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Education:

04/2008 – 02/2011: Ph.D. in Economics (awarded: 09/2011), [Tinbergen Institute](#) & VU University Amsterdam [Department of Development Economics](#) (advisors: Prof. Chris Elbers and Prof. Jan Willem Gunning)
09/2005 – 08/2007: M.Phil. in Economics (specialization: econometrics), [Tinbergen Institute](#) & University of Amsterdam
09/2000 – 08/2005: B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Economics (Cum Laude), [University of Groningen](#) (Erasmus semester at the University of Granada)

Employment and experience:

08/2015 – Present: Researcher, [UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti](#)
06/2018 – Present: Humanitarian Policy Research Manager (P4)
08/2015 – 05/2018: Social Policy Specialist (P3)

- Management of staff, consultants and organizations working for UNICEF Office of Research (currently supervising approximately 8 staff and consultants at any given time)
- Setting up a new workstream on social protection programs in humanitarian settings
 - Principal investigator on impact evaluations of cash transfer programs for displaced Syrian children in Jordan and Lebanon
 - Guest editor on a special issue/section on social protection in humanitarian settings for the *Journal of Development Studies* (Joint with Tilman Brueck, Jose Cuesta, Ugo Gentilini, and Amber Peterman)
- Co-investigator on impact evaluations of unconditional government-run cash transfer programs in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia as part of the [Transfer Project](#)
- Principal investigator on a pilot examining distress as a potential mediator for the impact of cash transfer programs
- Support to various initiatives in the office, including management of a project aiming to enhance rigorous program evaluation in UNICEF, organization of a weekly research seminar, support to the organization of conferences and workshops, and fundraising
- Supervision of both large-scale survey data collection and qualitative interviews in Ghana, Jordan, Lebanon, Malawi, and Tanzania.

- 09/2011 – 08/2015: Researcher, [International Labour Organization](#)
Impact Evaluation Specialist (P3)
- Principal investigator on the impact evaluation of an ILO-run, micro-entrepreneurship program in El Salvador
 - Co-investigator on various research projects examining the effects of public programs on children's human capital accumulation and participation in child labor, including a micro-entrepreneurship program in Nicaragua, a cash transfer program in the Philippines, and a public works program in Malawi
 - Co-author on various ILO research products, such as two editions of the ILO's flagship World Report on Child labor
 - Support to various initiatives in the organization, such as the launch of a network that aimed to support young researchers based at universities in developing countries working on topics relevant to the ILO
 - Supervision of large-scale survey data collection in Ghana and El Salvador.
- 03/2011 – 09/2011: Marie-Curie postdoctoral fellow, [Paris School of Economics](#)
- Continued various research projects started during my PhD related to the impact of conditional and unconditional cash transfer programs
- 01/2010 – 12/2010: Research assistant (unpaid) to Prof. Michael Kremer, Harvard University
- Provided assistance for the preparation of a review summarizing the evidence generated by randomized evaluations of health interventions in developing countries. Review was published in the *Handbook of Health Economics* [[Final publication](#): gated]
- 09/2007 – 04/2010: Field manager, Malawi, [World Bank Development Economics Research Group](#) (multiple episodes over the indicated period, total of approximately 1.5 years, primarily in-country)
- Supported the implementation of an influential impact evaluation examining the effects of conditional and unconditional cash transfers
 - Managed the administration of a baseline and follow-up surveys to households and adolescent girls, and two waves of a school survey
 - Involved in all stages of data collection efforts, including questionnaire design, training of enumerators, and in-country guidance of implementation of field work and data entry
- 01/2005 – 07/2005: Research assistant to Prof. Marcel Timmer, [University of Groningen](#)
- Constructed a panel database on country level capital stocks in agriculture and manufacturing

Teaching and training experience:

- 01/2019 (planned): Social Policy in a Global Society (undergraduate, guest lecture), NYU-AD
- 10/2015: Impact evaluation (graduate, guest lecture), University of Rome Tor Vergata
- 12/2014: Child labor (graduate training), African Economic Research Consortium
- 09/2013: Child labor (graduate, guest lecture), University of Cape Town SALDRU
- 12/2012: Impact evaluation (policy makers), National Statistics Office El Salvador
- 07/2012: Youth employment (policy makers), National Statistics Office of Algeria
- 05/2012: Impact evaluation (graduate, guest lecture), University of Rome Tor Vergata
- 05/2007 – 06/2007: International economics (graduate exercise classes), Tinbergen Institute
- 03/2007 – 04/2007: Labor economics (graduate exercise classes), Tinbergen Institute
- 09/2003 – 02/2004: Mathematics for business (undergraduate exercise classes), U. of Groningen

