



# Igor B. Martins

*Senior Lecturer at Lund University*

## Academic Experience

- 2023– **Senior Lecturer**, *Lund University*, Sweden.
- 2022–2023 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *University of Cambridge*, United Kingdom.
- 2020–2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *Lund University*, Sweden.
- 2017–2018 **Visiting Researcher**, *Stellenbosch University*, South Africa.

## Education

- 2016–2020 **Ph.D., Economic History**, *Lund University*, Sweden.
- 2014–2016 **M.Sc., Economic History**, *Lund University*, Sweden.
- 2008–2011 **B.Sc., Economics**, *Fundação Getulio Vargas*, Brazil.

## Lecturing experience

- 2023– **Growth, Stagnation, and Inequality in Africa**, *Lund University*, Course convener.  
This is a B.Sc-level course aimed at providing a deeper presentation of long-term trends of economic and social development in Sub-Saharan Africa. Themes include theoretical perspectives on Africa's long-term economic and social development; historical obstacles to agricultural transformations; African initiatives and resistance in agriculture; colonial legacies; and the role of the states and markets as facilitators and/or obstacles to economic growth and structural change.
- 2020– **The Art of Writing and Reporting**, *Lund University*, Lecturer.  
This is a B.Sc-level course aimed at strengthening the writing skills of the student across a range of styles, thereby providing competencies of practical use for employment or for further study. The course works towards developing the prerequisite skills in writing, primarily obtained through practical training and active practice.
- 2019– **Colonialism and Economic Change in Africa, Asia and Latin America**, *Lund University*, Lecturer.  
This is a B.Sc-level course that adopts a comparative approach by drawing upon the varying experiences of a number of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America from 1500 to 1945.
- 2019– **Development of Emerging Economies**, *Lund University*, Lecturer.  
This is an M.Sc-level course that explores developmental issues through historical-theoretical perspectives with the main focus on countries in Pacific Asia, Africa South of the Sahara, and Latin America. It empirically and theoretically assesses the growth of the so-called global South.

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2018– **Field Work/Internship and Research Overview**, *Lund University*, Course convener.

This is a B.Sc-level course that focuses on qualitative and quantitative research methods while ensuring its application to the B.Sc thesis. The course consists of three tracks: internship, desk studies, and fieldwork. My role within the course is to expose students to quantitative methods using cross-sectional, time-series, and longitudinal databases.

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## Published works

- **Martins, I** and S. Schwaag Serger. (2023). “An age of disentangled research?”. In: *Issues in Science and Technology*, 40(1) p. 38–43.
- Smythe A., **I. Martins**, and M. Andersson. (2023). “Inequality, Poverty, and Economic Shrinking: How can developing countries build greater resilience for more sustainable development patterns?”. In: *International Journal of Development Issues*.
- **Martins, I.** and S. Schwaag Serger. (2023). Shifting patterns in international research cooperation. In: *STINT*, 23(1) p. 1–48.
- Axelsson, T. and **I. Martins**. (2023). Resilience to shrinking as a catch-up strategy: a comparison of Brazil and Indonesia, 1964–2019. In: *Studies in Comparative International Development*, p. 1–26.
- **Martins, I.**, J. Cilliers, and J. Fourie. (2022). Legacies of loss: The health outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony. In: *Explorations in Economic History*, 101506.
- **Martins, I.** (2020). “Collateral Effect: Slavery and Wealth in the Cape Colony” Ph.D. Thesis. Lund University.
- Palacio, A. and **I. Martins**. (2019). “What caused poverty reduction in Brazil during the 2000s: sectoral growth or public expenditures”. In: *OASIS. Observatorio de Analisis de los Sistemas Internacionales*, 32, p. 1-25.
- Palacio, A. and **I. Martins**. (2018). “Poverty and Democracy: the Brazilian experience”. In: *Poverty, Politics and the Poverty of Politics*. Ed. by D. Rauhut and N. Hatti. New Delhi: B.R. Publishing Corporation, p. 193-210.

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## Work in progress

- **Martins, I.** (2024). “An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders”. In: *European Review of Economic History*. (Revise & Resubmit).
- Cilliers, J., M. Mariotti, and **I. Martins**. (2024). “Fertility responses to short-term economic stress: Price and wealth shocks in a pre-transitional settler colony”. In: *Explorations in Economic History*. (Revise & Resubmit).
- **Martins, I.** (2023). “Market Integration and the Development of Capitalism in Ghana, 1987–2005”.
- **Martins, I.**, P. Aboagye, and G. Austin. (2023). “The Ghanaian divergence: prices, incomes and living standards divergence after independence”.

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- **Martins, I.** (2023). "Raising capital to raise crops: Slave emancipation and agricultural output in the Cape Colony".

## Media Outreach

- **Martins, I.** (2023). "Does a negative wealth shock affect your health? Evidence from an episode of 'expropriation with partial compensation' in nineteenth-century South Africa.". In: *Our Long Walk: Reflections on South Africa, from an economic history perspective*.
- **Martins, I.** (2023). "Legacies of loss: The health outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony". In: *Frontiers in African Economic History*.

