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## Professional Positions

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA, USA  
Professor of Economics, since 2004  
Chair of the Economics Department, 2006-2012

**National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)**, Cambridge, MA, USA  
Research Associate, Political Economy Program, since 2010  
(previously Faculty Research Fellow, Political Economy Program)

**CESifo**, Munich, Germany  
Research Fellow, since 2004

**Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE)**  
University of Warwick, UK  
External Research Associate, since 2012

## Education

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, USA  
Ph.D. in Economics, 1993; A.M. in Economics, 1991

**Università degli Studi di Siena**, Siena, Italy  
Dottorato di Ricerca in Economia Politica, 1992

**Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza,”** Rome, Italy  
Laurea in Economia e Commercio, *summa cum laude*, 1987

## Personal Information

Citizenship: Italian and U.S. Married, one child.

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent),  
French (intermediate).

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

**Culture and Economic Growth** (editor)  
Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, forthcoming  
(expected publication: 2014)

**The Size of Nations**  
MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, December 2003; Paperback edition: 2005.  
(with Alberto Alesina)

Professional Scholarly Publishing Award (Honorable Mention) in Economics  
2003, from the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

Catalan translation:

**La Mida de Les Nacions**  
Lid Editorial, Barcelona, 2008

### ***Articles and Book Chapters***

**What is European Integration Really About? A Political Guide for Economists**  
*Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 27 (3), pages 125-144, Summer 2013

**How Deep Are the Roots of Economic Development?**  
*Journal of Economic Literature*, vol. 51 (2), pages 325-369, June 2013  
(with Romain Wacziarg)

**Long-Term Barriers to Economic Development**  
in *Handbook of Economic Growth*, Volume 2, edited by Philippe Aghion and  
Steven Durlauf, Amsterdam: Elsevier, forthcoming  
(with Romain Wacziarg) –

**National Borders, Conflict and Peace**  
in *Oxford Handbook of The Economics of Peace and Conflict*, edited by Michelle  
Garfinkel and Stergios Skaperdas, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

**Long-Term Barriers to the International Diffusion of Innovations**  
in *NBER International Seminar on Macroeconomics 2011*, edited by Jeffrey  
Frankel and Christopher Pissarides, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012  
(with Romain Wacziarg).

**Comment on "Toward a Political Economy of Macroeconomic Thinking"**  
in *NBER International Seminar on Macroeconomics 2011*, edited by Jeffrey  
Frankel and Christopher Pissarides, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012

## **Articles and Book Chapters (continues)**

### **Federalism, Interregional Redistribution, and Country Stability**

in *The Political Economy of Inter-Regional Fiscal Flows: Measurement, Determinants and Effects on Country Stability*, edited by Núria Bosch, Marta Espasa Queralt and Albert Solé Ollé, Cheltenham, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2010

### **The Diffusion of Development**

*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 110 (2), pages 469-530, May 2009  
(with Romain Wacziarg).

### **Efficiency and Stability of National Borders**

*Review of Business and Economics*, vol. 44 (1), pages 4-21,  
January-March 2009

### **Civil Conflict and Secessions**

*Economics of Governance*, vol. 9(1), pages 45-63, January 2008

### **Economics Approach to the Size of Nations**

in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

### **Herschel Grossman**

in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

### **Democracy as Commitment**

Review of *The Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson (Cambridge University Press, 2006),  
*Economic Journal*, vol. 117(517), pages F174-F179, 2007

### **Conflict, Defense, and the Number of Nations**

*European Economic Review*, vol. 50(1), pages 91-120, January 2006  
(with Alberto Alesina).

### **Monetary and Fiscal Policies with Adjustment Costs**

in *Monetary Policy and Institutions. Essays in Honor of Mario Arcelli*, edited by Giorgio Di Giorgio and Fabio Neri, Rome: LUISS University Press, 2006.

### **National Borders and the Size of Nations**

in *Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, edited by Barry Weingast and David Wittman, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

### **Borders and Growth**

*Journal of Economic Growth*, vol. 10(4), pages 331-386, December 2005  
(with Romain Wacziarg).

## ***Articles and Book Chapters (continues)***

### **War, Peace, and the Size of Countries**

*Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 89(7), pages 1333-1354, July 2005  
(with Alberto Alesina).

