

## **Curriculum Vita**

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### **Current Position**

University of Goettingen, Courant Research Centre, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,  
(10/2008 – present)

### **Education**

- Ph.D. in Development Economics, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (03/2007). Thesis Title: "Industrial Competitiveness and Firm Dynamics in Sub- Saharan Africa."
- M.A. in Development Economics (Distinction), International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (12/2001).
- B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics, Alemaya University, Ethiopia (06/1990)

#### Other Training (short courses)

- Macroeconomic Data Management and Processing, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK (04/ 2000).
- Macroeconomic Policy and Management, Harvard Institute for International Development of Harvard University, MA, USA (07/ 1999)

### **Areas of Research Interest**

Development Economics, Firm Behavior, Industry Dynamics in Developing Countries, Industrial Organization

### **Publications**

#### **Articles**

- Shiferaw. A. "Survival of Private Sector Manufacturing Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Productivity and Ownership, *World Development* 37,3 (2009), 572-584
- Shiferaw, A. "Firm Heterogeneity and Market Selection in Sub-Saharan Africa: Does It Spur Industrial Progress?" *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 55, 2 (2007), 393-423.
- Shiferaw, A. "Competitive Selection and Technological Capabilities in Ethiopian Manufacturing," *European Journal of Development Research* 19,1(2007), 118-135.

### ***Working Papers***

- “Multiproduct Firms and Product Switching in Ethiopian Manufacturing,” Courant Research Center-PEG Discussion Paper 56. (2010)
- “Aid-Dependency and Attributes of an Aid-Exit Strategy” (with Degol Hailu), Courant Research Center-PEG Discussion Paper 57. (2010)
- “Which Firms Invest Less Under Uncertainty? Evidence from Ethiopian Manufacturing” *Discussion Paper No.2*, Courant Research Center-PEG, University of Goettingen (2009). (Revise and Resubmit)
- “The Dynamic of Job Creation and Job Destruction: Is Sub-Saharan Africa Different?” (with Arjun Bedi), IZA Discussion Paper 4623 (2009). (Submitted)
- “Capital Adjustment Patterns and Uncertainty in African Manufacturing” *ISS Working Paper No. 435* (2006)
- “Entry, Survival and Growth of Manufacturing Firms in Ethiopia.” *ISS Working Paper No. 425* (2006)
- Natural Resource Endowment Type and Long Term Growth. (With Murshed, M., G. Mavrotas, and N. Pouw, 2004). *ISS Working Paper No. 391*
- Private Investment and Public Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Empirical Analysis. *ISS Working Paper No. 356* (2002).

### ***Mimeo, Based on a Policy Advisory Service to the United Nations***

- Assessing the UN Program of Action and the Allocation of ODA for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), UN-DESA (2010)
- Assessing the UN Program of Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), UN-DESA (2010)

### ***Research in Progress***

- Infrastructure development and the response of private investment in African manufacturing (with Mans Söderbom)
- The simultaneous adjustment of labor and capital in African firms
- The evolution of female labor force participation and gender wage gap in Uganda (with Stephan Klasen and Jann Lay)

### **Fellowships, Grants and Awards**

- A research grant from NWO-WOTRO for a project on “Impact Evaluation of Community Based Health Insurance Scheme in Ethiopia” (June 2010). This is a joint project with researchers from the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands and Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia
- A research grant from the German Research Foundation (DFG) for a project on “The Dynamics of Job Flows, Investment and Product Mix in African Firms” (July 2009)

- Postdoctoral fellowship at the Courant Research Center of the University of Goettingen, Germany (September 2008)
- Netherlands Fellowship Program (NFP) for doctoral research at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands ( September 2003)
- Prize for Best MA Research Paper for the 2000/2001 academic year at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands ( December 2001). Thesis title: "Private Investment and Public Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Empirical Analysis"

## **Teaching**

2009-2010

- *Africa's Socioeconomic Performance and Prospects*: A graduate course for participants of the "MA program in Development Policy" at the European Centre for International and Strategic Research (CERIS), Brussels, Belgium

2006-2008 (at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

- *Economics of Globalization*: A graduate course on global trade, FDI and financial flows,
- *Microeconomic Analysis of Households, Firms and Institutions*: A graduate course on Development Microeconomics
- *Regression and Data Analysis*: A graduate course on econometrics for Development Economics majors.
- *Econometric Analysis of Development Policies*: A graduate course on advanced applied econometrics for Development Economics majors,
- *Dealing With Data*: A graduate research methodology course for non-economics majors
- *Survey Design and Analysis*: A graduate course for doctoral students and MA students with a minor in development research.