## Conferences, workshops and seminars

- 07/2025 **World Economic History Congress, Lund, Sweden, Organizer.**
- 09/2023 **Swedish Economic History meeting, Lund, Sweden, Organizer.**
- 03/2023 **African Economic History Seminar, Cambridge, United Kingdom, Presenter.**  
Raising capital to raise crops: Slave emancipation and agricultural output in the Cape Colony
- 07/2022 **World Economic History Congress, Paris, France, Presenter.**  
Fertility responses to short-term economic stress: Exploring the effects of a wealth shock in a pre-transitional settler colony
- 10/2022 **African Economic History Network annual meeting, Tenerife, Spain, Presenter.**  
Fertility responses to short-term economic stress: Exploring the effects of a wealth shock in a pre-transitional settler colony
- 10/2021 **Swedish Economic History meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden, Presenter.**  
More with less? The effects of slave emancipation on output and productivity in the British Cape Colony
- 10/2021 **African Economic History Network annual meeting, Lund, Sweden, Organizer.**
- 10/2019 **Swedish Economic History meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, Presenter.**  
More with less? The effects of slave emancipation on output and productivity in the British Cape Colony
- 05/2019 **LSE Graduate Seminar, London, UK, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 04/2019 **Lund University, Department of Economic History seminar, Lund, Sweden, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 02/2019 **Stellenbosch University, Department of Economics seminar, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Presenter.**  
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- 01/2019 **Allied Social Sciences Association, Atlanta, USA, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 12/2018 **Center of African Economics annual meeting, Roskilde, Denmark, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 10/2018 **African Economic History Network annual meeting, Bologna, Italy, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 09/2018 **Lund University, Department of Economic History seminar, Lund, Sweden, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 07/2018 **World Economic History Congress, Boston, USA, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 05/2018 **Sweden-South Africa University Forum, Pretoria, South Africa, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 05/2018 **Research for Socioeconomic Policy seminar, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 04/2018 **European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, UK, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 04/2018 **Laboratory for the Economics of Africa's Past seminar, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Presenter.**  
Legacies of loss: The intergenerational outcomes of slaveholder compensation in the British Cape Colony
- 10/2017 **African Economic History Network annual meeting, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Presenter.**  
An Act for the Abolition of Slave Trade: The effects of an import ban on Cape Colony slaveholders
- 10/2016 **African Economic History Network annual meeting, Brighton, UK, Attendee.**

## Professional memberships

- o Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Social Science History Association, African Economic History Network, Swedish Economic History Association

## Pedagogical qualifications

- 2022 **Course design in higher education, The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology, Lund University, Sweden.**

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- 2021 **Teaching and learning in higher education**, *The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology*, Lund University, Sweden.
- 2020 **How to teach with cases**, *Lund University School of Economics and Management*, Lund University, Sweden.
- 2019 **How to write cases**, *Lund University School of Economics and Management*, Lund University, Sweden.

## Awards

- 2020 **Teacher of the Year**, *Lund University School of Economics and Management*.
- 2017 **Scholarship**, *International Science Promoting Innovation and entrepreneurship (INSPIRE)*, European Union Erasmus Mundus Action 2 programme (€15,000).

## Service

- 2023– **Swedish Economic History Association**, Auditor.  
The SEHA promotes the spread of knowledge about economic and social history, as well as historical and geographical research. The association organizes lectures and conferences. It also participates with sister organizations in other Nordic countries to publish the Scandinavian Economic History Review.
- 2023– **The World Economic History Congress, Lund 2025**, Organizer.  
I am a member of the organizing committee who successfully submitted a bid to host the World Economic History Congress in Lund in 2025.
- 2023– **The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT)**, Consultant.  
STINT promotes knowledge and competence within internationalization and invests in internationalization projects proposed by researchers, educators and leaders at Swedish universities.
- 2017– **Laboratory for the Economics of Africa's Past**, *Stellenbosch University*, Visiting Researcher.  
The Laboratory for the Economics of Africa's Past is dedicated to the quantitative study of African economic and social history.
- 2022–2023 **Clare Hall**, Affiliated Postdoctoral Member.  
Clare Hall is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. It was established to serve as an Institute of Advanced Studies, admitting only post-graduate students alongside post-doctoral researchers and fellows.
- 2021–2023 **Swedish Economic History Association**, Treasurer.
- 2019–2020 **Ekonomisk Doktorrådet (EDR)**, *Lund University*, President.  
EDR functions as a platform for communication, driving the matters of doctoral students at LUSEM and looking to ensure the representation of doctoral students at various faculty levels. Details concerning my term as President are provided upon request.
- 2018–2019 **Ekonomisk Doktorrådet (EDR)**, *Lund University*, Vice-President.
- 2018–2020 **The Economic History Society**, *University of Glasgow*, Student Ambassador.  
EHS Student Ambassadors represent the EHS at their institution and within their wider academic networks. With the support of the two student members of the EHS Council and the EHS Administrative Secretary, Ambassadors facilitate communication between the Society and students interested in economic and/or social history.

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