### **Trade, Growth, and the Size of Countries**

in *Handbook of Economic Growth*, edited by Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf, Amsterdam: North-Holland, 2005  
(with Alberto Alesina and Romain Wacziarg).

### **De deugdzaamheid van de kleintjes** (in Dutch)

*Secessie, Quarterly Journal for the Study of Secessions and Direct Democracy*, 20, September 2005

### **Why Chads? Determinants of Voting Equipment Use in the United States**

*Public Choice*, vol. 123(3), pages 363-392, June 2005  
(with Phillip Garner).

### **Is Small Really So Ugly?**

*World Trade Review*, vol. 3(03), pages 447-452, December 2004.

### **Economic Integration, International Conflict and Political Unions**

*Rivista di Politica Economica*, 94 (3) 9-10, pages 3-50, September-October 2004.

### **Adjustments in Different Government Systems**

*Economics & Politics*, vol. 16(2), pages 117-146, July 2004.

### **Crecimiento económico y tamaño de las economías** (in Spanish)

*Claves de la Economía Mundial*, Instituto Español de Comercio Exterior (ICEX), 2004.

### **On the Evaluation of Economic Mobility**

*Review of Economic Studies*, vol. 69(1), pages 191-208, January 2002  
(with Peter Gottschalk).

### **Economic Integration and Political Disintegration**

*American Economic Review*, vol. 90(5), pages 1276-1296, December 2000  
(with Alberto Alesina and Romain Wacziarg), reprinted in Pomfret, Richard (ed.), *The Economics of Regional Trading Arrangements*, The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, vol. 161, Chapter 23, pp. 471-491, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2003.

## ***Articles and Book Chapters (continues)***

### **On the Number and Size of Nations**

*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 90(5), pages 1276-1296, November 1997  
(with Alberto Alesina).

### **Economic Theories of the Break-up and Integration of Nations**

*European Economic Review*, vol. 40(3-5), pages 697-705, April 1996  
(with Patrick Bolton and Gérard Roland).

### **Together or Separately? Issues on the Costs and Benefits of Political and Fiscal Unions**

*European Economic Review*, vol. 39(3-4), pages 751-758, April 1995  
(with Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti).

### **How Cynical Can an Incumbent Be? A Strategic Model of Government Spending**

*Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 55(1), pages 121-140, September 1994  
(with Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti).

## **Work in Progress**

### **War and Relatedness**

under revise and resubmit at the *Review of Economics and Statistics*  
(with Romain Wacziarg).

### **The Political Economy of European Integration**

in preparation for the *Handbook of the Economics of European Integration*, edited by Herald Badinger and Volker Nitsch, to be published by Routledge.

### **The Political Economy of Borders**

In preparation for the *Handbook on the Economics of Public International Law*, edited by Eugene Kontorovich, as part of the series *Research Handbooks in Law and Economics*, supervised by Richard Posner and Francesco Parisi, to be published by Elgar.

### **Fertility and Modernity: A Tale of Two Diffusions**

(with Romain Wacziarg).

### **Long-Term Barriers to Foreign Direct Investment**

(with Romain Wacziarg).

### **The Deep Roots of the Modern World: Investigating the Cultural Evolution of Economic Growth and Political Stability**

(with Peter Turchin, Thomas E. Currie, Romain Wacziarg, and Douglas R. White).

# Academic and Professional Experience

## *Previous Job Experience*

### **Brown University**

Kutayba Alghanim Assistant Professor of Political Economy (Junior Chair),  
Assistant Professor of Economics, and Assistant Professor of Political Science (by  
courtesy), 1998-2004  
Faculty Associate, Watson Institute for International Studies, 2002-2004

### **Boston College**

Assistant Professor of Economics, 1997-1998  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, 1993-1994 and 1995-1996

### **The Ohio-State University**

Assistant Professor of Economics, and Assistant Professor of Political Science (by  
courtesy), 1996-1997

### **Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)**

Research Fellow, European Center for Advanced Research in Economics  
(ECARE), 1994-1995.

## *Short Visiting Positions (selected)*

### **Toulouse School of Economics**

Toulouse, France, June 2012

### **University of Copenhagen**

Visiting Professor – Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2010.

### **Università degli Studi di Firenze**

Visiting Professor - Florence, Italy, December 2007.

### **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**

Visiting Professor - Bogotá, Colombia, July 2007.

