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Education

London School of Economics PhD Economics - with Distinction in MRes Program	2020 -
London School of Economics MSc Economics - with Distinction	2017-2018
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich BSc Economics	2014-2017

Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economy, Industrial Organization

Publications

Can Digital Aid Deliver During Humanitarian Crises?	2024
(with Michael Callen, Michael Findley and Tarek Ghani, <i>Forthcoming, Management Science</i>)	

Working Papers

JMP: Soft Power Through (Humanitarian) Aid: Evidence from an RCT in Pakistan	2025
Peace Dividends: The Economic Effects of Colombia's Peace Agreement	2024

Work-in-Progress

Unlocking Agricultural Productivity through Soil Testing and Structured Experimentation (with Gharad Bryan, Konrad Burchardi & Jon de Quidt)	<i>Pilot Ongoing</i>
Friendship & Collusion Among Lusakan Fruit and Vegetable Sellers	<i>Surveys Completed</i>
When Technology Meets Necessity: A Field Experiment on Digital versus Traditional Humanitarian Aid Distribution (with Michael Findley)	<i>WP Available Soon</i>

Full-Time Research Assistant Experience

Pre-Doctoral Fellow LSE, Profs. Camille Landais & Johannes Spinnewijn	2019 - 2020
Pre-Doctoral Fellow LSE, Prof. Nava Ashraf	2018 - 2019

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow (Summer School) – Business Strategy in International Markets, MG206	2024 -
Course Coordinator – MPA & Executive Behavioral Economics, PP452 & EC452E <i>Won an "Excellence in Education Award" for my work in PP452 in 2020</i>	2020 -
Teaching Fellow – Graduate Econometrics, EC402	2022 -
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Introductory Graduate Course in Statistics, EC400	2022 -
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Undergraduate Econometrics, EC1C1 & EC220 <i>Won a Teaching Award for my work in EC1C1 & EC220 in 2022</i>	2021 - 2022
Teaching Fellow – Graduate Macroeconomics, EC413	2018 - 2019

Honors & Awards

Association for Comparative Economic Studies Dissertation Fellowship	2024
SurveyCTO Primary Data Collection Research Grant Honorable Mention	2024
Association for Comparative Economic Studies Research Prize	2023
ESRC PhD Scholarship	2020 - 2024
LSE Economics Department PhD Award	2020 - 2025
LSE Academic Staff Teaching Award	2020 & 2022

Research Grants (\geq £5,000)

ReCIPE PhD Grant (2025): Soft Power Through (Humanitarian) Aid: Evidence from an RCT in Pakistan, £11,000

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (2025): Humanitarian Aid and Its Consequences, \$55,000 (with Michael Callen)

STICERD PhD Grant (2025): Humanitarian Aid and Its Consequences, £5,000

IGC Small Projects Facility (2025): Humanitarian Aid and Its Consequences, ~£20,000

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (2024): Humanitarian Aid and Its Consequences, ~\$94,000 (with Michael Callen)

JPAL Governance Initiative (2024): Humanitarian Aid and Its Consequences, ~\$50,000

IGC Full Research Grant (2024): Can Soil Testing Unlock Agricultural Productivity Gains?, £100,000 (with Gharad Bryan, Konrad Burchardi & Jon de Quidt)

IGC Small Research Grant (2024): Mobile-izing Humanitarian Aid, ~£28,000

STEG PhD Research Grant (2023): Friendship and Collusion Among Lusakan Fruit and Vegetable Sellers, ~£15,000

PEDL Exploratory Grant (2023): Friendship and Collusion Among Lusakan Fruit and Vegetable Sellers, ~£20,000

JPAL Learning for All Initiative (2023): Providing Remote Education to Afghan Girls, ~\$120,000 (with Michael Callen)

STICERD PhD Grant (2023): Providing Remote Education to Afghan Girls, ~£5,000

JPAL Governance Initiative (2023): Political Participation and Legitimacy in Afghanistan, ~\$9,000

IGC SPF (2023): Understanding the Constraints to Agricultural Productivity in Zambia, ~£8,000 (with Thandiwe Ng'ombe & Sharuk Wani)

JPAL Crime and Violence Initiative (2022): Direct Aid to Afghan Women, ~\$41,000 (with Michael Callen, Michael Findley & Tarek Ghani)

Conferences & Seminars

2025 ASSA Annual Meeting, Warwick-LSE PhD Student Political Economy Conference, LSE Political Economy Work-in-Progress, ACES Conference on Political Economy & Development, FAU Development Economics Meeting

2024 NEUDC, ESOC Annual Meeting, European Economic Association Congress, LSE-NYU Political Science & Political Economy Annual Conference, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, German Development Economics Conference,

Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research Conference, LSE Development Work-in-Progress, LSE Political Economy Work-in-Progress

2023 IEA World Congress, PacDev, Applied Young Economist Webinar, LSE Development Work-in-Progress, LSE Political Economy Work-in-Progress

2022 LSE Development Work-in-Progress

Policy Articles

Innovative Data Solutions for Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings 2025
(with Abdilahi Ali, H el ene Donnat Gonzalez Holguera & Sanjana Srivastav)

[Beyond the Storm: Rethinking Climate and Conflict in Fragile States](#) 2025
(with H el ene Donnat Gonzalez Holguera)

[Understanding the Constraints to Agricultural Productivity in Zambia](#) 2024
(with Christian Teschemacher, Thandiwe Ng'ombe & Shahrukh Wani)

Professional Service

Referee Service: *Review of Economic Studies*, *Economica*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Economic Development & Cultural Change*, *Experimental Economics*, *Econom a Institucional*

Conference Organiser: [Environmental Populism Conference \(LSE, 2025\)](#)

Personal Details

Languages: Spanish, English and German

Citizenship: Colombia, Germany, UK