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

- “Government of Malawi’s Unconditional Cash Transfer Improves Youth Mental Health” *Social Science and Medicine* (Forthcoming). Joint with Gustavo Angeles, Sudhanshu Handa, Kelly Kilburn, Annamaria Milazzo, and Amber Peterman.
- “Cash transfers, Micro-entrepreneurial Activity, and Child Work: Evidence from Malawi and Zambia” *World Bank Economic Review* (Forthcoming). Joint with Valeria Groppo and Sudhanshu Handa. [Definitive version available on request]
- “Child Schooling and Child Work in the Presence of a Partial Education Subsidy” *Journal of Human Resources* (Forthcoming). Joint with Jed Friedman, Eeshani Kandpal, and Furio Rosati. [[Final publication](#): preprint]
- “Income Transfers, Early Marriage and Fertility in Malawi and Zambia” *Studies in Family Planning* (2018), 49(4): 295-317. Joint with Fidelia Dake, Luisa Natali, Gustavo Angeles, Sudhanshu Handa, and Amber Peterman. [[Final publication](#): preprint]
- “Effects of Public Policy on Child Labor: Current Knowledge, Gaps, and Implications for Program Design” *World Development* (2018), 110: 104-123. Joint with Ana C. Dammert, Eric Mvukiyehe, and Furio C. Rosati. [[Final publication](#): gated]
- “The Role of Productive Activities in the Lives of Adolescents: Photovoice Evidence from Malawi” *Children and Youth Services Review* (2018), 86: 246-255 Joint with Sudhanshu Handa and Susannah Zietz. [[Final publication](#)]
- “Women’s Economic Capacity and Children’s Human Capital Accumulation” *Journal of Population Economics* (2018), 31(2): 453-481. Joint with Patrick Premand, Furio C. Rosati, and Renos Vakis. [[Final publication](#)]
- “Poverty and Perceived Stress: Evidence from Two Unconditional Cash Transfer Programs in Zambia” Joint with Lisa Hjelm, Sudhanshu Handa, and Tia Palermo. *Social Science and Medicine* (2017), 177, 110-117. [[Final publication](#)]
- “Cash Transfers and Child Labor” *World Bank Research Observer* (2014), 29 (2), 202-234. Joint with Furio C. Rosati. [[Final publication](#)]
- “Does Promoting School Attendance Reduce Child Labor? Evidence from Burkina Faso’s Bright Project” *Economics of Education Review* (2014), 39 (C), 78-96. Joint with Furio C. Rosati. [[Final publication](#): gated; [Working paper](#): identical to final publication except for layout]
- “Income Shocks and Adolescent Mental Health” *Journal of Human Resources* (2013), 48 (2), 370-403. Joint with Sarah Baird and Berk Özler. [[Final publication](#)]
- “Assessing Sector-wide Programs with Statistical Impact Evaluation: A Methodological Proposal” *World Development* (2009), 37 (2), 513-520. Joint with Chris Elbers and Jan Willem Gunning. [[Final publication](#): gated]

Chapters in books and other articles:

- “Using Cash Transfers to Support Displaced Children: Experiences from Jordan and Lebanon” *UNDP International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth - Policy in Focus*. (2018), 15 (3): 37-39. [[Final Publication](#)]
- “Girl Power: Cash Transfers and Adolescent Welfare. Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Experiment in Malawi” in S. Edwards, S. Johnson, and D. N. Weil

(editors), *NBER African Successes, Volume II: Human Capital*, University of Chicago Press (2016). Joint with Sarah Baird, Ephraim Chirwa, and Berk Özler. [[Final publication](#): gated; [Working paper](#): identical to final publication except for layout]

Working papers:

