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Birthplace: San Francisco, USA

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, University of Warwick	since 2016
Assistant Professor, University of Warwick	2011 - 2016
Postdoctoral Associate, MIT Sloan School of Management	2009 - 2011

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, CEPR	since 2016
Associate, ERINN (Economic Research on Identity, Norms, and Narratives)	since 2017
External Member, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, UC Irvine	since 2018

## EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Harvard University	2009
BA in Economics and Mathematics, Yale University, <i>summa cum laude</i> with special distinction	2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology and Economics, Organizational Economics, Applied Microeconomic Theory.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Value Formation: The Role of Esteem,” *Games and Economic Behavior*, 102, 2017, 1-19. Lead Article.

“The Importance of Legitimacy,” *World Bank Economic Review*, 30(S), 2017, 157-165.

“Movers and Shakers” (with Richard Holden), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 131(4), 2016, 1849-1874.

“Anger and Enforcement,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 126, 2016, 110-124.

“‘We Thinking’ and its Consequences,” *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 106(5), 2016, 415-419.

“The Nature of Tournaments,” (with Richard Holden), *Economic Theory*, 51(2), 2012, 289-313.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Capital Assembly” (with Richard Holden) [previous version: CEPR Discussion Paper 11763 (Jan, 2017)].

“Network Externalities and Market Dominance” (with Richard Holden and Luis Rayo).

## **WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

“Group Identity”

“Narratives and the Economics of the Family” (with Luis Rayo)

“(S)weathering the Storm: Firing, Restructuring, and Productivity in a Bangladeshi Garment Factory” (with Anik Ashraf, Rocco Macchiavello, Atonu Rabbani, and Chris Woodruff)

“Lords and Lieges” (with Hongyi Li and Jonathan Yeo)

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

INET research grant, 2016 (\$80,608)

MIT Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2009-2011

Harvard Presidential Scholar, 2003-2009

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Charles Heberman Dickerman Memorial Prize (best senior thesis in economics at Yale), 2003

William M. Masee Prize (best overall record in economics at Yale), 2003

DeForest Senior Mathematical Prize (best overall record in mathematics at Yale), 2003

Yale Science and Engineering Assoc. Prize (best overall record of a junior in the sciences at Yale), 2002

Anthony D. Stanley Prize (best overall record of a junior in mathematics at Yale), 2002

Phi Beta Kappa, 2002

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

ERINN 2nd Annual Conference; LSE-NYU Conference on Political Science and Political Economy; LMU Munich; Global Solutions Summit, Berlin; UC Irvine; University of Queensland; Monash; UNSW; UTS; INET Edinburgh Conference; 3rd Colloquium on Identity Economics; London Business School; ERINN Inaugural Conference; University of East Anglia; 10th Australasian Organizational Economics Workshop; Cambridge University; 2nd Colloquium on Identity Economics; Association Francaise de Sciences Economique; ETH Zurich; Workshop on Dysfunctional Institutions; ASSA Annual Meeting; Global Economic Symposium, Kiel; VfS Annual Conference; UMass Amherst; Summer Colloquium on Identity Economics, London; NBER Organizational Economics Meeting; University of Oxford; LMU Munich; University of Zurich; NBER Culture and Institutions Meeting; Kiel Institute for World Economy; Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse; University of Sydney Organizational Economics Symposium; Carnegie Mellon; Thurgau Experimental Economics Meeting; Case Western; University of Sydney; UNSW; ANU; University of California Berkeley; Brown University; Cornell University; Pompeu Fabra University; Boston University; University of Colorado Boulder; North American Econometric Society Meetings; CESifo conference on tournaments.

## **REFEREE**

*Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Econometrica, Journal of the European Economics Association, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Economic Journal, Journal of Law and Economics,*

*Games and Economic Behavior, Economic Theory, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, The Economics of Transition.*

## **PHD ADVISING**

Anik Ashraf (Munich, 2018)  
Rocco D'Este (Sussex, 2016)  
Andrew Siu (Gettysburg, 2016)  
Tony Liu (Office of National Statistics, 2016)  
Terry Cheng (current student)  
Ayush Pant (current student)  
Jonathan Yeo (current student)  
Anthony Tuckwell (current student)  
Yatish Arya (current student)  
Sergio Alessandro Castagnetti (current student)

## **TEACHING**

EC9B1 Advanced Economic Theory, University of Warwick [2015, 2016, 2017]  
EC208 Industrial Economics 1: Market Structure, Undergraduate, University of Warwick [2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016]  
EC980 Contract Economics, Graduate, University of Warwick [2012, 2013, 2014]  
EC331 Research in Applied Economics, University of Warwick [2014/2015, 2015/2016]  
Advanced Topics in Organizational Economics, Graduate, MIT Economics Department [2010]  
Economic Analysis for Business Decisions (15.011), Graduate, MIT Sloan School of Management [2009]