

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Education:**

Ph.D. Yale University, 1993

M.A. University of Warwick, 1985-1986

BSc. (Econ) London School of Economics and Political Science, 1979-1982

**Main Fields:** Political Economy and Comparative Politics. Economic and Political Development.

**Current Position:** Professor of Government since July 1, 2004.

### **Previous Positions:**

Associate Professor of Political Science and Economics, University of California at Berkeley, July 1, 2001-June 30, 2004.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, July 1, 1999-July 1 2001.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Southern California, September 1, 1995-June 30, 1999.

Lecturer in Economics, University of Melbourne, September 1, 1992-August 30, 1995.

### **Other Activities:**

Member of the Swedish Development Policy Council, a committee advising the Swedish Foreign Minister on Sweden's International Development Policy, 2007-2010.

Senior Scholar of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 2004-present.

### **Major Awards:**

2007 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, awarded by the American Political Science Association for "the best book published in the United States during the prior year on government, politics or international affairs."

2007 William Riker Prize for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, awarded by the American Political Science Association for the best book in political economy published in 2006.

2007 Heinz I. Eulau Award awarded by the American Political Science Association to "Economic Backwardness in Political Perspective" for the best article published in the *American Political Science Review* in 2006.

2007 Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, awarded by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University to “selected faculty members in recognition of their achievements and scholarship in the fields of “literature, history or art, as such terms may be liberally interpreted ... .””

2006 Association of American Publishers Award of Excellence in Professional Scholarly Publishing, in Economics and Finance, for *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*.

2002 Carnegie Scholar.

Susan Louis Dyer Peace Fellow at the Hoover Institution 1999-2000.

#### **Named Lectures:**

2009 Trevor Swan Distinguished Lecture, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

2008 Yan Fu Memorial Lecture, Peking University, China.

2007 Distinguished Guest Lecturer, Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans.

2007 Richard G. Lipsey Lectures, University of Essex, England

2006 Malim Harding Visitorship Lecture, University of Toronto.

#### **Invited Plenary Lectures:**

2009 Plenary Lecture, Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Boston.

2009 Plenary Lecture, World Bank Annual Development Economics Conference, Seoul, Korea.

2009 Keynote speaker, 6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis.

2008 Plenary Lecture, Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo, Egypt.

2008 Invited Lecture, Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economics Association, Viña del Mar, Chile.

2007 Plenary Lecture, Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo, Egypt.

2006 Plenary Lecture, Annual Meeting of the South and South East Asian chapter of the Econometric Society, Chennai, India.

2005 Keynote Speaker, Australian Conference of Economists Annual Meeting, University of Melbourne.

2004 Plenary Lecture, Annual CEPR Conference on Transition Economies, Hanoi, Vietnam.

2003 Plenary Lecture, Fifth Conference of the European Historical Economics, Madrid, Spain.

2002 Plenary Lecture, Economic History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis.

#### **Book Manuscripts:**

*Natural Experiments in History* (co-edited with Jared Diamond, UCLA) to be published by Harvard University Press in 2009.

*Emergence of the Modern World—Comparative History and Science* (volume of a conference I organized with Jared Diamond)

*Economía Colombiana del Siglo XX: Un Análisis Cuantitativo* (2007) (jointly edited volume with Miguel Urrutia, University of the Andes in Bogotá), Bogotá and México D.F.: Fondo de Cultura Económica. (To be published in English translation as *The Colombian Economy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: A Quantitative Analysis* by Harvard University Press).

*Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (2006) (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) New York; Cambridge University Press.

### **Publications in Refereed Journals:**

“The Political Economy of the Soft-Budget Constraint” (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim) forthcoming in the *European Economic Review*.

“Enclaves and Development: An Empirical Assessment” (joint with Jonathan H. Conning, Hunter College, CUNY) forthcoming in *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

“Collusion and Interlinkage” (joint with Stripad Motiram, Dalhousie University) forthcoming in the *Review of Development Economics*.

“Political Conflict and Power-sharing in the Origins of Modern Colombia” (2009) (joint with Sebastián Mazzuca, University of California at Berkeley), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 89, 285-321.

“When Does Policy Reform Work? The Case of Central Bank Independence” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and Pablo Querubín all MIT), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2008, 351-417.

“Land and Power: Theory and application to Chile” (2008) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur), *American Economic Review*, 98, 1737-1765.

“Income and Democracy” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, both MIT, and Pierre Yared, Columbia), *American Economic Review*, 98, 808-842.

“Persistence of Power, Elites and Institutions” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *American Economic Review*, 98, 267-293.

