesh Launch, Dhaka
July 2013	International Growth Centre Bihar Growth Week Conference, Patna
June 2011	7th Australasian Development Economics Conference, Perth
Mar 2010	Gustav Ranis Lecture, Pakistan, 25th Annual General Meeting and Conference of The Pakistan Society of Development Economists, Islamabad

PHD STUDENTS AND FIRST PLACEMENTS

2023	Takafumi Kawakubo (Department of Economics, Osaka University) Virginia Minni (Booth Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago and Postdoc, IFS)
2022	Amanda Dahlstrand (Microsoft Research, New England) Kohei Takeda (Department of Economics, National University of Singapore) Martina Zanella (Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin)
2021	Yusuke Kuriishi (Department of Economics, Hitotsubashi University) Céline Zipfel (Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics)
2020	Antonella Bancalari (Department of Economics, University of St Andrews) Alexia Delfino (Department of Economics, Bocconi University) Jay Lee (Department of Economics, Stockholm University) Niclas Moneke (Department of Economics, University of Oxford)
2019	Shan Aman-Rana (Department of Economics, University of Virginia) Clare Balboni (Department of Economics, MIT) Simon Franklin (Department of Economics, Queen Mary College, University of London) Xuezhu Shi (Department of Economics, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing) Torsten Walter (Department of Economics, NYU Abu Dhabi)
2018	Michel Azulai (Department of Economics, UCL and IFS) Hanwei Huang (Department of Economics, City University of Hong Kong) Dana Kassem (Department of Economics, University of Mannheim)
2017	Florian Blum (Young Professionals Program, World Bank) Yatang Lin (Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) Junichi Yamasaki (Department of Economics, Kobe University) Guo Xu (Haas School of Business, University of California Berkeley)

2016	Jonathan Colmer (Department of Economics, University of Virginia) Shiyu Bo (Department of Economics, Jinan University)
2015	Ameet Morjaria (Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences Department, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) Erika Deserrano (Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, Kellogg, Northwestern University) Pedro Souza (Department of Economics, PUC Rio) Samuel Marden (Department of Economics, Sussex University) Jason Garred (Department of Economics, Ottawa University) Yi Fan (Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore)
2013	Ben Faber (Department of Economics, UC Berkeley) Francisco Costa (Graduate School of Economics, Getulio Vargas Foundation) Ann Brockmeyer (Young Professionals Program, World Bank)
2012	Luke Miner (New Economic School, Moscow) Remi Jedwab (Department of Economics, George Washington University) Oliver Vanden-Eynde (Department of Economics, Paris School of Economics and Post-Doc, Princeton University)
2011	Selim Gulesci (Department of Economics, Bocconi University) Stefanie Sieber (Young Professionals Program, World Bank)
2010	Sónia Gonçalves (Department of Management, Kings College London)
2009	Dave Donaldson (Department of Economics, MIT) Juan Pablo Rud (Department of Economics, Royal Holloway)
2008	Roberto Bonfatti (Department of Economics, University of Oxford) Ralph Ossa (Booth School of Business, University of Chicago)
2006	Irma Clots (Department of Economics, Carlos III)
2005	Matthieu Chemin (Department of Economics, University of Quebec) Pataporn Sukontamarn (Department of Economics, Adelaide University)
2004	Berta Esteve-Volart (Department of Economics, York University, Canada) Grace Wong (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania)
2002	Imran Rasul (Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago)
2001	Marta Reynal-Querol (Department of Economics, Pompeu Fabra)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2020 –	Organizer, Economics of Environment and Energy Hour
2018 –	Chair, PhD Recruitment, LSE Department of Economics
2017 –	LSE School of Public Policy Implementation Group
2017 –	Co-Organizer, LSE Applications Seminar
2015 –	Steering Committee, STICERD, LSE
2013 –	Steering Committee, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE
2010 –	LSE Investments Committee
2003 –	Co-founder & Organizer, LSE MPA Programme
1998 –2017	Co-organizer, LSE-UCL Development and Growth Seminar

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

2016 –	Member, Grants Committee, British Academy
2013 –	Member, Grants Committee, JPAL
2008 –	Co-Founder and Scientific Committee Member, China Economic Summer Institute
2009 – 2013	Member, European Economic Association Council
2004 – 2009	Associate Editor, Economic Journal

2007 – 2008	Co-organizer, Africa Development Group, World Bank
2005 – 2008	Chair, Advisory Board on Microeconomics of Growth, World Bank
2002 – 2006	Elected Research Affiliate Representative, Executive Committee, CEPR
1991 – 1993	Advisor on Indirect Tax Reform to Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (with Nicholas Stern)

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Co-organizer, LSE Environment Week, LSE, September 2022
 Co-organizer, BREAD/CEPR Conference, LSE, October 2020
 Co-organizer, BREAD Conference, Northwestern, April 2020
 Co-organizer, BREAD/NBER Conference, Cambridge Mass, November 2019
 Co-organizer, NBER Development Summer Institute , Cambridge Mass, July 2019
 Co-organizer, IGC Growth Week Conference, LSE: 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
 Co-organizer, CEPR Development Economics Conference: 2019 (Dublin), 2018 (LSE), 2017 (Dublin), 2016 (LSE), 2015 (Barcelona), 2014 (Stockholm), 2012 (Bocconi), 2008 (LSE), 2006 (Paris)
 Co-organizer, IGC/BRAC Ultra-Poor Conference, LSE: 2015
 Co-organizer, BREAD/CEPR Conference on Development Economics: 2018 (LSE), 2016 (Bocconi), 2014 (LSE), 2011 (Paris), 2009 (LSE), 2007 (LSE)
 Co-organizer, IGC South Asia Growth Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh: 2012

Co-organizer, Growth in Bihar Conference, Patna, India: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
 Co-organizer, China Summer Institute: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
 Co-organizer, Polarization and Conflict Conference, LSE: 2008
 Co-organizer, Microeconomics of Growth Conference, World Bank: 2007
 Co-organizer, Growth in Brazil Conference, Rio de Janeiro: 2007
 Co-organizer, CEPR/Swedish Development Economics Network Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm: 2007
 Program Committee, European Economic Association Annual Meeting: 2013