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## Education

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: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Germany” (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

“An Empirical and Methodological Examination of Reforms to Maternity Leave in the United Kingdom” (with Andrei Zeleneev)

“Who Enters the Public Sector?” IFS Working Paper 26/27.

Financial Times; IFS Comment

“Where Is Taxation Most Distortionary? An Alternative Approach to Estimating Tax Elasticities” (with Jakob Wegmann)

“Some Papers Are More Equal Than Others: An AI-led Meta-Analysis”

## Research Positions

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)

### *Research Associate*

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 Causal Inference / Programme Evaluation (assisting Prof. Liyang Sun, MSc module)

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)

### 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:* Center 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, 73<sup>rd</sup> Economic Policy Conference, UCL/CeMMAP 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Econometrics Research Day, CAGE–Warwick Longitudinal Educational Outcomes, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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