

Curriculum Vitae

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Languages:

Fluent: English, Danish, Norwegian; Intermediate: Swedish, German

Research and Teaching Interests:

Primary: Development Economics

Secondary: History of Economics, Political Economy, National Accounting

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Economics (Hons); Royal Holloway University of London 2001- 2004

M.Sc. Development Economics; SOAS, University of London 2004- 2005

Ph.D. in Economics; City University London 2006-2009

Thesis: "What Economy? From the emergence of an 'economic sphere' to modern GDP; 1600-2009" Submitted September 2009

Awards: *Winner of University-wide Ph.D. scholarship competition*

Ph.D. in Economics; New School for Social Research, New York 2005-2010

In Absentia: Thesis: "Development Economics and empirical models: Computable General Equilibrium and Gender inequality" GPA: 3.90 Expected Jul '10

Awards: *New School University Fellowship*

JOB MARKET PAPERS

Gender Wage-Gaps and Growth: The case of Semi-industrial countries reconsidered
With T. Mitra-Kahn; Presented at: United Nations 'Workshop on Inequality, Development and Growth', New York, May 2008; submitted for *Feminist Economics*

This paper presents empirical evidence that the relationship between gender wage gaps and economic growth, for semi-industrial countries following an export led strategy, cannot be broken down into a simple positive or negative correlation framework, but is marked by non-linearity. Using data from twenty semi-industrialized countries, for the period 1975-1995, we find that the South-East-Asian tiger economies were distinctly different in this respect from other semi-industrial countries. The literature suggests that gender inequality, in its many forms, has a causal effect on growth, and our results complements that finding, but suggest that the correlation between gender wage gaps and growth differs significantly, depending on the stage of development the export sector has reached for export-led countries.

The UK vs. The USA and the battle for the soul of National Income

Presented at 'History of Recent Economics' Conference, Antwerp, June 2009;
Revision by Spring 2010; target: *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*

This paper argues that the US and UK had fundamentally different concepts of the economy and measures of economic growth until 1944. It shows that

Simon Kuznets estimated measures of welfare and private consumption as the official National Income of the US, while HM Treasury estimated GNP under the direction of John Maynard Keynes. The US adoption of GNP happened as a result of Keynes's US visit in 1941 and pressure from government economists who wished to expand government expenditure – but were rebuffed due to its negative impact on the US and Kuznets's 'National income'. A compromise between GNP and Kuznets's concept was adopted until 1944 when Keynes's 'assistant' Richard Stone, finally convinced the American administration to change their methods and use the aggregation of public and private expenditure as the official measure of economic growth.

JOURNAL and CONFERENCE PAPERS

"How Keynes convinced the British to re-define the economy." submitted for *Review of Income and Wealth* September 2009

"Empirical and Exciting: Theories of Economic Growth in Britain 1715-43." Presented at 'History of Economics Society Annual Conference', June 2009, Denver. Revision by Oct 2009 to be submitted for *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*

"The Brits who counted Before Adam Smith." Presented at 'History of Economics Society Annual Conference', June 2009, Denver.

"Keynes vs. Kuznets; the battle for the soul of National Income." Presented at 'History of Recent Economics Conference', June 2009, Antwerp. Revision Spring 2010 target: *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*

"Gender wage-gaps and growth: The case of semi-industrial countries reconsidered" (with T. Mitra-Kahn). *Feminist Economics*, Revised & Re-submitted December 2008

"Good Research and 'Selling it' Matters." *New School Economic Review* 3(1) Winter 2008: 3-4

"If it aint broke, don't fix it... Post Autism and Political Correctness." *Post-Autistic Economic Review* 47(3) October 2008, pp. 265-267, re-printed in *Adbusters* 85(sep/oct 2009)

"Defining Economic Growth in the 18th Century." Presented at 'History of Economics Society Annual Conference', June 2008, Toronto

"Gender wage-gaps and growth: What goes up must come down" (with T. Mitra-Kahn). Presented at 'United Nations Inequality, Development & Growth Workshop', May 2008, New York

"Debunking the Myths of Computable General Equilibrium Models." *Schwarz Center for Economic Policy Analysis Working Paper* 2008-01 (March)

"The Development Issue – An Introduction." *New School Economic Review* 2(1) Fall 2007: 3-4

"Debunking the Myths surrounding Computable General Equilibrium Models." Presented at 'ICAPE tri-annual conference', June 2007, Salt Lake City

"Understanding National Accounting in Hindsight." Presented at the 'History of Economics Society Annual Conference', June 2007, Washington D.C.

