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## EDUCATION

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- 08/2006-06/2010 (exp.) **European University Institute, Florence, Italy**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics.  
Master of Research (June 2007).  
Teaching assistant for Topics in Contract Theory (Ph.D. level).  
Supervisors: Pascal Courty and Luigi Guiso.
- 08/1997-09/2002 **Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden**  
M.Sc. in Economics and Business. Major in Finance and Economics.
- National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan (2000-2001)**  
Exchange student from SSE (competitive selection). One semester.
- 02/2002-07/2002 **Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China**  
Chinese language and culture studies.
- 08/1999-07/2000 **Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China**  
Chinese language and culture studies.
- 08/1993-06/1996 **Sigrid Rudebecks Gymnasium, Gothenburg, Sweden**  
Secondary school. Social Sciences. Studentexamen.

## RESEARCH

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- Research Interests      Development Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Political Economy, International Trade, Industrial Organization, Corruption and Regional Integration
- Ongoing Research      Political Connections  
Importing Discipline: Trade Liberalization in a Model of Endogenous Corruption  
A New Analysis of the South Asia Free Trade Agreement

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 06/2003-05/2006 **The Royal Bank of Scotland, London, UK**  
*Trader, Inflation Trading, Global Banking and Markets*  
Responsible for trading the Japanese, Swedish and Australian inflation books, bonds and derivatives. The position also involved structuring of deals across all inflation markets, writing up research notes for clients as well as providing in-house training on inflation products. I joined the bank in 2003 through the graduate programme, and spent time in Currency options, Scandinavian sales, Government Bonds trading and Structured Credit as part of my training.
- 02/2003-05/2003 **Forest Teaching Agency, Shanghai, China**  
*Teacher, English language*  
Taught English at several schools in Shanghai.
- 06/2001-08/2001 **Goldman Sachs International, London, UK**  
*Internship, Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities*  
Contributed to several research projects for the investment grade fixed income research team and the EMTNs desk.

## SKILLS AND EXAMINATIONS

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Languages	Swedish ( <i>Native</i> ), English ( <i>Fluent</i> ), Mandarin ( <i>Intermediate</i> ), German ( <i>Intermediate</i> ), Italian ( <i>Basic</i> ), French ( <i>Basic, currently studying</i> ).
Computer skills	Scientific Workplace, Reuters, Bloomberg, R, Stata, VBA, Matlab, Excel.
Examinations	Securities Institute Diploma in Derivatives and Certificates in Securities (2004). HSK, Certificate of Chinese Proficiency (2000).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2009-2010	European University Institute Thesis Completion Grant. Fees and Maintenance.
2006-2009	Stipend, Swedish Research Council for Ph.D. studies at EUI. Fees and Maintenance.
2002	Grant from Stiftelsen Goteborgs Arbetsstugor for language studies in China.
2000-2001	SSE Exchange Programme Grant for exchange studies in Taipei.
1999-2000	Grant from Willinska Stiftelsen, for language studies in China.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

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2008-2009	Organizer of the EUI Microeconometrics Working Group.
2008	Conference organization (Assistant, ASSET2008)
2008	Research assistant (Microeconomics).
2000-2001	Student Association, SSE. Communications Committee.  Extensive travels in Asia, Europe and Central America.

## REFERENCES

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## JOB MARKET PAPER ABSTRACT

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### *Political Connections*

I measure the value of political connections using a unique quasi-natural experiment: The September 2006 Thai coup d'état. Connections are found to be potentially very valuable, accounting for as much as 20% of the market capitalization of the best connected firms. The greatest value stems from connections to cabinet ministers. Though advantages provided appear to be mainly firm specific, some evidence of industry-wide benefits are found. Connections are the most valuable to firms operating in domestically dependent industries and industries with high external financing needs. Benefits for connected firms include lower taxation, better access to debt financing and greater market power.