

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 & Prof 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

Research Officer, IMI, University of Oxford, May 2012-March 2015
Said Business School, Skoll Scholar for Social Entrepreneurship January-June 2014
World Intellectual Property Organisation, Consultant, February-May, 2013
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:

UWA: Applied Microeconomics (3rd yr. UG), Development Economics (3rd yr. UG).

IZA/DFID: Short course on Policy Evaluation (Dhaka, December 2015, Zambia, October 2016), Difference-in-difference and regression discontinuity (PhD).

University of Oxford, International Migration and Development (MSc/MPhil Economics).

University of Nottingham: Development Economics (2nd yr.UG).

Graduate Tutor: University of Nottingham, Econometrics (1st yr.UG), Macroeconomic Theory (2nd yr.UG), Development Economics (2nd yr.UG), Advanced Development Economics (3rd yr. UG).

Publications: Refereed Journals

1. High-Skilled Migration and Agglomeration (2017 *forthcoming*), S. P. Kerr, W. Kerr, Ç. Özden and C. Parsons, *Annual Review of Economics*.
2. The Gravity of High Skilled Migration Policies (2017 *forthcoming*), M Czaika and C. Parsons, *Demography*.
3. Migrant Networks and Trade: The Vietnamese Boat People as a Natural Experiment, (2017 *forthcoming*), C. Parsons and P-L. Vézina, *Economic Journal*.
4. Global Talent Flows, (2016), S. Kerr, W. Kerr, Ç. Özden and C. Parsons *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (30) 83-106.
5. On The Economic Geography of International Migration, (2016), Ç. Özden and C. Parsons, *World Economy* (39) 478–495.
6. Does Shelter Assistance Reduce Poverty in Afghanistan? (2015), C. Loschmann, C. Parsons and M. Siegel, *World Development* (74), 305-322.
7. 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* (65), 6-26.
8. Climatic Factors as Determinants of International Migration, (2015), M. Beine and C. Parsons, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* (117) 723-767.
9. *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* (25) 12-56.

Working Papers

1. Climatic Factors as Determinants of International Migration: Redux (2016) (with M. Beine), CREA Discussion Paper Serie 11-16, *submitted*.
2. Migration and Development: Dissecting the Anatomy of the Mobility Transition (2016) (with T. Hien, F. Docquier and G. Peri), IZA DP No. 10272, *submitted*.
3. Migration and Urbanisation in Post-apartheid South Africa (2016), (with J. Bakker and F. Rauch), Economics Working Paper 800, University of Oxford, *submitted*.
4. High-skilled Migration in Times of Global Economic Crisis, (2016), (with M Czaika), IMI WP Series, 126
5. High Skilled Migration through the Lens of Policy, (2014), (with S. Rojon, F. Samanani and L. Wettach), IMI working paper No. 104.
6. 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.

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.

Work in Progress

1. The Causal Impact of Conflict on International Migration, (with M. Siegel).
2. Professional Networks in International Migration (with M. Czaika and Z. Kone).
3. The Labour Market Impact of Immigrants (with A-M. Mayda, G. Peri and M. Wagner).

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).

Project/Research Funding

BHP Billiton Distinguished Research Award, 2016, \$16,000
UWA Business School Research Development Award, 2015, \$8,700.
John Fell Fund: 2013, £45,528.
Oppenheimer Fund, University of Oxford 2012/15, £3,590.
ESRC PhD +3 award, University of Nottingham, 2007/08, £47,529.

Referee Activity

Ecological Economics, Environment and Development Economics, European Economic Review, International Social science journal 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

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: 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, Monash University September, WUN China Economy Conference, UWA, September, GLM-LIC policy conference, Lusaka, October.

Supervision

Philippa Moss, University of Oxford (2013), MSc Economics for Development, "Does the size of the brain gain effect depend on the gender of emigrants?" Distinction

Brooke Loneragan, University of Western Australia (2016), Honours dissertation, "Migration surges as a broader process of development" (ongoing)

Tohari Achmad, University of Western Australia (2016-), PhD candidate, "Targeting Mechanism and Poverty Alleviation Programs: An Indonesian Perspective" (ongoing)

References

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