

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME **Stefan DERCON**

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

QUALIFICATIONS

1988-92 D.Phil. Economics, Oxford University.
1986-88 M.Phil. Economics, Oxford University
1982-86 Licence in Economics, K.U.Leuven
1984-85 Bachelor of Philosophy, K.U.Leuven

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2011- **Chief Economist**, Department for International Development, UK Government
2004- **Professor of Development Economics**, Department of International Development, **Oxford University** and Professorial Fellow of Wolfson College
2001- Fellow and Tutor in Economics, Jesus College, and University Lecturer, **Oxford University**
2000-2002 Programme Director, World Institute of Development Economics (**WIDER**), United Nations University, Research Programme on "Insurance against Poverty", initially based in Helsinki.
1993-2000 Tenured Professor (Development Economics), **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**, Belgium. Docent (1992-95), Hoofddocent (1995-1998) Hoogleraar (1998-2000).
1993-97 Research Fellow, **Nuffield College, Oxford**.
1992-93 Visiting Professor, Economics Department, **Addis Ababa University**.
1992-2000 Research Officer, **Centre for the Study of African Economics, University of Oxford**.
1990-92 Consultant to **EUROCOST**, European Centre for Worldwide Cost of Living Comparisons, (**EEC**, Luxembourg).
1988-92 Research Fellow, National Fund for Scientific Research, Belgium to work on "Government Intervention in Agriculture in Africa" (linked to Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

Core Professional Affiliations

Senior Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis on Development (BREAD) (by election)
Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) (by invitation)
Member, European Development Network (EUDN) (by election)
Member of the Steering Group, and Lead Academic, International Growth Centre (LSE-Oxford)

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Selected Papers in International journals

2011 and Forthcoming

“School Inputs, Household Substitution, and Test Scores”, NBER Working Paper w16830 with J.Das, J.Habyarimana, P Krishnan, K.Maralidharan, V.Sundharaman, forthcoming *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2011.

“Growth and Chronic Poverty: Evidence from rural communities in Ethiopia”, (with John Hoddinott and Tassew Woldehanna), *Journal of Development Studies*, forthcoming 2011

“Triggers and Characteristics of the 2007 Kenyan Electoral Violence” (with Roxana Gutierrez-Romero), *World Development*, forthcoming 2011

"Political Connections and Social Networks in Targeted Transfer Programmes: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia," (with Bet Caeyers), (forthcoming 2011), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

"Migration and Economic Mobility in Tanzania: Evidence from a Tracking Survey" (with Kathleen Beegle and Joachim De Weerd), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, August 2011, 93: 1010-1033.

"Consumption risk, technology adoption, and poverty traps: evidence from Ethiopia," (with L.Christiaensen), *Journal of Development Economics*, 96(2): 159-173

“Information Flows and Social Externalities in a Tanzanian Banana Growing Village”, (with Kathleen Van den Broeck), *Journal of Development Studies*, 47(2): 231-25.

"Property Rights in a Very Poor Country: Tenure Insecurity and Investment in Ethiopia", 2011, (with Daniel Ayalew and Madhur Gautam), *Agricultural Economics* 42 (1). 75-86.

2010

“Orphanhood and human capital destruction : is there persistence into adulthood?”, (2010), (with Kathleen Beegle and Joachim De Weerd), *Demography*, Vol.47, No.1, February 2010, pp. 163-180.

"The effects of HIV/AIDS on rural communities in East Africa: a 20-year perspective", (2010), (with Janet Seeley and Tony Barnett), *Tropical medicine and international health*, 15 (3). pp. 329-335.

2009

"The political economy of development: an assessment," (with Christopher Adam), *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, vol. 25(2), pages 173-189, Summer.

- “Poverty and the Psychosocial Competencies of Children: Evidence from the Young Lives Sample in Four Developing Countries”, (with Pramila Krishnan) *Children Youth and Environments*, 19(2)
- "The Impact of Agricultural Extension and Roads on Poverty and Consumption Growth in Fifteen Ethiopian Villages," (2009), *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 91(4), pp 1007-1021, November.
- ” Rural Poverty: Old Challenges in New Contexts”, 2009, *World Bank Research Observer* vol. 24: Spring, pp. 1-28
- “The intergenerational impact of the African orphans crisis: a cohort study from an HIV/AIDS affected area”, 2009, with K.Beegle and J.De Weerd, *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 38(2):561-568

2008

- “Adult Mortality and Consumption Growth in Tanzania”, 2008, (with Kathleen Beegle and Joachim De Weerd), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol 56, 2 pp. 299- 326.
- “Fate and Fear: Risk and its Consequences in Africa”, 2008, *Journal of African Economies*, vol. 17(Supplement 2): ii97-ii127

2007

- “Teacher Shocks and Student Learning”, 2007, (with Jishnu Das, James Habyarimana and Pramila Krishnan), *Journal of Human Resources*, Fall, Volume 42, Issue 4.

