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Academic Positions

Affiliated Researcher, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden 2026-
Researcher, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden, 2025-2026
Guest Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Rwanda, Rwanda, 2026
Guest Lecturer, Department of Economics at the University of Burundi, Bujumbura, Burundi, 2025-
Postdoctoral Researcher, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden, 2022-2025
Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Henan University, Kaifeng, China, 2021-2022
Visiting Researcher, Misum, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden, Spring 2022
Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, Sweden, Fall 2021
Research Fellow, Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES), Switzerland, 2019-2021

Education

PhD, Economics, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, 2019
Leonid Hurwicz Prize for the best PhD thesis in Economics
Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students, Gerzensee Study Center, 2017
MRes Economics, University College London, 2014
MSc Economics (Distinction), University College London, 2013
BEng Metallurgical Engineering, University of Sao Paulo, 2011
Exchange Year, Politecnico di Milano, 2010

Research Fields

Environmental and Natural Resources Economics, Agricultural Economics, Development Economics

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Naso, P., Budurha, J. (2026). Church Services and Religious Change in Burundi, **Politics and Religion**, 2026:1-25.

Cefala, L., Irakoze, F., Naso, P., Swanson N. (2026). When Outsiders Become Insiders: Beliefs and the Persistence of Exclusionary Norms, **AEA Papers and Proceedings**, Vol. 116, pp. 162-166.

Hans, I., Naso, P. (2025). When Boys Become Men: Economic Benefits of Male Adulthood in Female-Headed Households in Burundi, **Review of Economics of the Household**, pp. 1-48.

Naso, P. (2025). Religious Priming, Risk-Taking, and the Activation of Religiosity, **Journal of Economics, Management and Religion**, 2550005.

Naso, P. (2024) Delegation of Environmental Regulation and Perceived Corruption in South Africa, **Resource and Energy Economics**, Volume 79-80, 101462.

Naso, P., Haznedar, O., Lanz, B., Swanson, T. (2022) A Macroeconomic Approach to Global Land Use Policy, **Resource and Energy Economics**, Volume 69, 101302.

Naso, P., Lanz, B., Swanson, T. (2020) The Return of Malthus? Resource Constraints in an Era of Declining Population Growth, **European Economic Review**, Volume 128, 103499.

Naso, P., Bulte, E., Swanson, T. (2020) Legal Pluralism in Post-conflict Sierra Leone, **European Journal of Political Economy**, Elsevier, vol. 61.

Naso, P., Yi, H., Swanson, T. (2020) The Impact of Environmental Regulation on Chinese Spatial Development, **Economics of Transition and Institutional Change**, John Wiley & Sons, vol. 28(1), pages 161-194, January.

Other Publications

Naso, P. (2024). Promoting grain storage in Burundi (I4T 005). STEG Ideas for Transformation.

Cefala, L., Naso, P., Ndayikeza, A.M., and Swanson, N. (2024), “Do short-term contracts limit investments in training workers?”, VoxDev.org, 28 June.

Naso, P. and Swanson, T. (2023), “How declining population growth might portend a future of increasing resource scarcity”, VoxEU.org, 29 May.

Working Papers

Labor-Augmenting Technology and Firm Employment, with Michel Ndayikeza, 2025

Deterring Environmental Corruption, with Jean Budurha and Diomedé Manirakiza, 2025

The Economic Consequences of Knowledge Hoarding, with Luisa Cefala, Nick Swanson and Franck Irakoze, 2025

Recalling the Past: Memory and Forecasting in Burundi, 2024

Religious Leader Status and Group Boundaries, with Tim Swanson, 2024.

Land Use in the Long Run: What is the future of global biodiversity? with Tim Swanson, 2024

Under-Training by Employers in Spot Labor Markets: Evidence from Burundi, with Luisa Cefala, Michel Ndayikeza and Nick Swanson, 2023

Forest Plantations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with Adolphe Mukenge and Diomedé Manirakiza, 2023

Using Information to Improve Global Cooperation: A Climate Change Experiment, with Tania Theoduloz, Nicholas Tyack, Dambala Gelo, Mare Sarr and Tim Swanson, 2022

Heterogeneous Impacts of School Fee Elimination in Tanzania: Gender and Colonial Infrastructure, with Roxana Manea, 2021

Work in Progress

Digital Credit and Relational Lending: Experimental Evidence from Burundi, with Yuchen Xu, Yuchen Su and Mengye Wang

Can a Religious Message Increase Forest Conservation? Evidence from Forest Users in Burundi, with Jean Budurha and Franck Irakoze

Saving Genetic Information, with Rob Hart and Bjorn Lindahl

Spillover Impact of a Market Access Program in Kenya, with Mare Sarr and Edouard Mensah.

