

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT PARSONS

Research Interests

Topics: Development Economics, International Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

Current positions:

Assistant Professor, University of Western Australia
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Education:

PhD Economics, *University of Nottingham*, 2012, Thesis Title: “Essays on International Migration”, Supervisors: Prof Richard Disney & Dr Richard Upward
MSc Economics and Development Economics, *University of Nottingham*, 2004, Merit
BSc Econ Economics, *Cardiff Business School, Wales*, 2003, First Class Honours

Selected previous employment

Saïd Business School, Skoll Scholar for Social Entrepreneurship January-June 2014
World Intellectual Property Organisation, Consultant, February-May, 2013
Research Officer, IMI, University of Oxford, May 2012-March 2015
Lecturer, University of Nottingham, August-December 2012
UK Government Office for Science, Consultant, March-June 2011
The World Bank, DECRG, Trade & Integration Unit, Consultant, 2007-2010
The World Bank, DECPG, Migration & Remittances Team, Consultant, June-July 2006
ODI Fellow, Sierra Leone, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Economic Advisor, 2005-2007
Commonwealth Secretariat, Pacific Plan Team, Consultant, June-July 2006
The World Bank, DECPG, Migration & Remittances Team, Consultant, Dec 2004-Feb 2005
DRC on Migration, Globalisation & Poverty (Sussex Uni.), Research Officer, 2004-2005
Action Aid UK, Researcher, June 2004
HM Treasury, Macroeconomics & International Finance, Junior Economist, 2001-2002

Teaching experience:

Lecturer & Convener: University of Western Australia, Applied Microeconomics (3rd yr. UG), Lecturer: IZA/DFID short course on Policy Evaluation (Dhaka, December 2015), Difference-in-difference and regression discontinuity, Lecturer & Convener: University of Oxford, International Migration and Development (MSc/MPhil Economics), Lecturer & Convener: University of Nottingham (Received highest student feedback), Development Economics (2nd yr.UG) – overall student satisfaction 95%, Graduate Tutor: University of Nottingham, UK campus, Econometrics (1st yr.UG) – overall student satisfaction 100%, Macroeconomic Theory (2nd yr.UG) – overall student satisfaction 90%, Development Economics (2nd yr.UG) – overall student satisfaction 90%, Advanced Development Economics (3rd yr. UG) – teaching assessment N/A.

Prizes and Awards

William Golding Research Fellowship, Brasenose College, Oxford University (2013-2016), Royal Economic Society Junior Fellowship (2011-2012), Graduate Teaching excellence award (2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12), School Prize: Best Postgraduate Presentation (2009), ESRC PhD Fellowship (2008-2011), World Bank Spot Prize (2008), Overseas Development Institute Fellowship (2005-2007), Bishop Foxes Trust Studentship (2004), Julian Hodge Prize Best Student in Economics (2001)

Publications: Refereed Journals

1. Migrant Networks and Trade: The Vietnamese Boat People as a Natural Experiment, (2014) (with P-L. Vézina), University of Oxford, Department of Economics, (forthcoming) *Economic Journal*.
2. Does Shelter Assistance Reduce Poverty in Afghanistan? (2015), C. Loschmann, C. Parsons and M. Siegel), *World Development*.
3. A Global Assessment of Human Capital Mobility: The Role of non-OECD Destinations, (2015), E. Artuç F. Docquier, Ç. Özden and C. Parsons, *World Development*.
4. Climatic Factors as Determinants of International Migration, (2015), M. Beine and C. Parsons, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.
5. The Economic Geography of International Migration, (2015), Ç. Özden and C. Parsons, *World Economy*.
6. *Where on Earth is everybody?* The Evolution of Global Bilateral Migration, 1960-2000, (2011), Ç. Özden, C. Parsons, M. Schiff and T. L. Walmsley, *World Bank Economic Review*.

Publications: Chapters in edited volumes

1. Migration, Trade and Aid: A Survey, (2014), C. Parsons and L. A. Winters, *International Handbook on Migration and Economic Development*, Robert Lucas (ed.), Edward Elgar.
2. International Migration and Demographic Divergence between South Asia and the West, (2011), Ç. Özden, C. Parsons, in 'Reshaping Tomorrow: Is South Asia Ready for the Big Leap?' E. Ghani (ed.), Oxford University Press
3. The Impact of Liberalising Labour Mobility in the Pacific Region, (2008), T. L. Walmsley, A. Ahmed and C. Parsons, in 'Trade, Migration and Labour Mobility' M. A. Razzaque (ed.), Cameron May
4. Quantifying International Migration: A Database of Bilateral Migrant Stocks, (2007), C. Parsons, R. Skeldon, T. L. Walmsley and L. A. Winters, in 'International Migration, Economic Development and Policy' Ç. Özden and M. Schiff (eds.) Palgrave Macmillan.

