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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Country Programme Manager for Ethiopia</b> (since June 2022) Centre for Tax Analysis in Developing Countries (TaxDev)</li><li>• <b>Senior Research Economist</b> (since January 2021)</li><li>• <b>Research Economist</b> (January 2019 – January 2021)</li></ul>	
EDUCATION	<b>DPhil in Economics</b> (no corrections) University of Oxford (Balliol College) 2016 – 2021 <b>MPhil in Economics</b> University of Oxford (Balliol College) 2014 – 2016 <b>Visiting student</b> Peking University, Beijing 2013 – 2014 <b>BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics</b> (First Class, top 5%) University of Oxford (Balliol College) 2010 – 2013	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Public Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Econometrics	
PAST EMPLOYMENT	<b>Lecturer in Economics</b> , Balliol College, University of Oxford 2018 <b>Knowledge Exchange Placement</b> , Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka 2018 <b>Lecturer in Economics</b> , St Hugh's College, University of Oxford 2016 – 2018 <b>Research Assistant</b> , Economics Department, University of Oxford 2016 – 2017 <b>Research Assistant</b> , Institute for Fiscal Studies, London 2016 <b>Intern</b> , Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt 2016 <b>Summer Student</b> , Institute for Fiscal Studies, London 2015 <b>Intern</b> , United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Beijing 2014	
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>Nuffield Foundation, Co-Investigator, £229,000</b> 2023 – 2025 The long-run impact of the EMA (PI Jack Britton) <b>Economic and Social Research Council, Co-Investigator, £720,000</b> 2022 – 2026 Development and enhancement of LEO data (PI Claire Crawford) <b>ESRC Studentship, University of Oxford</b> 2014 – 2018 Four years of full funding for MPhil and DPhil in Economics (2+2) <b>Balliol Economics Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford</b> 2014 – 2018 Awarded in conjunction with the ESRC Studentship <b>Haniel Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation</b> 2014 – 2016 Two years of full funding for a Master's in economics (declined) <b>China Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation</b> 2013 – 2014 Full funding including language courses for one year in China <b>Fellowship of the German National Academic Foundation</b> 2010 – 2016 Living cost grant and summer schools	

WORKING PAPERS	<p><b>Revisiting the solution of dynamic discrete choice models: time to bring back Keane and Wolpin (1994)?</b> (with Jack Britton), IFS Working Paper 21/13, May 2021</p>
ACADEMIC WORK IN PROGRESS	<p><b>Efficient likelihood simulation in discrete choice models with observed payoffs</b></p> <p><b>The long-run taxpayer cost of undergraduate education</b> (with Jack Britton)</p> <p><b>The long-run effect of a large-scale conditional cash transfer scheme</b> (with Jack Britton and Nick Ridpath)</p> <p><b>Ethnic earnings gaps among university-educated men</b> (with Jack Britton and Weijian Eddy Zou)</p> <p><b>Spillovers in Social Program Participation: Evidence from Chile</b> (with Pedro Carneiro, Barbara Flores, Emanuela Galasso, Rita Ginja, and Aureo de Paula)</p> <p><b>Does it pay to get good grades at university? The labour market returns to different degree classifications</b> (with Jack Britton)</p> <p><b>London Calling: Selective Migration and Geographical Inequality</b> (with Xiaowei Xu)</p>
POLICY WORK	<p><b>I lead the IFS's work on higher education funding in the UK and tax policy in Ethiopia.</b> I have contributed to dozens of policy reports and briefings, many of which have been widely covered in the media (or a full list, see my <a href="#">IFS page</a>). In addition, I regularly provide confidential advice to policymakers in the UK and Ethiopia.</p>
REFEREEING	<p>Oxford Economic Papers, The Manchester School, Fiscal Studies, Higher Education Policy, Nuffield Foundation</p>
PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)	<p><b>2023:</b> Ethiopian Ministry of Finance, TaxDev tax expenditure workshop (Kampala), Kenya university funding conference (Mombasa), IIPF Annual Congress (Utah State), WOLFE workshop (York), CGHE workshop (UCL)</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Department for Education, Liverpool, IFS, Ethiopian Ministry of Finance</p> <p><b>2021:</b> Department for Education, Oxford, IAAE Conference, IFS, DIAL Conference (Brussels), Durham Business School</p> <p><b>2020:</b> Treasury, IFS</p> <p><b>2019:</b> Department for Education, MANCEPT Workshop (Manchester), NORFACE Workshop (PSE), UCL, IFS</p> <p><b>2018:</b> Oxford</p>
OTHER	<p><b>Nationality:</b> German, UK settled status</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> German (native), English (native level), Mandarin Chinese (advanced)</p> <p><b>Programming:</b> Stata, R/RStudio, Matlab, Julia, C/C++</p> <p><b>Other Software:</b> Git, Dakota, Excel, Unix Shell, LaTeX</p>