2002-2005 (at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

- *Regression and Data Analysis*: A graduate econometrics course for Development Economics majors.
- *Effective Social Policies*: A postgraduate diploma course on the analysis of poverty, social policy and social expenditure
- *Policy Analysis Skills for Transition Economies*: A postgraduate diploma course on macroeconomic policy and poverty analysis in transition economies

## **Papers Presented at Seminars and Conferences**

### **“Which Firms Invest Less under Uncertainty? Evidence from Ethiopian**

**Manufacturing”**. Paper presented at:

- World Bank (April 2010), Washington DC, USA
- College of William and Mary (October 2009), VA, USA
- International Institute of Social Studies, PEGNet Conference on ‘Policies for Reducing Inequality in the Developing World’ (September 2009), The Hague, Netherlands
- University of Goettingen, Development Economics Department Staff Seminar (April 2009), Goettingen, Germany

### **“The Dynamics of Job Creation and Job Destruction: Is Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Different?”** Paper presented at:

- IZA/World Bank Conference on Labor Markets (May 2010), Cape Town, South Africa
- World Bank (April 2010), Washington DC, USA
- Oxford University, CSAE Conference on African Economic Development (March 2010), Oxford, UK.
- UN-DESA, Development Research Seminar (October 2009), New York, USA
- University of Goettingen, Development Economics Department Staff Seminar (November 2009), Goettingen, Germany
- University of Goettingen, Courant Research Centre-PEG Inaugural Conference (July 2009), Goettingen, Germany.

### **“Assessing the UN Program of Action and the Allocation of ODA for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), UN-DESA (2010)”** Paper presented at:

- UN-DESA, Expert Group Meeting of the Committee for Development Policy (January, 2010), New York, USA (The CDP is a high level policy advisory body of the UN)
- University of Goettingen, Development Economics Staff Seminar (April, 2010), Goettingen, Germany

### **“Assessing the UN Program of Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), UN-DESA (2010)”** Paper presented at:

- UN-DESA, Expert Group Meeting of the Committee for Development Policy (January, 2010), New York, USA

### **“Firm Heterogeneity and Market Selection in Sub-Saharan Africa: Does it Spur**

**Industrial Progress?”** Paper presented at:

- Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, International Workshop on ‘Firm and Product Heterogeneity in International Trade’ (August 2009), Brussels, Belgium.
- Tinbergen Institute, Research Seminar for PhD Students in Development Economics in the Netherlands ( April 2005), Amsterdam, Netherlands

**“Survival of Private Sector Manufacturing Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Productivity and Ownership”** Paper presented at:

- Addis Ababa University, Economics Department Staff Seminar (January 2009), Addis Ababa Ethiopia
- Oxford University, CSAE Conference on African Economic Development (March 2008), Oxford, UK

**“Capital Adjustment Patterns and Uncertainty in African Manufacturing”** Paper presented at

- International Institute of Social Studies, Research in Progress Seminar (January 2008), The Hague, Netherlands
- Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Staff Seminar (July 2008), Kiel, Germany

**“Productivity Dynamics and Technological Capabilities in African Manufacturing”** Paper presented at:

- Open University and International Institute of Social Studies, A research workshop on ‘Bridging the Gulf Between Policies for Innovation, Productivity and Industrial Growth and Policies to Reduce Poverty’ (November 2005), London, UK.

**Professional Services and Memberships**

- Fellow of the International Growth Centre (IGC) coordinated by Oxford University and London School of Economics (Since June 2010)
- Referee for *World Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Labour Economics, Review of Income and Wealth* (Since 2008)
- Coordinator of the weekly “Research in Progress Seminar” at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam (2008)
- Research supervision for the joint MPA program (masters in public administration) offered by ISS and the Lim A Po Institute in Suriname (2007-2008)
- Member of the Royal Economic Society
- Member of the Ethiopian Economic Association

## **Previous posts**

### **1. Academic Positions**

**06/09/2009- 12/02/2010:** Visiting Researcher at UN-DESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) New York, USA.

**01/07/2008 – 30/09/2008.** Visiting Researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany.

**01/04/2007 –30/09/2008:** Lecturer in Development Economics, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands .

**01/01/2003-05/03/2007:** PhD Fellow and Teaching and Research Assistant, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

**01/01/2002-31/12/2002:** Teaching and Research Assistant, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

### **2. Policy Related Positions**

**1995 – 1999:** Economist, Macroeconomic Policy Analysis Unit, Ethiopian Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation.

- I was responsible for the publication of monthly, quarterly and annual reports on macroeconomic developments in Ethiopia analyzing inflation, exchange rates, monetary aggregates, government finance, external trade and the balance of payments. These reports were instrumental for the design, implementation and management of the structural adjustment program carried out in Ethiopia.

**1991 – 1994:** Junior Economist, Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, Ethiopia

## **References**

### **Professor Rob Vos**

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