Shocks and Religiosity in Burundi, with Frank Irakoze.

Organized Crime, Corruption and Politicians in Mexico, with Claudia Pfeifer Cruz.

Presentation in Conferences and Invited Seminars (*)

2026: Society for Environmental Law & Economics, King's College London. **2025:** Development Tea at IIES, Stockholm University*. NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics Workshop. EAERE, NHH. SEEDC, Max Planck Institute, Bonn. LAERE, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota. **2024:** Nordic Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar (Online)*. CERE Seminar Series, SLU Umea*. International Conference on Empirical Economics (Penn State Altoona/Online). NOVAFRICA Conference. SEEDEC, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH). CSAE, University of Oxford. **2023:** ASWEDE, Sandhamn. CERE Seminar Series, SLU Umea*. International Conference on Empirical Economics (Penn State Altoona/Online). Nordic Conference in Development Economics,

Gothenburg University. German Development Economics Conference, TU Dresden. Africa Meeting of The Econometric Society **2022:** Environmental Economics Research Group Seminar, SLU. 2022 Global Food Security Forum for Young Scientists, Wuhan. 13th Annual Meeting of the Society for Environmental Law & Economics, NYU School of Law, New York. 21st Journees LAGV, AMSE, Marseille. AERE Summer Conference, Miami. MCEE2022, ZEW Mannheim. Brown Bag Lunch Seminar, Stockholm School of Economics*. Brown Bag Lunch Seminar, Misum Center*. **2021:** Development Seminar, Gothenburg University. Brown Bag Series, Stockholm University*. EAERE (Berlin/Online). AERE Summer Conference (Online). International Conference in Development Economics (University of Bordeaux/Online). 3rd Conference on Globalization and Development (University of Göttingen/Online). **2019:** National School of Development, Peking University (PKU). ECHO Symposium, Kigali. **2018:** Lunch Seminar, University of Cape Town*. CSAE, University of Oxford. SURED, Ascona. WCERE, University of Gothenburg. FAERE, Aix-Marseille University. Bioecon, University of Cambridge; Alumni Conference, Gerzensee Study Center; The New Malthusianism, Jesus College, University of Cambridge. **2017:** National School of Development, Peking University (PKU)*. Third Winter Camp in New Structural Economics, PKU; Centre for International Environmental Studies (IHEID).

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Rwanda, *PhD Seminar in Development Economics*, 2026
 Instructor, Development Bank of Rwanda, *Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD)*, 2026
 Instructor, University of Burundi. *International Trade and the Environment* (in French), master's level, 2025
 Instructor, SLU. *Management of Biological Resources*, master's level, 2024/2025
 Instructor, CEMUS, *Green Growth* (one lecture), master's level (diverse background), 2024/2025
 Instructor, SLU. *The Economics of Sustainable Development*, undergraduate level (political science), 2023-2025
 Instructor, Université Chrétienne de Bujumbura. *Introduction to Microeconomics* (in French), undergrad level, 2023
 TA, SLU. *Economic Growth and Sustainable Development*, master's level, 2022-2025
 Instructor, Université Chrétienne de Bujumbura. *Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences* (in French), 2022
 Instructor, Henan University. *International Trade*, Master's, and PhD level, 2022
 TA, IHEID. *Natural Resources and Sustainable Development*, master's level, 2015-2022

Supervision of several master's students (IHEID, University of Burundi, Uppsala University and SLU) and bachelor's students (SLU)

Co-Supervision of PhD students (SLU):

Louie Eluriaga

Julia Wahtra (2025)

Policy Work

Impact Evaluation of the Community Based Forest Management Program in the Philippines. Impact Evaluation Consultant. Working with the government of the Philippines to evaluate the country's CBFM, 2026-.

