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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Columbia University</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics</i>	New York City, NY 2027 –
<b>Princeton University</b> <i>Postdoc, Research Program for Development Economics</i>	Princeton, NJ 2026–2027

## EDUCATION

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<b>Harvard University</b> <i>PhD in Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2020 – 2026
<b>University of Oxford</b> <i>Master of Philosophy in Economics</i>	Oxford, UK 2016 – 2018
<b>Ludwig Maximilians University Munich</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i>	Munich, Germany 2014 – 2016
<b>Technical University Munich</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Management and Technology</i>	Munich, Germany 2012 – 2015

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Depreciation and Growth: Evidence from Machine Repair in Uganda**, 2026.

**Slack and Economic Development** (Michael Walker, Nachiket Shah, Edward Miguel, Dennis Egger, and Felix Samy Soliman), 2025. *reject and resubmit, Journal of Political Economy*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Optimal Public Transportation Networks: Evidence from the World's Largest Bus Rapid Transit System in Jakarta** (with Gabriel Kreindler, Arya Gaduh, Rema Hanna, and Ben Olken), 2026. *forthcoming, American Economic Review*

**Spatial Inefficiencies in Africa's Trade Network**, 2024. *Journal of Development Economics* 141

**Falling Living Standards During the COVID-19 Crisis: Quantitative Evidence from Nine Developing Countries** (with Egger, Miguel, Warren, Shenoy, Collins, Karlan, Parkerson, Mobarak, Fink, Udry, Walker, Haushofer, Larrebourg, Athey, Lopez-Pena, Benhachmi, Humphreys, Lowe, Meriggi, Wabwire, Davis, Pape, Voors, Nekesa, Vernot), 2021. *Science Advances* 7(6)

## INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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**2026:** Oxford, Stockholm IIES, Bocconi, CREi / Pompeu Fabra, UC Berkeley Economics, Columbia

**2025:** World Bank (DC), Chicago Fed Rookie Conference, Boston Fed

**2024:** CSAE (Oxford), NBER Summer Institute (Cambridge, MA), EGC (Yale), NEUDC (Northeastern)

**2023:** Y-Rise (Yale)

**2019:** NBER (Cambridge, MA), CSAE (Oxford), Busara Center (Nairobi), World Bank (DC)

**2018:** Oxford, LSE

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Busara Center</b> <i>Research Assistant for Prof. Johannes Haushofer (Princeton)</i>	Nairobi, Kenya 2018-2020
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## STIPENDS AND AWARDS

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<b>Harvard Economics Department:</b> Multiple research grants (totalling \$ 30,000)	<i>2023-2025</i>
<b>STEG:</b> PhD Research Grant (£15,000) joint with F. Samy Soliman	<i>2023</i>
<b>Harvard GSAS:</b> Certificate of Student Recognition of Teaching	<i>2022</i>
<b>UniCredit Foundation:</b> US PhD Scholarship	<i>2020 – 2022</i>
<b>German National Academic Foundation:</b> Fellow	<i>2012 – 2018</i>
<b>German Academic Exchange Service:</b> Scholarship for Graduate Studies	<i>2017 – 2018</i>

## TEACHING

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<b>Harvard graduate 1st year macro:</b> TF for Xavier Gabaix. Evals: 4.96 / 5.00	<i>Spring 2023</i>
<b>Harvard graduate 2nd year macro finance:</b> TF for Xavier Gabaix. Evals: 5.00 / 5.00	<i>Spring 2023</i>
<b>Harvard graduate 2nd year spatial development:</b> TF for Gabriel Kreindler. Evals: 4.92 / 5.00	<i>Fall 2022</i>