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DOCTORAL STUDIES: U.C. Berkeley, Haas School of Business, Business & Public Policy (BPP) group

UNIVERSITY	DEGREE	DATE
University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D.	2024
University of California, Berkeley	M.S.	2020

FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION: Political Economy, Economic History, Organizational Economics

DISSERTATION TITLE: "Essays on Political Economy and Historical Development"

Expected Date of Completion: May 2024
Principal Advisors: Professors Ernesto Dal Bó and Guo Xu (Co-Chairs)
Other References: Professors Noam Yuchtman and Barry Eichengreen

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics	M.S.	2016	Economics
University of Munich (LMU)	B.S.	2015	Economics
University of Munich (LMU)	B.A.	2015	Philosophy

JOB MARKET PAPER: "Jobs for Votes: Patronage and Performance in Tammany Hall's NYPD"

Abstract: Do politicians select public sector employees via patronage to win votes while sacrificing performance? I combine newly digitized personnel records on the selection, careers, and performance of 5,795 New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers with geolocated information on all voters and election results in the city for 1900-1916. The linked data reveals that 21% of the police officers were appointed in a deviation from civil service rules. These patronage employees were more likely to be connected to leaders of Tammany Hall, the city's incumbent Democratic Party organization. I use a difference-in-differences design to show that patronage appointments increased Democratic registration by 10.3% within the 50-meter radius around the employee's residential address. This electoral response – and complementary results on promotions tied to electoral support – suggest that patronage employees are incentivized to mobilize the votes of their neighbors. The electoral logic of patronage jobs in exchange for votes has implications for performance: Patronage employees perform considerably worse than their meritocratically selected peers.

PUBLICATION:

- "[Killer Incentives: Rivalry, Performance and Risk-Taking among German Fighter Pilots, 1939-45](#)"
(with Philipp Ager, Leonardo Bursztyn, and Hans-Joachim Voth)
Review of Economic Studies, 2022

OTHER WORKING PAPERS:

- "[Dissecting the Sinews of Power: International Trade and the Rise of Britain's Fiscal-Military State, 1689-1823](#)" (with Ernesto Dal Bó, Karolina Hutková, and Noam Yuchtman)
Conditionally Accepted at *Journal of Economic History*
- "Company-State at Home: The East India Company and the Fiscal System in Eighteenth-Century Britain" (with Ernesto Dal Bó, Karolina Hutková, and Noam Yuchtman)
R&R at *Past & Present*

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS:

- "Replacing the Ties That Bind: Welfare State Expansion, Mobility, and Modernization"
- "Screening for Candidates: The Role of the Party in Political Selection" (with Tuomas Kari)
- "Market Structure and Competition for Indigenous Trade" (with Davis Kedrosky and Chiara Motta)
- "From Rivals to Partners: The Alignment of Capital and State Coercion in the Rise of Modern Economic Growth" (with Ernesto Dal Bó and Noam Yuchtman)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:

Research Assistant for Hans-Joachim Voth, Department of Economics, University of Zurich (2016-2017)
Research Assistant for Maria Petrova, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (2015-2016)
Research Assistant for Giacomo Ponzetto, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (2015-2016)
Research Assistant for Davide Cantoni, Department of Economics, University of Munich (2014-2015)
Research Assistant for Panu Poutvaara, Ifo Institute for Economic Research (2015)
Research Assistant for Klaus M. Schmidt, Department of Economics, University of Munich (2012-2013)

TEACHING:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley
Undergraduate Game Theory in the Social Sciences (Fall 2019)

Guest Lectures, Department of Economics and Haas School of Business, U.C. Berkeley
Undergraduate Topics in Economic Research (Fall 2020)
Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective (Spring 2021, 2023)

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:

2022 Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship
Research Grant (PI), EGAL Center for Equity, Gender, and Leadership, U.C. Berkeley-Haas
Research Grant (Co-PI), Berkeley Economists for Equity
2021 Gerard Roland Dissertation Fellowship, Association for Comparative Economic Studies
Research Grant (Co-PI), Clausen Center, U.C. Berkeley
2020 Research Grant (PI), Dearing Fund, All-U.C. Group in Economic History
Research Grant (PI), Oliver E. Williamson Ph.D. Fund, U.C. Berkeley-Haas
2017 ERP Graduate Scholarship, German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs
2015 Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
Scholarship, Max Weber-Program, Germany

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS:

2023 *Columbia University Political Economy Colloquium, NBER Development of the American Economy Pre-Summer Institute, American Political Science Association, Economic History Association, Berkeley-VSE Conference on Political Economy and Governance (poster), Canadian Network for Economic History, U.C. Davis Economic History Mini Conference, Institutions & Innovations (I&I) Conference, Southern Economic Association, Yale Economic History Lunch*
2022 *Workshop on Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures, I&I Conference*
2021 *Economic History Association (poster), Berkeley-VSE Conference on Political Economy and Governance (poster)*

SERVICE:

Conference Organization:

2023 *Berkeley Economic History Workshop*
2020 *Development and Political Economics SF Bay Area PhD Student Conference (DevPEC)*

Mentoring:

Undergraduate Student Researcher Mentoring Program, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2019-2022)
Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, U.C. Berkeley (2022-2023)

Refereeing: *Economica*

OTHER INFORMATION:

Visiting Affiliation: Department of Economics, Aalto University, Finland (since 2021)
Languages: English (fluent), German (native)
Citizenship: Germany