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Pearson Institute 2016-5
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Development Economics, Comparative Politics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace & Recovery, Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2019-
University of Chicago, Pearson Institute, Guest Scientist, 2019-

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Economy & Government. Harvard University, 2013-2019.
Committee: Torben Iversen, Horacio Larreguy, Nathan Nunn & Pia Raffler.

BA, Politics. Essex University, 2010-13.

WORKING PAPERS

Soeren J. Henn. "The State, Chiefs, and Development: Evidence from 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?" [PDF](#).

Soeren J. Henn, Horacio Larreguy, and Carlos Schmidt-Padilla. "Missionary Competition, Education, and Long-run Political Development: Evidence from Africa" *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*.

Oeindrila Dube, Soeren J. Henn, and James Robinson. "Farmer Herder Violence in Nigeria." *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**

2020 Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund over \$12,793
2019 JPAL CVI grant over \$420,000
(with Oeindrila Dube and James Robinson)
Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2018 Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
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

Senior Thesis Research Seminar in Political Economy, Development, and Econometrics:
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 (main instructor).

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

2019 World Bank, Governance Unit
2016 German Development Institute (DIE)

Conferences

2019 American Political Science Association
BREAD Conference on Development Economics
Midwest Political Science Association
North East Universities Development Consortium
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.

CONSULTING World Bank, Governance Unit, Development of Policy Note on State Deployment in the Sahel Region, 2019.

LANGUAGE SKILLS German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Swahili (beginner).

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