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**Professional Experience:**

University of British Columbia, Department of Economics  
Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), Jul. 2011-present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Jul. 2010-Jun. 2011

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Jul. 2006-Jun. 2010

**Education:**

Ph.D. (Economics), Harvard University, 2006.  
M. A. (Economics), Harvard University, 2003.  
Laurea in Economia Politica, *cum laude*, Bocconi University, 1999.

**Professional Activities:**

Referee: *American Economic Journals*, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *B.E. Journals*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics and Politics*, *Economics of Governance*, *Economics of Transition*, *European Economic Review*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Central Banking*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Rand Journal*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *World Development*.

Committees and Conferences organized: *NBER Political Economy Meeting* Nov. 2010 (with M. Gentzkow); *Political Economy in the Chicago Area* (with E. Bueno de Mesquita, University of Chicago, and D. Diermeier, Northwestern University. May 2008; Feb. 2009; Oct. 2009); Steering committee of *Program on Political Institutions*, member (University of Chicago).

## Honors, Scholarships, Grants, and Fellowships:

2012	Bank of Canada, <i>Governor's Award</i>
2011-13	SSHRC, <i>Standard Research Grant</i>
2010-11	National Bureau of Economic Research, <i>Africa Success Grant</i>
2010-present	Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, <i>Faculty Scholar</i>
2006-10	Initiative on Global Markets, University of Chicago, <i>Project Grants</i>
2011-present	National Bureau of Economic Research, <i>Research Associate</i>
2007-2011	National Bureau of Economic Research, <i>Faculty Research Fellow</i>
2005-06	Harvard University, <i>Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i>
2003-04	Harvard University, <i>Graduate Instruction Committee Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics</i>
2002-03	Social Science Research Council, NY, <i>Applied Economics Fellowship</i>
2000-05	Harvard University, <i>Dillon Fellowship</i>
2000-02	Mediocredito Centrale, Rome, <i>Marco Fanno Scholarship</i>

## Publications:

“Competition and Political Organization: Together or Alone in Lobbying for Trade Policy.” (with Matilde Bombardini), *Journal of International Economics*, Forthcoming.

“Risk Aversion and Expected Utility Theory: A Field Experiment with Large and Small Stakes.” (with Matilde Bombardini), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Forthcoming.

“Votes or Money? Theory and Evidence from the US Congress” (with Matilde Bombardini). *Journal of Public Economics*, August 2011, 95(7-8): pp. 587-611.

“The Political Economy of the US Mortgage Default Crisis” (with Amir Sufi and Atif Mian), *American Economic Review*, December 2010, 100(5): pp. 1967–98.

“Democracy, Technology, and Growth” (with Philippe Aghion and Alberto Alesina), Elhanan Helpman (ed.) *Institutions and Economic Performance*, Harvard University Press, 2008.

“Electoral Rules and Minority Representation in US Cities.” (with Philippe Aghion and Alberto Alesina), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, February 2008, 123(1): pp. 325-357.

“Who Adjusts and When? On the Political Economy of Reforms.” (with Alberto Alesina and Silvia Ardagna), *IMF Staff Papers*, 2006, Vol. 53: Special Issue, pp. 1-29 (2005 Mundell Fleming lecture).

“Institutions Rule: The Primacy of Institutions Over Geography and Integration in Economic Development.” (with Dani Rodrik and Arvind Subramanian), *Journal of Economic Growth*, June 2004, 9(2): pp. 131-65.

“Endogenous Political Institutions.” (with Philippe Aghion and Alberto Alesina), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2004, 119(2): pp. 565-613.

“Electoral Rules and Corruption.” (with Torsten Persson and Guido Tabellini), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, June 2003, 1(4): pp. 958-89.

“Who Invented Instrumental Variable Regression?” (with James H. Stock), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Summer 2003, 17(3): pp. 177-94.

### **Completed Research Papers:**

*Inconsistent Regulators: Evidence from Banking* (with Sumit Agarwal, David O. Lucca, and Amit Seru).

*How Is Power Shared in Africa?* (with Patrick Francois and Ilia Rainer).

*Is It Whom You Know or What You Know? An Empirical Assessment of the Lobbying Process*  
(with Marianne Bertrand and Matilde Bombardini).

*The Political Economy of the U.S. Mortgage Expansion* (with Amir Sufi and Atif Mian).

*Gains from Distortions in Congested City Networks* (with Matilde Bombardini).

*Foreclosures, House Prices, and The Real Economy* (with Amir Sufi and Atif Mian).

*Resolving Debt Overhang: Political Constraints in the Aftermath of Financial Crises* (with Atif Mian and Amir Sufi)  
Revise and Resubmit ***American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics***.

*Measuring Central Bank Communication: An Automated Approach with Application to FOMC Statements*  
(with David O. Lucca).

Revise and Resubmit ***Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking***.

*New Tools for the Analysis of Political Power in Africa* (with Ilia Rainer).

Forthcoming in ***NBER Africa Project Volume***.

### **Research Papers in Progress:**

*How Do Voters Respond to Information? Evidence from a Randomized Campaign* (with Tommaso Nannicini).

*Government Formation in Autocracies* (with Patrick Francois and Ilia Rainer).

### **Seminar and Conference Presentations:**

*Electoral Rules and Minority Representation in US Cities*: Brown University; Harvard Business School; Harvard University; Stockholm University; University of Maryland; University of Chicago GSB; London Business School; Cornell University; University of British Columbia.

*Risk Aversion and Expected Utility Theory: A Field Experiment with Large and Small Stakes*: 12<sup>th</sup> Foundations and Applications of Utility, Risk and Decision Theory Conference; Harvard University.

*Votes or Money? Theory and Evidence from the US Congress*: University of British Columbia; NBER Political Economy Meeting (Fall 2007); American Economic Association 2008 Meetings; University of Maryland; University of Chicago (GSB & Harris School); World Bank; CIRPEE/UQAM; Cornell University; Northwestern University (Kellogg MEDS); KDI-Seoul.

*Measuring Central Bank Communication: An Automated Approach with Application to FOMC Statements*.  
University of British Columbia; NBER Monetary Economics Meeting (Spring 2008); University of Chicago GSB; SED Meetings 2008.

*Together or Alone in Lobbying for Trade Policy*. SED Meetings 2008; PIER 2008; KDI-Seoul.

*The Political Economy of the U.S. Mortgage Default Crisis*. Stockholm University; Bocconi University;

University of British Columbia; Princeton University; Harvard/MIT positive political economy seminar; Stanford GSB; KDI-Seoul.

*Is It Whom You Know or What You Know? An Empirical Assessment of the Lobbying Process.* KDI-Seoul; University of British Columbia; UC Berkeley Haas; CIFAR IOG Meeting (Spring 2011); New York University; Princeton University.

*Foreclosures, House Prices, and The Real Economy.* University of British Columbia; New York Fed.

*Inconsistent Regulators: Evidence from Banking* University of British Columbia; Simon Fraser University; Brown University; Harvard/MIT positive political economy seminar; NBER Political Economy Meeting (Spring 2012).

*Resolving Debt Overhang: Political Constraints in the Aftermath of Financial Crises.* ASSA Meetings 2012.

*How Is Power Shared in Africa?* University of British Columbia.

### **Graduate Student Supervision and Placement:**

Committee Chair. Thomas Fujiwara, Dept. of Economics, Princeton University, 2011.