2006

- “Orphanhood and the Long-Run Impact on Children” (with Kathleen Beegle and Joachim De Weerd), *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 88, no.5, pp 1266-1272,
- “Review Article: The Complementarities of Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth: A Perspective on the *World Development Report 2006*”, (with Paul Collier), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 55 no.1, 223-236.
- "Group-based Funeral Insurance in Ethiopia and Tanzania", 2006, with J.De Weerd, T.Bold, and A.Pankhurst, *World Development*, vol. 34, no.4, April, pp 685-703.
- "Risk-Sharing Networks and Insurance Against Illness", 2006, (with Joachim De Weerd), *Journal of Development Economics*, vol vol. 81, no. 2, pp. 337-356.
- "Economic reform, Growth and the Poor: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia", 2006, *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 81, issue 1, pp.1-24.
- "Prices, Unit values and Local Measurement Units, An econometric approach", 2006 with B.Capéau, *Journal of African Economies*, 15(2), pp. 181-211.
- "Road Expansion and Market Integration in the Austrian Low Countries during the Second Half of the 18th Century”, *Histoire et Mesure*, XXI (1), 185-220.

2005

- “Risk, Poverty and Vulnerability in Africa” Introduction to *Special Issue on Risk, Poverty and Vulnerability in Africa, Journal of African Economies*, vol.14, no.4, December 2005, pp. 483-488.
- "Shocks and consumption in 15 Ethiopian Villages, 1999-2004", with J.Hoddinott and T.Woldehanna in *Special Issue on Risk, Poverty and Vulnerability in Africa, Journal of African Economies*, vol.14, no.4, December 2005, pp. 559-585.
- "Pathways out of Poverty. Private Firms and Economic Mobility in Developing Countries" (book review), 2005, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. XLII (June, 2005).
- "Adjustment Costs and Irreversibility as Determinants of Investment: Evidence from African Manufacturing", 2005, (with A. Bigsten, P.Collier, M. Fafchamps, B., J.W.Gunning, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Söderbom, and F.Teal) *Contributions to Economic Analysis & Policy*: Vol. 4: No. 1, Article 12.

2004

- "Growth and Shocks: evidence from Rural Ethiopia", 2004, *Journal of Development Economics*, August, vol 74 (2), pp. 309-29.
- “Do African Manufacturing Firms Learn From Exporting”, 2004, *Journal of Development Studies*, (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, B.Gauthier, M.Fafchamps, J.Gunning, A.Oduro, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack), Volume 40, Number 3, February, pp. 115-141

2003

- "Risk sharing and labour markets", 2003, *World Bank Economic Review*, (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, M.Fafchamps, B.Gauthier, J.Gunning, A.Oduro, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack), vol. 17 (3): 349-366.
- “Risk-Sharing and Public Transfers”, 2003, *Economic Journal* (with Pramila Krishnan), March, C86-C94.
- “Density versus Quality in Social Sector Provision: The Use of Household Data for Budgetary Choices in Ethiopia”, 2003, *World Bank Economic Review* (with Paul Collier and John Mackinnon), pp.425-448
- “Globalisation and the poor: waiting for Nike in Ethiopia?”, (2003), *Tijdschrift voor Economie en Management*, pp.603-618.
- “Credit constraints in Manufacturing Enterprises in Africa”, (2003), *Journal of African Economies* (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, B.Gauthier, M.Fafchamps,

J.Gunning, J.Habarurema, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack), vol 12 (1): 104-125.

2002

“Income Risk, Coping Strategies and Safety Nets”, (2002), *World Bank Research Observer*, December, (draft was background paper for WDR 2000/01). Vol. 17 (2), pp. 141-66.

