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## KEY INFORMATION & CONTACT

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**References**            Professor Alexander Betts (University of Oxford)  
                              Sir Paul Collier (University of Oxford)  
                              Professor Raouf Boucekkine (Aix-Marseille Université)  
                              Professor Philip Verwimp (Université Libre de Bruxelles)  
                              Dr. Stephane Baele (University of Exeter)

## EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

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**2016 onwards**    **Postdoctoral Research Fellow (RSC/ODID - University of Oxford)**  
Refugee Economies in Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia

**2013 - 2016**      **Postdoctoral Research Fellow (CSAE/Dep. Econ. - University of Oxford)**  
Rethinking HIV

**2009 - 2013**      **PhD in Economics (IRES - UCLouvain)**  
Title: Essays in Development Economics

**2005 - 2009**      **MA in Economics (UCLouvain) - High Distinction**  
Thesis: Brain Drain: Impact of South-South Migration (with Frederic Docquier)

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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**2018 - 2020**      Co-PI of the research “Refugee Economies in Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia”, financed by the Ikea Foundation (£ 1,400,000)

**2017 - 2020**      Co-PI of the research “Kalobeyi Food Assistance and Baseline Strategy”, financed by the World Food Program (US\$ 328,694)

**2015 - 2018**      Co-PI of the randomized controlled trial of the “Social Safety Net Project” in the Comoros, financed by the “Jobs trust-fund” of the World Bank (US\$ 300,000)

**2016 - 2017**      Co-PI of “Talent Displaced: the Economic lives of Syrian Refugees in Europe”, financed by Deloitte (unknown budget managed by Deloitte)

**2016 - 2020**      Postdoctoral Scholarship at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford (£ 130,000)

**2015 - 2016**      Consultancy for the Equitable Access Initiative, with Prof. Mthuli Ncube, Dr. Max Roser, and Dr. Stefan Thewissen (confidential budget)

**2013 - 2016**      Postdoctoral Scholarship at the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford (£ 100,000)

**2012**                Visiting PhD Student at the Department of Economics of the University of Oxford, financed by a FNRS Scholarship (€ 5,000)

**2009 - 2013**      PhD Scholarship at UCLouvain (€ 110,000)

**2008 - 2009**      PhD Scholarship at the University of Namur (€ 27,000)

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

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Collier, P., Sterck, O., (2018). The Moral and Fiscal Implications of Antiretroviral Therapies for HIV in Africa. *Oxford Economic Papers*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oeq/gpy001>

Le Polain, M., Sterck, O., Nyssens, M. (2017). Interest Rate in Savings Groups: Thrift or Threat? *World Development*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2017.09.001>

Baele, S. J., Sterck, O. C., Slingeneyer, T., Lits, G. P. (2017). What Does the “Terrorist” Label Really Do? Measuring and Explaining the Effects of the “Terrorist” and “Islamist” Categories. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, forthcoming. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2017.1393902>

Sterck, O. (2017). What Goes Wrong with the Allocation of Domestic and International Resources for HIV? *Health Economics*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3550>

Colombo, A., D’Aoust, O., Sterck, O. (2017). From Civil War to Electoral Violence. Evidence from Burundi. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming. <https://oliviersterck.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/main.pdf>

Manning, R., Sterck, O. (2017). Rethinking international and domestic financing for HIV in low and middle income countries. *Development Policy Review*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12232>

Baele, S. J., Lewis, D., Hoeffler, A., Sterck, O. C., Slingeneyer, T. (2017). The Ethics of Security Research: An Ethics Framework for Contemporary Security Studies. *International Studies Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekx003>

D’Aoust O., Sterck, O., Verwimp, P. (2016). Who Benefited from Burundi’s Demobilization Program?. *The World Bank Economic Review*, lhw033. <https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhw033>

D’Aoust, O., Sterck, O. (2016). Who Benefits from Customary Justice? Rent seeking, Bribery and Criminality in sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of African Economies*, 25(3), 439-467. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejw001>

Sterck, O., Roser, M., Ncube, M., Thewissen, S. (2016). Allocation of development assistance for health: is the predominance of national income justified? *Health Policy and Planning*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czw173>

Remme, M., Siapka, M., Sterck, O., Ncube, M., Watts, C., Vassal, A. (2016). Financing the HIV response in sub-Saharan Africa from domestic sources: moving beyond a normative approach. *Social Science & Medicine*, 169, 66-76. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.09.027>

Sterck, O. (2016). Natural Resources and the Spread of HIV/AIDS: Curse or Blessing? *Social Science & Medicine*, 150(2), 271-278. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.09.023>

