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Professional Positions

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA
Seth Merrin Chair, since 2018
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)

The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, two volumes
Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2014.

The Size of Nations

Cambridge (MA): MIT Press, December 2003.

Paperback edition: 2005.

(with Alberto Alesina)

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

Translated in Catalan and Chinese (in preparation)

Articles and Book Chapters

The Political Economy of Heterogeneity and Conflict

written for *Disrupted Economic Relations: Disasters, Sanctions, Dissolutions*

edited by Tibor Besedeš and Volker Nitsch

Cambridge (MA): MIT Press (in preparation).

(with Romain Wacziarg)

Barriers to the Spread of Prosperity

in *The Long Economic and Political Shadow of History*

edited by Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou,

VoxEu E-Book, January 2017

(with Romain Wacziarg)

War and Relatedness

Review of Economics and Statistics, vol. 98 (5), pages 925-939, December 2016.

(with Romain Wacziarg)

Ancestry, Language and Culture

in *Palgrave Handbook of Economics and Language*,

edited by Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber,

Chapter 6, pages 174-211, Palgrave MacMillan, 2016.

(with Romain Wacziarg)

The Economics of Political Borders

in *Economic Analysis of International Law*

edited by Eugene Kontorovich and Francesco Parisi

Chapter 1, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2016.

The Diffusion of Institutions

in *Complexity and Evolution: Toward a New Synthesis for Economics*,
edited by D.S. Wilson and A. Kirman, Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol. 19,
Chapter 9, pages 147-166, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 2016.
(with Romain Wacziarg)

What's Happening with the Number and Size of Nations?

E-International Relations, November 9, 2015
(with Alberto Alesina)

The Political Economy of European Integration

in *Handbook of the Economics of European Integration*,
edited by Herald Badinger and Volker Nitsch, Chapter 26, pages 435-48,
Routledge, 2015.

Long-Term Barriers to Economic Development

in *Handbook of Economic Growth*, Volume 2,
edited by Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf, Amsterdam: Elsevier,
2014. (with Romain Wacziarg)

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)

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.

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: 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.

Herschel Grossman

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

Economics Approach to the Size of Nations

in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd 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,
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)

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: Edward Elgar, 2003.

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 (selected)

Ancestry and Development: New Evidence, working paper
(with Romain Wacziarg)

Fertility and Modernity, working paper
(with Romain Wacziarg).

Barriers to Foreign Direct Investment, in progress
(with Romain Wacziarg).

The Deep Roots of the Modern World: Investigating the Cultural Evolution of Economic Growth and Political Stability, in progress
(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)

Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF)

Visitor – Rome, Italy
Various years

Toulouse School of Economics

Visiting Professor
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.

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,
Cambridge, MA Spring 2003

IMPA (Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics)

Visiting Professor
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 1995.

Other Professional Experience and Service (selected)

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

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships (continues)

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 AER “Excellence in Refereeing Award”)

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

Refereeing (continues)

Quarterly Journal of Economics
Regional Science and Urban Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of Economic Studies
Rivista di Politica Economica
Southern Economic Journal, and others.

Seminar and Conference Presentations (selected)

Australasian Public Choice Conference (keynote speaker), APSA Meetings, ASREC conference, 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), CRETE conferences (Tinos and Milos), Deakin University, Duke University, ECARES (Free University of Brussels), Econometric Society Meetings, University of Edinburgh (keynote speaker at conference), Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), European Commission (Economic and Monetary Affairs – Annual Research Conference), 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, Harvard Kennedy School (GEM Conference), Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA - Rio de Janeiro), International Monetary Fund, International Symposium in Macroeconomics in Malta (NBER), IMT Alti Studi Lucca, INSEAD, 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, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (Stockholm), University of Rennes (Condorcet Center for Political Economy), Università di Roma, Santa Fe Institute, Sciences Po (Paris), Stanford University, St Gallen Symposium, 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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