- “No Lost Generation: Supporting the School Participation of Displaced Syrian Children in Lebanon” Joint with Mitchell Morey and David Seidenfeld. [Revision requested at *Journal of Development Studies*, [Working paper](#)]
- “A Model of Poverty and Poverty-Related Stressors: A Qualitative Study in Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania” Joint with Brian Hall, Melissa Garabiles, Audrey Pereira, Leah Prencipe, and Tia Palermo. [Revision requested at *BMJ Open*]
- “Eliminating Child Labour in El Salvador through Economic Empowerment and Social Inclusion.” Joint with Irina Kovrova and Furio C. Rosati. [[Working paper](#)]
- “Cash Transfers and Human Capital Accumulation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Experimental Evidence from Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia” Joint with Sudhanshu Handa and Ramaele Moshoeshoe. [In progress, available on request]
- “Selective Schools and Education Decisions: Evidence from Malawi” Working Paper available on my website (2012). [[Permanent working paper](#)]

Contributions to reports and briefs:

- “[Evaluation of the No Lost Generation/Min Ila program, a UNICEF and WFP Cash Transfer scheme for Displaced Syrian Children in Lebanon](#)” American Institutes for Research and UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti (2018)
- “[Evidence on Social Protection in Contexts of Fragility and Forced Displacement](#)” UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti (2018)
- “[A Cash Plus Model for Safe Transitions to a Healthy and Productive Adulthood: Baseline Report](#)” UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti (2018)
- “[Tanzania Youth Study of the Productive Social Safety Net \(PSSN\) Impact Evaluation: Endline Report](#)” UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti (2018)
- “[The Importance of Understanding and Monitoring the Effects of Cash Transfer Programmes on Child Labour and Education: Findings from Malawi](#)” UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti (2018)
- “[Malawi Social Cash Transfer Programme: Endline Impact Evaluation](#)” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2016)
- “[World Report on Child Labour: Paving the Way to Decent Work for Young People](#)” ILO (2015)
- “[Entendiendo los resultados del trabajo infantil y el empleo juvenil en El Salvador](#)” UCW and ILO country report (2013)
- “[World Report on Child Labour: Economic Vulnerability, Social Protection and the Fight against Child Labour](#)” ILO (2013)
- “[Primary Education in Zambia](#)” IOB Impact Evaluation, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, No. 312 (2008)

Blogs:

- [“No Lost Generation: Cash Transfers for Displaced Syrian Children in Lebanon”](#) UNICEF Connect, Evidence for Action (2018)
- [“Do Cash Transfers Lower Child Labor?”](#) The World Bank, Let’s Talk Development (2014)

Ongoing projects:

- Impact evaluation of a UNICEF Egypt initiated edutainment program encouraging fathers to engage in nurturing and stimulating care. Joint with Jose Cuesta, Eliana la Ferrara, and Selim Gulesci.
- Impact evaluation of a UNICEF initiated cash transfer program that aims to promote the school participation of displaced Syrian children in Jordan. Joint with Jenny Aker and Luisa Natali.
- Measurement of poverty-induced stress in resource poor settings and intra-household implications of poverty-induced stress for young children and adolescents. Joint with Brian Hall and Tia Palermo.
- Impact evaluation of livelihoods and sexual and reproductive health training on adolescents’ transitions to adulthood on Tanzania. Joint with Tia Palermo and team.
- Qualitative conversations with key experts on the challenges and opportunities of carrying out rigorous research in settings of humanitarian emergency. With Nikola Balvin and Silvio Daidone.
- Mixed methods assessment of the effects of Tanzania’s PSSN cash grants and public works program on children’s education and work. Joint with Margaret Waru Gichane, Valeria Groppo, and Stephanie Zuilkowski.

Selected press and blog mentions:

- El Mundo. [“La OIT y la ONU llaman a evitar casos de trabajo infantil.”](#) 12 June, 2017, *in Spanish*.
- Syre. [“Kontantbistånd minskar fattigdomen”](#) 31 March, 2017, *in Swedish*.
- Vox.com. [“Giving Poor People Cash Makes them Happier – and Their Cashless Neighbors Miserable.”](#) 23 January, 2016.
- The Economist Free Exchange. [“A little extra cash, a lot of extra schooling.”](#) 17 September, 2014
- The Economist. [“Pennies from Heaven.”](#) 26 October, 2013
- Duncan Green’s Oxfam blog: From Poverty to Power. [“Poverty reduction v well-being: a cash transfer experiment from Malawi.”](#) 26 June, 2011