Baele, S. J., Sterck, O. C., Meur, E. (2016). Theorizing and Measuring Emotions in Conflict. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60(4), 718-747. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002714550083>

Baele S., Sterck, O., (2015). Diagnosing the Securitisation of Immigration at the EU Level: A New Method for Stronger Empirical Claims. *Political Studies*, 63(5), 1120-1139. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9248.12147>

Sterck, O. (2014). HIV/AIDS and Fatalism: Should Prevention Campaigns Disclose the Transmission Rate of HIV? *Journal of African Economies*, 23 (1), 53-104. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejt018>

Sterck, O. (2013), Why are Testing Rates so Low in Sub-Saharan Africa? Misconceptions and Strategic Behaviors. *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*. 16(1), 1-39. <https://doi.org/10.1515/fhep-2012-0033>

## WORKING PAPERS

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Sterck, O. (2017). Fighting for Votes: Theory and Evidence from Burundi. *CSAE Working Paper* WPS/2015-19.

Sterck, O. (2017). Beyond the Stars. *CSAE Working Paper* WPS/2016-31-2.

Sterck, O., Thewissen, S., Roser, M. (2016). Turning the Paradigm of Aid Allocation on its Head.

## POLICY REPORTS

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Betts, A., Omata, N., Sterck, O. (2018), *Refugee Economies in Kenya*. Oxford: RSC.

Betts, A., Geervliet, R., MacPherson, C., Omata, N., Rodgers, C., Sterck, O. (2018). *Research, Analysis, and Strategy Development for an 'Integrated Approach' to Refugee Self-reliance in Kalobeyei, Kenya*. Oxford: RSC.

Betts, A., Sterck, O., Geervliet, R., MacPherson, C. (2017). *Talent Displaced: the Economic lives of Syrian Refugees in Europe*. Deloitte and RSC.

Mvukiehe, E., Sterck, O. (2017). *Public Works and Welfare: A Randomized Control Trial of a Cash for Work Program Targeting the Poor in a Lower Income Country*. Baseline Report.

Collier, P., Manning, R., Sterck O. (2015). *From Death Sentence to Debt Sentence*. *Finance & Development (IMF)*, 52(4), 28-31. <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2015/12/collier.htm>

## TEACHING

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| 2017 - 2018 | <b>Quantitative Methods</b> – Course Lecturer for the MSc in Migration Studies - University of Oxford (UK)   |
| 2016 - 2018 | <b>Quantitative Methods</b> – Course Lecturer for the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies - University of Oxford (UK)                                |
| 2016 - 2017 | <b>From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development</b> - Scientific Adviser of Sir Paul Collier for a MOOC on edX - University of Oxford (UK) |
| 2016        | <b>Sustaining Growth in Developing Countries</b> - Course Lecturer for the Master in Public Policy - Central European University (Hungary)                   |
| 2014 - 2015 | <b>Economics of Developing Countries</b> - Tutoring (52h) - University of Oxford (UK)  |
| 2010        | <b>Microeconometrics</b> - Course Lecturer (UC Bukavu, DRC)  |
| 2007 - 2008 | <b>Teaching Certificate</b> , including 50h of Teaching in Economics (UCLouvain, Belgium)  |

## FIELDWORK

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| 2017 | <b>Kenya - Kalobeyei Settlement</b><br>Topic: "Impact of Self-Reliance on Refugees' Socio-Economic Conditions"            |
| 2017 | <b>Kenya - Nairobi</b><br>Topic: "Refugee economies"  |
| 2016 | <b>Kenya –Kakuma Refugee Camp and Turkana Host Population</b><br>Topic: "Refugee economies"                               |
| 2015 | <b>Comoros – Impact Evaluation with the World Bank (in progress)</b><br>Topic: "Comoros Social Safety Net Project "       |
| 2011 | <b>Uganda – Qualitative field work with J-PAL</b><br>Topic: "Legal Aid and Legal Pluralism in Uganda"                     |
| 2010 | <b>Burundi – Household Panel Survey</b><br>Topic: "Socio-economic Impact and Externalities of the DRR Program in Burundi" |
| 2010 | <b>Burundi – Survey among Students at the Université du Burundi</b><br>Topic: "HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Sexual Behavior"    |
| 2009 | <b>Cameroon – Qualitative field work</b><br>Topic: "Hidden Savings and Social Pressures in Cameroon"                      |

## OTHERS

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| Languages      | French (native), English, Spanish, Dutch                   |
| Side interests | Sports (running, cycling, football), piano and composition |