Working Papers

1. High-skilled Migration in Times of Global Economic Crisis, (2016), (with M Czaika), IMI Working Paper Series, 126
2. International Migration to the OECD in the Twenty-First Century (2016) (with Arslan, C. J-C Dumont, Z. Kone, C. Ozden, and T. Xenogiani, *submitted*).
3. The Gravity of High Skilled Migration Policies (2015), (with M Czaika), IMI Working Paper No. 110, *R&R Demography*.
4. Conceptualising International High-Skilled Migration, (2014), (with S. Rojon, F. Samanani and L. Wettach), IMI working paper No. 104, *R&R Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
5. A New Profile of Migrants in the Aftermath of the Recent Economic Crisis, (2014), (with C. Arslan, J-C Dumont, Z. Kone, Y. Moullan, Ç. Özden and T. Xenogiani) OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers, No. 160.
6. *Do Migrants Really Foster Trade?* The Trade-Migration Nexus, a Panel Approach 1960-2000, (2011), GEP Research Paper 11/10, University of Nottingham.

Work in Progress

1. The Causal Impact of Conflict on International Migration: A Case Study of Afghanistan, (with M. Siegel).
2. Professional Networks in International Migration (with M. Czaika and Z. Kone).
3. Migration and Development: Dissecting the Anatomy of the Mobility Transition (with T. Hien, F. Docquier and G. Peri).
4. Migration and Urbanisation in Post-Apartheid South Africa (with J. Bakker and F. Rauch)
5. Global Talent Flows (forthcoming) (with C. Özden, S. Kerr and W. Kerr), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

Project/Research Funding

UWA Business School Research Development Award, 2015, \$8,700.

John Fell Fund: 2013, £45,528.

Oppenheimer Fund, University of Oxford 2012/15, £3,590.

Royal Society Junior Fellowship, 2011. £10,000

ESRC PhD +3 award, University of Nottingham, 2007/08, £47,529.

Referee Activity

Ecological Economics, Environment and Development Economics, European Economic Review, IZA Journal of Migration, IZA World of Labour, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies (2), Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Migration Studies (2), Nature: Climate Change, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Development Studies, Population and Environment, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Review of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics (2), World Bank Economic Review (2), World Economy (2).

Languages

English (fluent), Krio [Sierra Leone] (advanced), Spanish (advanced), French (basic)

Invited academic seminars and conferences (past and upcoming)

2005: Purdue University, March, World Bank Migration Seminar, DC, May, 8th International Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Lubeck, June, DFID Migration Seminar, London, July, DRC on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty, Workshop and Annual Meeting, Accra, July, ESRC seminar series 'Trade in Services', University of Sussex, December.

2009: World Bank Seminar, August, 2nd International conference on Migration and Development, World Bank, September, ESRC/ITU/GEP workshop, Istanbul, October.

2011: 4th International Conference on Migration and Development, Harvard, June, 2nd Norface Migration Network Conference UCL, April, University of Nottingham, November.

2012: 5th International conference on Migration and Development, Paris, June, IMI Seminar Series, Oxford University, May, 2nd International Conference on Environment and Natural Resources Management in Developing and Transition Economies, University of Auvergne Clermont-Ferrand, October.

2013: University of West of England, February, Royal Economic Society Conference, Royal Holloway, April, 4th Norface Migration Network Conference, UCL, April 2013, WIPO Experts Meeting, Geneva, April, 6th International conference on Migration and Development, Ifrane, May, Bournemouth University, July, IUSSP Population Conference, Busan, August, University of Oxford, October, University of Nottingham, October, Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research, CES-ifo, Munich, October.

2014: International Conference on International labour mobility and inequality across nations, University of Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, January, Conference, Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment, Phuket, March, 7th International Conference on Migration and Development [Co-organiser], University of Oxford, June-July, American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August, Conference on Determinants of International Migration, University of Oxford, September, High-Skilled Migration Workshop [Co-organiser], University of Oxford, October.

2015: AEA Meeting Boston, January, Royal Economic Society PhD meetings and job market January, Université Catholique de Louvain, February, 12th IZA Annual Migration Meeting (AM²) and 5th Migration Topic Week, Dakar, April, 8th International Conference on Migration and Development, Washington DC, June, UWA seminar series, October, Labor Markets in South Asia: Evidence and Policy Lessons & IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation, Dhaka, December.

2016 (attended and forthcoming): Economic Society (of Australia) Workshop: Measurement and Policy, UWA, April, Australian Development Economics Workshop, Deakin, June, 9th International Conference on Migration and Development, Florence, June, World Bank Seminar, June, Western Economics Association Annual Conference, Portland, June, Freedom to Choose Conference 2016, Freemantle, July, 10th World Demographic & Ageing Forum St. Gallen, August, GLM-LIC policy conference, Lusaka, October.

References

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2. Dr Çağlar Özden, Lead Economist, World Bank, +1 202 473 5549, cozden@worldbank.org
3. Prof L. Alan Winters, Professor of Economics, University of Sussex, +44 (0)1273 678332, - L.A.Winters@sussex.ac.uk