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**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Development Economics, Public Economics

**EDUCATION** *Ph.D* candidate, Political Economy & Government. Harvard University, 2013-.  
Committee: Torben Iversen, Horacio Larreguy, Nathan Nunn & Pia Raffler.

*BA*, Politics. Essex University, 2010-13.

**WORKING PAPERS** Soeren J. Henn. “Complements or Substitutes: How Institutional Choices Shape the Interaction Between Traditional Leaders and the State in Africa.” *Job Market Paper*.

Soeren J. Henn, Laura Paler, Wilson Prichard, Cyrus Samii, and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra. “Increasing Bargaining Power to Reduce Informal Taxation: Evidence from an Experiment in the DRC.” [Pre-Analysis Plan](#).

Soeren J. Henn, Gauthier Marchais, and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra. “Indirect Rule: Evidence from Armed Groups in Eastern Congo.” *Draft Available*.

Soeren J. Henn and Horacio Larreguy. “The Lasting Impact of Colonial Educational Policies in Nigeria: Evidence from a Policy Experiment on Missionary Activity.” *Draft Available*.

Soeren J. Henn, Horacio Larreguy, and John Marshall. “You get what you pay for? Can certification programs contribute to local state capacity strengthening?” *Draft Available*.

Soeren J. Henn, Horacio Larreguy, and John Marshall. “Anti-Corruption Campaigns and Politicians’ Characteristics.” *Draft Available*.

**WORK IN PROGRESS** Soeren J. Henn, Horacio Larreguy, and John Marshall. “The Effect of Drug-related Violence on Local State Capacity.” *In Progress*.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT** National coordinator, \$750,000 DFID project on taxes, corruption, and fiscal evasion in the DRC, 2015.

National coordinator, \$300,000 PEDL & ICTD project on armed group taxation and beer markets in Eastern DRC, 2015.

**ACADEMIC HONOURS & GRANTS** 2018 CAF Latin American Development Bank research grant over \$10,000  
(with Horacio Larreguy and John Marshall)  
2017 IQSS graduate research grant over \$2,300

2016 IQSS graduate research grant over \$2,200  
2015 IQSS graduate research grant over \$2,389  
2013 Oscar Arias Prize in Politics (best thesis in politics), Essex University.  
Athlete Scholar Award, Essex University.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Raul Sanchez de la Sierra, Harvard University, 2015.  
James Robinson, Government Department, Harvard University, 2014.  
Eric Smith, Department of Economics, Essex University, 2012-13.

**TEACHING**

Analyzing Politics (undergraduate): Spring 2016 & Spring 2017 (Kenneth Shepsle).

Rethinking Financial Inclusion: Smart Design for Policy and Practice (executive):  
April 2016 (Asim Khwaja)

The Future of Globalization: Issues, Actors, and Decisions (undergraduate): Fall  
2016 (Robert Lawrence and Larry Summers)

**TALKS & CONFERENCES**

**Invited Talks**

2016 German Development Institute (DIE)

**Conferences**

2018 American Political Science Association  
Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science  
2017 Midwest Political Science Association  
American Political Science Association  
African Studies Association 2016 Midwest Political Science Association  
Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference  
Boston Working Group on African Political Economy Workshop  
2014 European Political Science Association  
African Studies Association

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer: Journal of Development Economics, Political Analysis.  
Member: American Political Science Association. European Political Science Association.  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University. Midwest Political  
Science Association

**VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Economist Intern*, KfW Development Bank, Lilongwe Office, Malawi, 2011.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Tamil (beginner).

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