2000

“In Sickness and in Health: Risk-sharing within households in rural Ethiopia”, (2000), *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 108, No.4, August, pp.688-727 (with Pramila Krishnan).

“Vulnerability, seasonality and poverty in Ethiopia”, (2000), *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol.36, No.6, August (with Pramila Krishnan).

“Community Targeting for Poverty Reduction in Burkina Faso”, (2000), Vol.14, No.1, January 2000, *World Bank Economic Review* (with D.Bigman, D.Guillaume and M.Lambotte).

“Contract Flexibility and Conflict Resolution: Evidence from African Manufacturing”, (2000), *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol.36, No.4, April, (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, M.Fafchamps, B.Gauthier, J.Gunning, A.Isaksson, A.Oduro, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack).

“Rates of Return to Physical and Human Capital in Africa’s Manufacturing Sector”, (2000), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, July, Vol.48, No.2, (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, M.Fafchamps, B.Gauthier, J.Gunning, A.Isaksson, A.Oduro, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack).

“Filets de sécurité, épargne et protection sociale informelle dans les économies sujettes à des crises”, (2000), Vol. 1-2, *Revue d’Economie de Développement*, p.191-206.

1999

“Investment in Africa’s Manufacturing Sector: A Four Country Panel Data Analysis”, (1999), *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, Vol.61, No.4, November, pp.489-512 (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, B.Gauthier, J.Gunning, A.Isaksson, A.Oduro, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, M.Sylvain, F.Teal and A.Zeufack)

“Exports of African manufactures: macro policy and firm behaviour”, (1999), Vol.8, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development* (with A.Bigsten, P.Collier, B.Gauthier, J.Gunning, J.Habarurema, A.Isaksson, R.Oostendorp, C.Pattillo, M.Soderbom, F.Teal and A.Zeufack).

1998

“Wealth, Risk and Activity Choice: Cattle in Western Tanzania”, (1998), *Journal of Development Economics*, February, vol.55, pp.1-42.

“Where have all the soldiers gone: demobilisation and reintegration in Ethiopia”, (1998), *World Development*, September, vol.26, no.9, pp.1661-1676, (with D.Ayalew).

1996

“Risk, Crop Choice and Savings : Evidence from Tanzania”, (1996), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 44, no. 3, April, pp. 485-514.

“Income Portfolios in Rural Ethiopia and Tanzania: choices and constraints” (1996), *Journal of Development Studies*, vol.32, No.6, August, pp. 850-75, (with P. Krishnan).

1995

“Smuggling and Supply Response: Coffee in Ethiopia”, (1995), *World Development*, Vol. 23, no. 10, October 1995, pp.1795-1813, (with L. Ayalew).

“On Market Integration and Liberalisation : Method and Application to Ethiopia”, (1995), *Journal of Development Studies*, October, pp.112-143.

1994

“Coffee Prices and Smuggling in Ethiopia” (1994), *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 3, no. 2, October, pp. 49-82, (with L. Ayalew).

1993

“Peasant Supply Response and Macroeconomic Policies: Cotton in Tanzania” (1993), *Journal of African Economies*, Vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 157-94.

Books

2004

Insurance against Poverty, 2004, Oxford University Press (Edited volume, 445 pages.)

2002

The Impact of Economic Reforms on Rural Households in Ethiopia, Washington D.C. World Bank.

Selected Papers Published in Books

2010

Chronic Poverty and All That: The Measurement of Poverty over Time”, 2010 (with C.Calvo) in Atkinson et al., *Poverty Dynamics*, OUP.

2007

Insurance for the Poor? In A. Barrientos and D. Hulme (eds.), 2007, *Social Protection for the Poor and the Poorest: Risk, Needs and Rights*, Palgrave.

Moving On, Staying Behind, Getting Lost: Lessons on poverty mobility from longitudinal data (with J. Shapiro), in D.Narayan and P.Petesch, *Moving out of Poverty*, World Bank.

2006

"Vulnerability: A Micro Perspective", 2006 in *Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)--Europe 2006* . Ed. by François Bourguignon, Boris Pleskovic, and Jacques van der Gaag. Washington, DC: World Bank.

Dercon, Stefan, 'Poverty measurement', in D. A. Clark (ed.), *The Elgar Companion to Development Studies*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2006.

