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Education

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| 09. 2022 – today | University College London
<i>MPhil/PhD in Economics</i> |
| 09. 2020 – 09. 2022 | University College London
<i>Master of Research in Economics</i> |
| 09. 2019 – 09. 2020 | University College London
<i>Master of Science in Economics</i> |
| 09. 2015 – 07. 2018 | University of Mannheim
<i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i>
(with an Erasmus semester at the Toulouse School of Economics) |

Papers

“The Role of Schools in Transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus” (with Kirill Borusyak and Uta Schönberg, building on my MSc dissertation). *Economic Policy*, 2022.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Morgenbladet, The European, Berliner Zeitung, Stuttgarter Zeitung, VoxEU

“On the Impact of Maternity Leave and the Fragility of Regression Discontinuity” (with Andrei Zeleneev).

“Who Enters the Public Sector?” IFS Working Paper 26/17.

Financial Times; IFS Comment (2025); IFS Comment (2026)

“A Map of Tax Responsiveness” (with Jakob Wegmann).

“Some Papers Are More Equal Than Others”.

Research Positions

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| Nov. 2025 – present | J. M. and C. D. Stone Centre on Wealth Concentration, Inequality and the Economy
<i>PhD Scholar</i> |
| Aug. 2023 – present | Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
<i>PhD Scholar</i> |
| Dec. 2020 – present | ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin / CReAM
<i>Research Affiliate</i> |

Oct. 2018 – Jul. 2019	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) <i>Research Associate</i> Training and recruiting of surveyors; preliminary data analysis
Jan. 2016 – Sep. 2022	Various Research Assistantships (held alongside studies) Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS, 01. 2021 – 09. 2022), German Institute for Economic Research (DIW, 02. 2016 – 04. 2018), Centre for Evaluation and Development, Chair of Econometrics (C4ED, 10. 2016 – 07. 2017)

Teaching

Spr. 22/23, 23/24, 24/25, 25/26	Programme Evaluation (MSc module on causal inference, assisting Prof. Liyang Sun)
Fall 22/23	Economics of the Public Sector (assisting Lucas Conwell, BSc module)
May 2019	Impact Evaluation Methods (teaching assistant, J-PAL & MCA workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia)

(I also have some experience teaching dance)

Scholarships and Grants

Grants: PhD Grant, Chartered Institute of Taxation (awarded Dec. 2025), Stone Centre PhD Research Grant (awarded Nov. 2025)

Doctoral Scholarships: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)–Institute for Fiscal Studies Studentship (2023–2026), Thomas and Ulla Kolbeck Foundation PhD Studentship (2023–2026)

Research Scholarships: Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (2021–2023), Institute for Fiscal Studies (2021–2023)

Tuition Awards: Thomas and Ulla Kolbeck Foundation (for the MSc and MRes in Economics)

Conferences and Seminars

North American Winter Meeting 2026, 73rd Economic Policy Conference, UCL/CeMMAP 3rd Annual Econometrics Research Day, CAGE–Warwick Longitudinal Educational Outcomes, 82nd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), EALE Conference 2026

UC Berkeley “casual causal” seminar, Stockholm School of Economics, Institut des Politiques Publiques, Catholic University of Brasília (online)

Refereeing Activities

Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Clinical Infectious Diseases

Languages and Software (in order of proficiency)

German & French, English, minimal Norwegian; Stata, R, minimal MATLAB