WORKING PAPERS not presented at conferences

"The impact of U.S. Monetary Policy on European Countries" (with M. Junicke).
Target: *Journal of Monetary Economics*, submission early 2010

"The roots of Computable General Equilibrium Models." Target: *Journal of Policy Modeling*, submission summer 2010

"France, Physiocrats and an Administrative Alternative." Target conference: History of Economics Society Annual Conference, June 2010, Syracuse NY. Target: *European Journal for the History of Economic Thought*, submission fall 2010

AWARDS and HONOURS

Best Lecturer Nomination, City University Student Voice Awards	May 2009
Young Scholar Award, History of Economics Society	Jun. 2008
Young Scholar Award, International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) Tri-Annual Conference	Jun. 2007
Young Scholar Award, History of Economics Society	Jun. 2007
University-wide Ph.D. Scholarship Competition winner, City University	Oct. 2006
University Fellowship award, New School for Social Research	Aug. 2005

GRANTS

UK Economics Network: "FAME Trials: Teaching with experiments"	Jan. 2009
Overseas Development Institute: "Public Expenditure Composition and Fiscal Performance in Central and Eastern European Countries"	Oct. 2008
UK Economics Network: "Reflections on Teaching"	Sep. 2008
Schwarz Center for Economic Policy Analysis: "Debunking the Myths of Computable General Equilibrium Models"	Feb. 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, City University: EC1004 Topics in Applied Macroeconomics 100+ 1 st yr UG students: Lecturing 1/3 of module, responsible for syllabus	Spring 2009
Teaching Asst., City University: EC1008 Intro to Microeconomics 300+ 1 st yr UG students: structuring workshops, teaching with groups, games etc.	Fall 2008
Lecturer, City University: EC1004 Topics in Applied Macroeconomics 100+ 1 st yr UG students: Lecture 1/5 of module, responsible for syllabus	Spring 2008
Teaching Asst., City University: EC1009 Intro to Macroeconomics 300+ 1 st yr UG students: Working through problems sets, facilitating group-work	Spring 2008
Lecturer, City University: EC1004 Topics in Applied Macroeconomics 100+ 1 st yr UG students: 1 lecture, responsible for coursework and student guidance	Spring 2007
Teaching Asst., City University: EC1009 Intro to Macroeconomics 250 1 st yr UG students: Working through problems sets, facilitating group-work	Spring 2007
Teaching Asst., City University: EC1008 Intro to Microeconomics 250 1 st yr UG students: Working through problems sets, facilitating group-work	Fall 2006

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Still standing on the table: The New Lecturer's Workshop, Part Deux."
UK Economics Network Lecturer Resources, April 2009

"The IMF's Rhetorical U-turn" (Newspaper op-ed). *The Mint - Official Indian Partner to the Wall Street Journal*, January 1, 2009

"Public Expenditure Composition and Fiscal Performance in Central and Eastern European Countries" (with E. Hedger). Report to the Serbian Finance Ministry, for Overseas Development Institute, November 2008

"The New Lecturers Workshop: A win-win situation for economists" *UK Economics Network Lecturer Resources*, October 2008; re-printed *Economics Network Newsletter 12* (winter 2008): 8-9

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Chief Editor: *New School Economic Review* 2006 - date
On-line peer-reviewed student economics journal; @ www.NewSchoolJournal.com

Member: History of Economics Society; (honorary member 2006-08) 2006 - date

School of Social Sciences Student Affairs Committee Ph.D. representative 2008-09
Responsible for staff-student communication, and setting school-wide student policy

Fieldworker, Central Statistical Office, Gov't of India, New Delhi Fall 2007
Data collection and working with the national accounting division

Dept. of Economics Student Affairs Committee Ph.D. representative 2006-07
Responsible for staff-student communication and Research Student welfare

Conference Organiser: "Has Economics Failed Development?" April 2006
New York Conference with 100+ attendance from UN, World Bank & Academia

Economics Student Union Representative, The New School 2005-06
Student Representative to Faculty Meetings and administrative committees