“Land Reform and the Political Organization of Agriculture” (2007) (joint with Jonathan Conning, Hunter College, CUNY), *Journal of Development Economics*, 82, 416-447.

“Political Foundations of the Resource Curse” (2006) (with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim and Thierry Verdier, DELTA), *Journal of Development Economics*, 79, 447-468.

“State Formation and Governance in Botswana” (2006) (joint with Neil Parsons of the University of Botswana), *Journal of African Economies*, 15, 100-140.

“Economic Development and Democracy” (2006) *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, 9, 503-527.

“Economic Backwardness in Political Perspective” (2006) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *American Political Science Review*, 100, 115-131.

“Politician-Proof Policy?” (2005) *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 55, 1-56.

- “The Rise of Europe: Atlantic Trade, Institutional Change and Economic Growth” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 95, 546-579.
- “White Elephants” (2005) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *Journal of Public Economics*, 89, 197-210.
- “Institutional Causes, Macroeconomic Symptoms: Volatility, Crises and Growth” (2003) (joint with Daron Acemoglu (MIT), Simon Johnson (MIT) and Yunyong Thaicharoen (Bank of Thailand)), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 50, 49-123.
- “Reversal of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the Making of the Modern World Income Distribution” (2002) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118, 1231-1294.
- “Rotten Parents” (2002) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur) *Journal of Public Economics*, 84, 341-356
- “The Political Economy of the Kuznets Curve” (2002) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *Review of Development Economics*, 6, 183-203.
- “The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 91, 1369-1401.
- “A Theory of Political Transitions” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *American Economic Review*, 91, 938-963.
- “Inefficient Redistribution” (2001) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *American Political Science Review*, 95, 649-662.
- “Social Identity, Inequality and Conflict” (2001) *Economics of Governance*, 2, 85-99.
- “Why Did the West Extend the Franchise? Growth, Inequality and Democracy in Historical Perspective” (2000) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, CXV, 1167-1199.
- “Is Child Labor Inefficient?” (2000) (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur) *Journal of Political Economy*, 108, 663-679.
- “Dynamic Contractual Enforcement: A Model of Strikes” (1999) *International Economic Review*, 40, 209-230.
- “Theories of “Bad” Policy” (1998) *Journal of Policy Reform*, 3, 1-46.
- “Rent Appropriation and Sustained Growth” (1996) *Economic Letters*, 50, 71-77.

#### **Publications in Non-Refereed Journals:**

- “The Real Swing Voters Curse” (2009) (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), *American Economic Review*, 99, 310-315.

“The Persistence and Change of Institutions in the Americas” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu of MIT), *Southern Economic Journal*, 75, 282-299.

“Sins of the Fathers? The Future of the Patrimonial State in Sierra Leone and Elsewhere” (2008) *The New Legon Observer*, 2, 22-24.

“On the Economic Origins of Democracy” (2007) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT), *Dædalus*, 136, 160-162.

“Equity, Institutions, and the Development Process” (2006) *Nordic Journal of Political Economy*, 32, 17-50.

“De Facto Political Power and Institutional Persistence” (2006) (joint with Daron Acemoglu of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 96, 325-330.

“Economic History and Political Science: Clarifying the Questions, Methods and Answers” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *The Political Economist*, 12, pp. 4,7,11-13.

“From Education to Democracy?” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and Pierre Yared, all of MIT), *American Economic Review*, 95, 44-49.

“Kleptocracy and Divide and Rule: A Theory of Personal Rule” (2004) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Thierry Verdier, DELTA), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2, 162-192.

“From Current-Day Russia to Porfirio’s Mexico” (2004) *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 38, 81-92.

“Disease and Development in Historical Perspective” (2003) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 1, 397 – 405.

“Political Losers as Barriers to Economic Development” (2000) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *American Economic Review*, 90, 126-130.

“Repression or Democratization?” (2000) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) *European Economic Review*, 44, 683-693.

### **Publications in Books:**

“Prosperity, Inequality and Elites: The Determinants of Political Office-holding in Nineteenth Century Antioquia,” (joint with Camilo García Jimeno, MIT) forthcoming in Adolfo Meisel and María Teresa Ramirez eds. *Colombian Economic History in the Nineteenth Century*, Bogotá; Fondo de Cultura Económica.

“The Political Economy of Equality and Growth in Mexico: Lessons from the History of the United States,” (2009) in Santiago Levy and Michael Walton eds. *No Growth without Equity? Inequality, Interests and Competition in Mexico*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

“Economic and Political Inequality in Development: The Case of Cundinamarca, Colombia,” (2008) (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, María Angélica Bautista, Brown, and Pablo Querubín, MIT) in Elhanan Helpman ed. *Institutions and Economic Performance*, Harvard University Press.

