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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor, immigration, corporate finance, applied microeconomics, inequality, history.

EDUCATION

University College London 2022-present

- PhD in Economics (MPhil awarded in 2023).
- Supervisors: Christian Dustmann, Uta Schönberg.
- Elective modules: Empirical Methods for the Study of the Labor Market; Financial Intermediation Theory; Firm Dynamics; Topics in Applied Economics; Topics in Empirical Finance.

University College London 2021-2022

- MRes in Economics (1st year of PhD), distinction.
- Average module grade: 82/100.
- Dissertation: “The Wage Effects of Immigration in Boom Times: Evidence from Germany’s ‘Golden Decade’”; supervisor: Christian Dustmann; grade: 80/100.

Queen Mary University of London and University College London 2020-2021

- MA in the History of Political Thought and Intellectual History, distinction.
- Average module grade: 76/100.
- Dissertation: “*Hay, Yabancı, Mensch*: National Difference and Multinational Society in the Political Thought of Armenian Workers from Turkey in Postwar Germany”; supervisor: Dina Gusejnova; grade: 74/100.

University College London 2019-2020

- MSc in Economics, distinction.
- Average module grade: 89/100.
- Dissertation: “The Impact of Immigration along the Distribution of Native Wages: Evidence from Germany in the 2000s”; supervisor: Christian Dustmann; grade: 82/100.

Princeton University 2013-2017

- BA in History, summa cum laude.
- Grade point average: 3.95/4.
- Dissertation: “The Age of Extremes in Colonial Context: The Mass Politics of Left and Right in the Department of Alger, 1935-1939”; supervisor: Anson Rabinbach; grade: A.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Immigration and Firm Investment (job market paper).
- Immigration and Labor Market Tightness (with Thomas Cornelissen, Christian Dustmann, and Uta Schönberg).
- High-Net-Worth Individuals, Private Investments, and Inequality (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Vrinda Mittal).
- Climate Adaptation Technologies and Emigration (with Marco Castelluccio, Anton Reinicke, and Yasuka Tateishi).
- High-Speed Internet Access and School Performance (with Clara von Bismarck-Osten and Urs Maier).

TEACHING

University College London

- Economic History (undergraduate module taught by Ramin Nassehi). 2024-2025
- Topics in Labor Economics (graduate module taught by Christian Dustmann). 2023-2024
- Economics of the Public Sector (undergraduate module taught by Silvia Dal Bianco/Lucas Conwell). 2022-2023

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellowship (\$10,000). 2024
- Stone Centre at UCL External Research Support Grant (£50,000). 2023
- University College London Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences Dean's List. 2020, 2022
- University College London Department of Economics MSc Prize, for the top-performing student. 2020
- University College London Department of Economics Outstanding Dissertation Prize. 2020
- Marshall Scholarship (£90,000). 2019
- Phi Beta Kappa Society. 2017
- Gamma Kappa Alpha National Italian Honor Society. 2017
- Princeton University Department of History Laurence Hutton Prize, for the top-performing student. 2017
- Princeton University Department of History Walter Phelps Hall Prize, for the best thesis on Europe. 2017
- Princeton University Department of French André Maman Prize, for an outstanding thesis on France. 2017

PRESENTATIONS

- EU Tax Observatory Workshop on the Economics of Taxation. 3 June 2025
- European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting. 30 May 2025
- Lake District Workshop in Corporate Finance. 8 May 2025
- RFBerlin Migration Forum. 13 March 2025
- Asian and Australasian Society of Labor Economics Conference. 13 December 2024
- Madrid Public Economics Workshop. 6 September 2024
- RFBerlin-CReAM Summer Workshop 30 August 2024
- University College London Department of Economics PhD Seminar. 3 May 2024
- University College London Department of Economics PhD Seminar. 29 September 2023
- University College London Department of Economics PhD Seminar. 3 March 2023
- London Inequality Workshop. 9 February 2023
- Princeton University Near Eastern Studies Program Turkish Language Talk. 22 April 2022
- 12th Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought. 25 June 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, Research Officer November 2020 to present

- Disseminate the research group's latest publications and working papers on social media platforms.
- Contributed to case studies on the Ukrainian refugee crisis and irregular migration to the United Kingdom.

BlackRock Solutions, Portfolio Analytics Group, Analyst July 2017 to August 2019

- Oversaw the testing and release of new models for projecting the cash flows of asset-backed securities, fitting yield curves for sovereign and interbank lending markets, and valuing exotic derivatives.
- Developed Python and R scripts to deliver risk and performance analytics to investment teams.
- Designed and taught lessons on the fundamentals of fixed income analytics to train new analysts and interns.

BlackRock Solutions, Portfolio Analytics Group, Intern June 2016 to July 2016

- Automated an analysis of the projected impact of the annual rebalancing of stock indices on investment portfolios.
- Created an R Shiny application to display and visualize data on liquidity risk in corporate bond markets.

Predata, Analyst Intern March 2016 to May 2016

- Constructed datasets of political events in Europe for use in the estimation of geopolitical risk models.

European Roma Rights Centre, Legal Intern July 2015 to August 2015

- Created an online tool to facilitate the reporting of hate crimes against Roma in France and Italy.
- Authored memoranda on British, French, and Italian laws related to police brutality.

SKILLS

- **Technical Skills:** Stata, Python, R, MATLAB, SQL, LaTeX, Microsoft Office.
- **Languages:** English, Armenian, Turkish (native); French (proficient); Italian (intermediate); German (beginner).

PREDOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

- Workers' Demonstrations and Liberals' Condemnations: The Italian Liberal Press's Coverage of General Strikes, Factory Occupations, and Workers' Self-Defense Groups during the Rise of Fascism, 1919-1922. *Chicago Journal of History*, [Issue 6](#), Spring 2016, pp. 29-43.
- The Sanders Offensive. *The Princeton Progressive*, [Issue 7](#), May 2016, p. 9.
- Recalibrating Progressivism. *The Princeton Progressive*, [Issue 6](#), November 2015, pp. 3-4, 17.

OTHER PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH

- Before Class Struggle: Inequality in European Political and Economic Thought, 1516-1848.
- Otto Bauer's "National-Evolutionary Politics": Cultural Nationalism as Socialist Strategy in Hapsburg Austria.
- Reinterpreting the Volcker Disinflation: The FOMC's Anti-Inflationary Resolve (or Lack Thereof?), 1979-1980.