The Impact of a Social Microfinance Program in Burundi. Impact Evaluation Consultant. Working with Dukuze Microfinance to evaluate the impact of a microfinance program targeting vulnerable groups in Burundi, 2026-

Accelerated Breeding in Crops (ASEAN region). Policy Analyst for the University of Saskatchewan on a Global Affairs Canada project to identify the barrier to the adoption of accelerated breeding technologies, 2025-2026.

Transboundary Water Study and Support for the Government of Iraq. Consultant for the Geneva Water Hub on a UNDP project. Support for the Government of Iraq to develop a transboundary water negotiation strategy, 2022-2023

Behavioral Interventions to Reduce Meat Consumption. Report for Humane America Animal Foundation, 2023

Spillover Impact – Avocado and Macadamia Market Access Interventions. Impact Evaluation report for One Acre Fund (OAF) Kenya, with Luisa Cefala and Nicholas Swanson, 2022

Mentoring

Econecta, 2023. GAIN, 2022-. *eduSpace*, 2023-.

Research Grants and Projects ($\Sigma \approx 220k$ USD)

STEG Visiting Fellowship at the University of Rwanda, (9.6k USD), 2026

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL), Exploratory Research Grant, *Knowledge hoarding and technology diffusion*, (28k USD). Co-PI, 2024

One Acre Fund, *Spillover Impact of a Market Access Program in Kenya*, (30k USD), PI, 2024

PEDL, *Exploratory Research Grant, Technology Adoption and Firm Employment: Evidence from Burundi*, (40k USD). PI, 2023

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG), Small Research Grant, *Technology Adoption and Firm Employment: Evidence from Burundi*, (30k USD). PI, 2023

STEG, I4T Grant, *Promoting Storage of Grains in Burundi Through Collective Interventions*, (1.2k USD). PI, 2023

NJ program on Global Development, SLU. *How Does Past Experience Shape Current Decisions? Evidence from Rural Burundi* (90k SEK), PI, 2023

MAVA Foundation, with Tim Swanson (PI). *Cooperation and Religion in Burundi* (77k CHF), 2022

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, with Luisa Cefala (PI), Nicholas Swanson and Michel Ndayikeza. *Labor constraints to technology adoption: evidence from Burundi*, Co-PI, 2022

SurveyCTO Data Collection Research Grant, with Luisa Cefala (PI), Nicholas Swanson and Michel Ndayikeza. *Market Access in rural Burundi*, Co-PI, 2021

CEGA, University of California, Berkeley, with Luisa Cefala (PI), Nicholas Swanson and Michel Ndayikeza. *Market Access in rural Burundi*, Co-PI, 2020-2021

Swiss National Foundation, *Regulation and Firm Competitiveness* - Field work in South Africa (UCT) and China (PKU) (CIES), 2017-2019

MAVA Foundation, with Tim Swanson (PI) (CIES). *Human Niche Project*, 2017-2018

Professional Employment

Impact Lead (Research and Development), One Acre Fund, Burundi, 2019-2021

Research Assistant, Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES), 2014-2019

International Technical Assistant, Ministry of Public Administration, Guinea-Bissau, 2011-2012

Intern, Iron House Fund (Financial Markets), Brazil, 2008-2009

Intern, Votorantim Metais/USP (Mining and Metallurgy), Brazil, 2007-2008

Intern, Jaraguá Equipamentos (Metallurgy), Brazil, 2007

Referee Activity

Reviewer: Journal of Public Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Applied Economics, Science of the Total Environment, Economics of Transitions and Institutional Change, Polish Journal of Environmental Studies, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Economics, Management and Religion.

Scientific Committee: AERE Summer Conference 2025, LAERE 2025, WCERE 2026.

Other

Languages: Portuguese (native), English and French (fluent), Italian (intermediate), Swedish, Spanish, German and Kirundi (basic).

Software: Microsoft Office, Stata, R, Matlab, GAMS, Tex, Power BI.

Seminar organizer, Environmental Economics Group, Department of Economics at SLU (2023-2025).