Affiliations and awards:

2015 – Present: Researcher, Transfer Project
2015 – Present: Research fellow, Italian Center for International Development
2011 – Present: Associate member, European Development Network

2011: CEDIMES dissertation award, Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas

Funded research and grants:

2018: PI on Gates grant on social protection in humanitarian settings
2018: PI on UNICEF funded research project in Jordan
2017: Co-PI on Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency grant on social protection in sub-Saharan Africa and humanitarian settings
2016: PI on UNICEF funded research project in Lebanon
2014: Co-PI on US Department of Labor research grant on child labor impact evaluations
2011: Experienced Researcher Grant, CEPR Marie Curie Trainings Network
2009: Co-Investigator on an African Successes Project research grant, US National Bureau of Economic Research
2006: Full academic scholarship, Tinbergen Institute
2004: Erasmus scholarship, University of Groningen

Academic and professional service:

Referee service:

B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy • BMJ Global Health • Children and Youth Services Review • Education Economics • European Journal of Development Research • Journal of Development Effectiveness • Journal of Development Studies • Journal of International Development • Labour Economics • Population and Environment • Social Science and Medicine • World Bank Economic Review • World Development

Thesis committees:

2017: Rebecca Nana Yaa Ayifah, PhD thesis examiner, University of Cape Town
2008: Adna Ghilazghi, MA thesis advisor, VU University Amsterdam

Miscellaneous:

2017 – Present: Co-editor of a special issue on social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement, currently under review at the *Journal of Development Studies*
2017 – Present: Member of expert group advising the [Walk Free Foundation](#) on the design of its Global Slavery Index
2018: Supported organization of a [conference](#) bringing together researchers, policy makers, and donors working on social protection in humanitarian settings
2015 – Present: Member of an advisory committee for a large scale Impaq International research program comprising impact evaluations of labor market programs in a variety of settings

Conference and seminar presentations:

- **2018:** UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti • Center for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford • New York University – La Pietra • UNICEF Headquarters • Grand Bargain, USAID • Tanzania Social Action Fund • UNICEF No Lost Generation programme partners, Beirut • Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, Care and Protection of Children Network (webinar) • German Development Institute (Key Note) • UNICEF International Council Meeting

- **2017:** Transfer Project Workshop, Dakar • Food and Agriculture Organization • United States Department of Labor • North Eastern Universities Development Conference, Tufts University, Cambridge MA • Humanitarian Evidence Week (webinar) • Annual EUDN Conference, Göttingen
- **2016:** UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti • Università Bocconi • Wageningen University • Italian Center for International Development • Young Lives, University of Oxford
- **2015:** Annual EUDN Conference, Oslo
- **2014:** The World Bank, Development Economics Research Group • Oportunidades / Prospera, Mexico
- **2013:** University of Cape Town (SALDRU)
- **2012:** Youth@Work Conference, Amman (panel speaker on impact evaluation) • CEPR/AMID Conference at Università Bocconi
- **2011:** EUDN PhD Conference, Amsterdam (discussant) • Poverty Action Lab - Europe • Paris School of Economics • London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine • Center for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford
- **2010:** Annual EUDN Conference, Paris • University of Oxford • Paris School of Economics • European Economic Association Meetings, Glasgow • NBER Africa Project Research Conference, Accra • Center for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford
- **2009:** NBER Africa Project Research Conference, Cambridge, MA • University of Amsterdam • VU University Amsterdam • Tinbergen Institute

Selected miscellaneous experience:

- 12/2009 – 06/2010: Voluntary mathematics teacher for children from disadvantaged neighborhoods of Amsterdam, IMC weekend school Amsterdam
- 05/2006 – 09/2007: Student representative in the Educational Board, Tinbergen Institute
- 07/2003: General Assembly member in the European International Model United Nations, The Hague (voted best candidate of the year 2003)
- 05/2002 – 06/2003: Coordinator of the AIESEC, Plan Netherlands, Rabobank Global Experience Program, AIESEC Groningen

Languages:

Dutch (native)
 English (fluent)
 Spanish (good)
 Italian (basic/intermediate)
 French (basic)