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- Research** Economic Growth and Development, Macroeconomics, Political Economy
- Education** BROWN UNIVERSITY Providence, RI  
*2002 - 2008* : Ph.D. in Economics  
*2004* : M.A. in Economics  
ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS Athens, Greece  
*2002* : M.A. in Economic Theory, Department of Economics  
*2001* : B.A. in International Economics and Finance, Dept. of International European Economic Studies
- Appointments** *starting Jan. 2012:*  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS - BROWN UNIVERSITY  
*Sep. 2010 - July 2011:*  
DEUTSCHE BANK MEMBER - INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, PRINCETON  
*Sep. 2008 - Dec. 2011:*  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS - TUFTS UNIVERSITY  
*Jan. 2009 - June 2009:*  
VISITING FELLOW - COLLEGIO CARLO ALBERTO, TURIN, ITALY
- Publications** THE ORIGINS OF ETHNOLINGUISTIC DIVERSITY  
*American Economic Review, forthcoming*  
  
EVOLUTION AND THE GROWTH PROCESS: NATURAL SELECTION OF ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAITS  
(with [Oded Galor](#)) – *Journal of Economic Theory, forthcoming*
- Working Papers** DIVIDE AND RULE OR THE RULE OF THE DIVIDED: EVIDENCE FROM AFRICA  
(with [Elias Papaioannou](#)) CEPR No. 8088 (*revise and resubmit at Econometrica*)  
  
FINANCIAL INNOVATION AND ENDOGENOUS GROWTH  
(with [Ross Levine](#) and [Luc Laeven](#)) – NBER w15356 and CEPR No. 7465, revised *May 2010*  
  
THE CLIMATIC ORIGINS OF THE NEOLITHIC REVOLUTION: THEORY AND EVIDENCE  
(with [Quamrul Ashraf](#)) – revised *May 2010*  
  
THE EVOLUTION OF ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT  
(with [Oded Galor](#)) – CEPR No. 6022,  
  
TRADE AND GEOGRAPHY IN THE ECONOMIC ORIGINS OF ISLAM: THEORY AND EVIDENCE  
(with [Alireza Naghavi](#) and [Giovanni Prarolo](#))
- Research in Progress** THE LONG-RUN EFFECTS OF THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA  
(with [Elias Papaioannou](#))  
  
WHO BENEFITS FROM DECENTRALIZATION? EVIDENCE FROM AFRICAN REGIONS
- Invited Conferences** *2011:* Islam and Muslim Societies: Analytical Examinations, Harvard University; Econometric Society Winter Meetings, Denver, Colorado; Royal Economic Society, Royal Holloway, London; NBER - SI, Development of the American Economy, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Boston;  
*2010:* Corporate Finance and Economic Performance, St. Gallen - CEPR; Is Modern Finance Wealth Creating or Wealth Diverting?, Brown University; Southern Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta;

NEUDC - Northeastern Universities Development Consortium, MIT; Towards Sustained Economic Growth: Evidence and Theory, CREI - CEPR, Barcelona; DEGIT XV Conference, Frankfurt; NBER - Summer Institute, Economic Growth, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Boston; AEA Meetings, Atlanta; 2009: NEUDC - Northeastern Universities Development Consortium, Tufts University; NBER - Economics of Religion Conference, Boston; NBER - SI, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Boston; Second Conference on Early Economic Developments, Simon Fraser, Vancouver; Borders and the Economics of Fragmentation, University of Warwick; Royal Economic Society Conference, Surrey University; 2008: Rethinking Ethnicity and Ethnic Strife, Budapest; 7th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, Naxos; 2007: NEUDC - Northeast Universities Development Consortium, Harvard University; LAMES - Latin America Econometric Society Meeting, Bogota; NBER - SI, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Boston; 1st Conference on Early Economic Developments, Copenhagen; 5th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, Rethymnon; Minerva - DEGIT XI Conference, Jerusalem;

**Invited Seminars**

2011: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; World Bank; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Merced; American University; Brown University; Dartmouth College; CERGE-EI, Prague; Panteion University, Athens; 2010: University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Davis; Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; New York University; International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC; Brown University; Central European University; University of Vienna; 2009: Northeastern University; Tufts University; Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy; University of Modena; University of Bologna; Athens University of Economics and Business; 2008: University of Connecticut; University of Cyprus; Dartmouth College; Tufts University; University of Houston; Yale University; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Rome, Italy; Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy; Stockholm University, IIES; University College London; Stanford University, GSB; University of Chicago, GSB; Princeton University; 2007: Brown University; University of Warwick; University of Copenhagen; University of Gothenburg; Athens University of Economics and Business; Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Max Planck Institute, Jena, Germany;

**Grants and Honors**

Grant from the International Food Policy Research Institute (2010-2011),  
Grant from Faculty Research Awards Committee, Tufts University (2009)  
Grant from Watson Institute's Research Project "Income Distribution across and within Countries", Brown University (2007-2008)  
Phi Beta Kappa (2008)  
Dissertation Fellowship Brown University (2006-2007)  
Stephen R. Ehrlich Foundation Research Fellowship (2004)  
Fullbright Scholarship for graduate studies in the US (not accepted/restrictions) (2002-2003)  
PriceWaterHouseCoopers Scholarship for graduate studies in economics (2001)  
Greek State Scholarships Foundation -IKY- for studies in Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain, Erasmus program, (Fall 1999)  
IKY Scholarship for undergraduate studies, Greece (1998-1999)

**Languages**

Greek (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (advanced), French, German (intermediate)

**Service to the Profession**

Referee for: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Economics and Human Biology, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies, Bulletin of Economic Research, Southern Economic Journal, Social Science Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly  
2009: Member of the Program Committee for the Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference.

**Teaching  
Experience**

INSTRUCTOR

*Fall 2008, 2009, Spring 2010:* Intermediate Macroeconomics (Tufts University)

*Spring 2006:* Economic Growth (Brown University)