“Un Típico País Latinoamericano? Una Perspectiva sobre el Desarrollo,” (2007) in *Economía Colombiana del Siglo XX: Un Análisis Cuantitativo* edited by James A. Robinson and Miguel Urrutia, Bogotá; Fondo de Cultura Económica.

“How Does Vote Buying Shape the Economy?” (joint with Jean-Marie Baland, University of Namur) (2007) *Elections for Sale: The Causes and Consequences of Vote Buying*, edited by Frederick C. Schaffer, Boulder; Lynne Rienner Publishers.

“Paths of Political and Economic Development,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT) (2006) in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy* edited by Barry Weingast and Donald Wittman, New York; Oxford University Press.

“El Equilibrio de América Latina,” (2006) in *La Brecha entre América Latina y Estados Unidos* edited by Francis Fukuyama, Buenos Aires; Fondo de Cultura Económica.

“Understanding Prosperity and Poverty: Geography, Institutions and the Reversal of Fortune” (2006) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT) in *What we Have Learned about Poverty* edited by Abhijit Banerjee, Roland Benabou and Dilip Mookherjee, New York; Oxford University Press.

“Institutions as Fundamental Determinants of Long-Run Growth” (2005) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), in the *Handbook of Economic Growth* edited by Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf, Volume 1A, Amsterdam; North-Holland, pp. 385-472.

“Historical Roots of Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean” (2003) (joint with Kenneth Sokoloff, UCLA) published as Chapter 5 of *Inequality in Latin America & the Caribbean: Breaking with History?* World Bank.

“An African Success Story: Botswana” (2003) (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT), in Dani Rodrik ed. *In Search of Prosperity: Analytic Narratives on Economic Growth*, Princeton; Princeton University Press.

“Long-Term Consequences of Population Growth: Technical Change, Natural Resources, and the Environment” (1997) (joint with T.N. Srinivasan, Yale) *Handbook of Population and Family Economics*, M.R. Rosenzweig and O. Stark eds., North Holland, Amsterdam.

“Socio-Political Instability, External Shocks, Institutional Development and Growth”, (1998) (joint with Nauro Campos, CERGE Prague, and Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC) in I. Liman ed. *The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East*.

### **Review Essays:**

“Orthodox Heterodoxy: A Review of Dani Rodrik’s *One Economics, Many Recipes*,” (2009) *Economic Journal*, 119, F214-F218.

“States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control by Jeffrey I. Herbst: A Review Essay” (2002) *Journal of Economic Literature*, XL, 510-519.

“A Comment on “Does Democracy Engender Equality?” by John Roemer” (2003) in Edward J. Mansfield and Richard Sisson, eds. *Political Knowledge and the Public Interest*, Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.

### **Publications in Swedish:**

“Från fattigdom till rikedom – den moderna inkomstfördelningens historia” (joint with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of MIT) (2002) *Ekonomist Debatt*, 30, 5-14.

### **Working Papers under revision for Journals:**

“Reevaluating the Modernization Hypothesis,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, both MIT, and Pierre Yared, Columbia), NBER Working Paper #13334, revised and resubmitted to *Journal of Monetary Economics*.

“The Missing Middle Class: Economic and Political Consequences of the Holocaust in Russia,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT and Tarek Hassan, Harvard), revised and resubmitted to the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

### **Working Papers submitted to Journals:**

“When is Democracy and Equilibrium? Theory and Evidence from Colombia’s *La Violencia*” (joint with Mario Chacón, Yale University and Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim), NBER Working Paper #12789, submitted to *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“The Political Economy of Clientalism” (joint with Thierry Verdier, DELTA), CEPR Discussion Paper No. 1313, submitted to the *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Are Endowments Fate? On the Political Economy of Comparative Institutional Development” (joint with Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC), CEPR Discussion Paper No. 3206, submitted to the *Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*.

### **Working Papers and Research in Progress:**

“The Monopoly of Violence: Theory and Evidence from Colombia,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, and Rafael Santos, Yale)

“Endogenous Presidentialism,” (joint with Ragnar Torvik, University of Trondheim) NBER Working Paper #14603.

“The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Davide Cantoni, Harvard, Simon Johnson, MIT) NBER Working Paper #14831.

“A Model of the Iron Law of Oligarchy,” (joint with Daron Acemoglu, MIT)

“When is a State Predatory?”

“Debt Repudiation and Risk Premia: The North-Weingast Thesis Revisited”