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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, KU Leuven Dept. of Economics	01.09.2024 -
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Institute For Fiscal Studies	2023 - 2024
Stipendiary Lecturer, Corpus Christi College Oxford	2018 - 2023

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## EDUCATION

University of Oxford <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Economics</i>	2018 - 2023
- Visiting Student: UC Berkeley, 2022	
- Visiting Student: National University of Singapore, 2019	
University of Oxford <i>Master of Philosophy in Economics</i>	2016 - 2018
London School of Economics and Political Science <i>BSc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics</i>	2013 - 2016

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## RESEARCH

### Working Papers

- Moving Opportunity. Local Connectivity and Spatial Inequality. [pdf](#)
- The Butcher, the Brewer, or the Baker: The Role of Occupations in Explaining Wage Inequality. [pdf](#)  
(With Shihang Hou)
- Minimum Wages and the China Syndrome: Causal Evidence from US Local Labour Markets. [pdf](#)  
(With Isabelle Roland)
- Gravity in International Finance: Evidence from Fees on Equity Transactions. [pdf](#)  
(With Vladimir Pazitka, Isabelle Roland, Dariusz Wojcik)

### Work in Progress

- Spatial Diffusion of Services in Kenya.  
(With Peter Wankuru Chacha, Benard Kipyegon Kirui, & Verena Wiedemann)
- Moving to Possibility.
- Labours of Love: The Search for Occupational Meaning & Worker Welfare  
(With Hannah Zillessen & Shihang Hou)
- Reference Dependent Social Planners  
(With Hannah Zillessen)

### Publications

- Spatial Inequality of Opportunity in West Africa (2023). [Journal of Public Economics](#)
- The Epidemiological Impact of the NHS Covid-19 App (2021). [Nature](#)  
(With Chris Wymant, Luca Ferretti, Daphne Tsallis, Marcos Charalambides, Lucie Abeler-Dörner, David Bonsall, Robert Hinch, Michelle Kendall, Mathew Ayres, Chris Holmes, Mark Briers, Christophe Fraser)

- Epidemiological changes on the Isle of Wight after the launch of the NHS Test and Trace programme: a preliminary analysis (2020). [The Lancet Digital Health](#)  
(With Michelle Kendall; Lucie Abeler-Dörner; Chris Wymant; Luca Ferretti; Mark Briers; Chris Holmes; David Bonsall; Johannes Abeler; Christophe Fraser)

- Acceptability of App-Based Contact Tracing for COVID-19: Cross-Country Survey Study. (2020). [JMIR mhealth uhealth](#)  
(With Samuel Altmann; Hannah Zillesen; Raffaele Blassone; Frederic Gerdon; Ruben Bach; Frauke Kreuter; Daniele Nosenzo; Séverine Toussaert; Johannes Abeler)

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## EXTERNAL SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2023: University of Bristol, University of Cologne, University of Durham, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, The Institute for Fiscal Studies, KU Leuven, Nottingham University, University of Oslo, University of Reading, The Stockholm School of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

2022: ES European Winter Meeting, NEUDC, LEAP, OxDev, CEP Junior trade workshop, American Urban Economics Association Summer Meeting, 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences, Infra4Dev, Development Economics Workshop ARE UC Berkeley, European Urban Economics Association Meeting, Royal Economic Society Young Economist Symposium, African Meeting of the Econometric Society, Warwick Ph.D. Conference, Royal Economic Society 2022 conference.

2021: Newcastle Ph.D. Economics Conference, CSAE conference, Warwick PhD conference.

2020: American Urban Economics Society Workshop.

2019: Applied Microeconomics Workshop at the National University of Singapore, CSAE Conference.

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## REFEREEING

2023: Journal of Development Economics