Dercon, Stefan and Joseph Shapiro, "Moving On, Staying Behind, Getting Lost:Lessons on poverty mobility from longitudinal data", in Deepa Narayan and Patti Petesch, *Moving out of Poverty*, World Bank, forthcoming 2007.

Dercon, Stefan, "Risk Coping Strategies" in *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd edition, forthcoming 2006

2004

"Risk, Poverty and Public Action", in S.Dercon, (2004), *Insurance against Poverty*, Oxford University Press, 2004.

"Income Risk, Coping Strategies and Safety Nets" in S.Dercon, (2004), *Insurance against Poverty*, Oxford University Press.

"Food Aid and Informal Insurance" (with Pramila Krishnan) in S.Dercon (2004), *Insurance against Poverty*, Oxford University Press.

"Health, Shocks and Poverty Persistence", (with John Hoddinott), in S.Dercon, (2004), *Insurance against Poverty*, Oxford University Press.

"The Urban Labour Market During Structural Adjustment: Ethiopia 1990-1997" (with T.G. Selassie and P. Krishnan), in A.Bigsten (ed.) (2004), *Poverty in Ethiopia*, Scandinavian Institute of African Studies.

2003

"Changes in poverty in villages in rural Ethiopia: 1989-95", (with Pramila Krishnan), in A.Booth and P.Mosley, (eds.) (2003), *The New Poverty Strategies* , Palgrave MacMillan, London.

"Demobilisation, Land and Household Livelihoods", (with Daniel Ayalew and Pramila Krishnan), in T.Addison, (ed.), (2004), *From Conflict to Recovery*, Oxford University Press.

2001

"Safety nets, savings and informal social security systems in crisis-prone economies", in Stiglitz, J. and P.Muet, *Governance, Equity and Global Markets*, Oxford University Press, 2001

2000

"Vulnerability, seasonality and poverty in Ethiopia", (with Pramila Krishnan), in Baulch, B. and J.Hoddinott (eds.), 2000, *Economic Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Developing Countries*, Frank Cass: London.

"From the Gun to the Plough: The Macro- and Micro-Level Impact of Demobilization in Ethiopia", (with Daniel Ayalew), in Kingma, K. (ed.), 2000, *Demobilization in Sub-Saharan Africa*, International Political Economy Series, Macmillan Press.

1998

"Market Integration in the Southern Low Countries in the Second Half of the 18th Century", Proceedings XII *International Economic History Congress*, Madrid, (with Erik Buyst and Bjorn Van Campenhout).

1997

"Methodology for Addressing Food Security in Development Projects - Experiences from Kigoma, Tanzania", (with H.Beerlandt and E.Tollens) in F.Heidhues and A.Fadani (eds.), *Food Security and Innovations - Successes and Lessons Learned*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, pp.509-522, 1997.

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research Leadership

International Growth Centre, London School of Economics and Oxford University,
Member of the Steering Committee and Lead Academic Ethiopia (until 2011)

Poverty Research Director, Young Lives project, a 20-year child cohort study focusing
on child poverty in India, Peru, Ethiopia and Vietnam, current grant £10million+
from DFID (2006-11)

Chair of the Management Committee, Research Programme Consortium (DfID-
sponsored research centre, £3million from DFID) on Institutions and Growth
(with Paul Collier and Tim Besley) (2006-11)

Director, Insurance and Poverty project, World Institute for Development Economics
Research, Helsinki (1999-2001)

Editorial roles

Associate Editor, Economic Development and Cultural Change, 2006-11.

Editor, Journal of African Economics, 2006-2009.

Member Editorial Board, World Bank Economic Review 2006-2009.

Editor Oxford Economic Papers, 2002-2006.

Member of the Editorial Board, Applied Economics, since 2001.

Guest-editor of Special Issue on Risk and Vulnerability in Africa, Journal of African
Economies, 2004.

Professional Organisations and Distinctions

Senior Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis on Development
(BREAD) (by election); BREAD is a largely US-based highly selective network
of the main development economists. <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/bread/>

Member of the European Development Research Network (EUDN) (members
nominated and elected by peers in secret ballot; currently consisting of the 61
most important development economists in Europe)

Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) (by invitation; CEPR is the
leading research network of economics in Europe)

Refereeing

Referee for American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Review of
Economics Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of
Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic
Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development,
Journal of Development Studies, Journal of African Economies, Journal of
International Development, World Bank Economic Review, Journal of
International Development, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics,
Economic Behavior and Organisation.