### **IMT Institute for Advanced Studies**

Visiting Professor - Lucca, Italy, July 2006 and July 2008.

### **Center for Economic Studies (CES)**

Visiting Professor - Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität,  
Munich, Germany, June 2004.

### **Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF)**

Visitor – Rome, Italy  
Various years

**Stanford University**

Visiting Scholar, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford, CA, May-June 2003

**Harvard University**

Visiting Scholar, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Spring 2003

**IMPA (Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics)**

Visiting Professor - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 1995.

***Other Professional Experience and Service*****Economics & Politics**

Co-editor, 2006-2011

**Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University**

Outside Expert, September 2010

**University of San Francisco**

External Reviewer, Economics Programs, Spring 2007

**European Commission**

Economic Consultant, DG IV- Industry, February-March 1995.

**Confindustria (General Confederation of Italian Industries)**

Economic Consultant, August-November 1988.

**Honors, Awards, and Fellowships (selected)****Cesare Barbieri Lecture**

Trinity College, Hartford, CT, November 2012

**American Economic Review**

Excellence in Refereeing Award  
2007-2008

**Association of American Publishers (AAP)**

Professional Scholarly Publishing Award (Honorable Mention) in Economics to the book *The Size of Nations*.

**European University Institute**

Economics Chair, 2004-2013 (declined).

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**

Research Grants, "Democratization, Secessions, and Fiscal Institutions,"  
Co-principal investigator (with Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti)

**European Commission**

Human Capital and Mobility Fellowship, through the European Center for Advanced Research in Economics (ECARE), 1994-1995

**National Science Foundation (NSF)****and Harvard/MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy**

NSF/RTG Doctoral Fellowship, 1992-1993

**Ente Luigi Einaudi**

Doctoral Fellowship, 1992-1993

**Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino**

Luciano Jona Fellowship, 1990-1992.

**Mediocredito Centrale**

Marco Fanno Fellowship, 1989-1990.

**Refereeing  
(selected)**

American Economic Review (received “Excellence in Refereeing Award,” AER 2007-2008), American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Blackwell Publishing, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin of Economic Research, Cambridge University Press, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Journal, Economics of Governance, Economics Letters, Economic Notes, Economics & Politics, Economic Systems, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA), Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Proceedings B of the Royal Society (Biological Sciences), Public Choice, Oxford University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Southern Economic Journal, and others.

**Seminar and Conference Presentations  
(selected)**

Australasian Public Choice Conference (keynote speaker), APSA Meetings, ASSA Meetings, Banca d’Italia, Banco de la Republica (Colombia) Birkbeck College, Boston College, Boston University, Brazilian Econometric Society (SBE), Brigham Young University, Brown University, Università di Bologna, University of California at Irvine, University of California at Los Angeles, Università Cattolica di Milano, University of Chicago, University of Copenhagen, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) conferences, Claremont McKenna College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, CORE (Catholic University of Louvain), Council for European



Studies (CES) Conference (Washington, DC), Deakin University, Duke University, ECARES (Free University of Brussels), Econometric Society Meetings, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), European Central bank (ECB), European University Institute (EUI), Flemish Parliament, Università di Firenze, Florida International University, Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), George Mason University, Harvard University, Harvard-MIT Political Economy workshop, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA - Rio de Janeiro), International Monetary Fund, International Symposium in Macroeconomics in Malta (NBER), IMT Alti Studi Lucca, London School of Economics, LUISS (Free International University for the Social Sciences - Rome), Università di Modena, University of Montreal, University of Munich, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) conferences, University of Nuremberg, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, Princeton University, University of Rennes (Condorcet Center for Political Economy), Università di Roma, Santa Fe Institute, Stanford University, Tel Aviv University, Toulouse School of Economics, Trinity College, Tufts University, United Nations Development Seminar (UNDP), Venice International University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, World Bank, WZB Social Science Research Center Berlin, Yale University, and others.

## **Teaching**

### **Undergraduate courses**

- Macroeconomics (principles and intermediate)
- International Economics
- Economic Development
- Political Economy (designed new course)
- The Economies of the Middle East (designed new course)
- The Number and Size of Nations (designed new course)

### **Graduate courses**

- Macroeconomic Theory
- Microeconomic Theory
- Economic Growth
- Mathematical Economics
- Political Economy (designed new course)
- Trade and Growth (co-designed new course).

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