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Education

2019-Present	University of Warwick: PhD in Economics Research Interests: <i>Macroeconomics; Political Economy; Development Economics</i>
2017-2019	University of Warwick: Master of Research in Economics <i>With Distinction. Graduated 2nd Overall.</i> Dissertation: “ <i>Economic Reforms and Business Cycles: New Evidence Using Worldwide Newspaper Data</i> ”
2016-2017	University of Cambridge: MPhil in Economic Research <i>With Distinction. Graduated 2nd Overall.</i> Dissertation: “ <i>The Impact of Uncertainty on Production, Investment, and Productivity in the UK: The Case of Brexit</i> ”
2013-2016	University of Warwick: BSc (Honours) in Economics First Class Degree (95 th Percentile) Dissertation: “ <i>The Reversal of Fortunes: Re-Assessing Acemoglu Johnson Robinson (2002) Using New Colonial Data</i> ”

Work Experience

Jan 2022 – Present	Lead Economic Analyst, Bank of England <i>Work in Structural Economics Division on policy and research projects relating to corporate sector and firm behaviour</i>
2020 – Present	PhD Student Affiliate, CAGE Research Centre
Sep 2020 – Dec 2020	PhD Internship at Bank of England <i>Work in Structural Economics Division on research project analysing business-level survey data</i>

March 2020-Present	Copy-Editor at CEPR's VoxEU and VoxDev
August 2018-June 2021	Consultant at World Bank <i>Work on effects of election shocks and economic reforms with Chief Economist of MENA region</i>
2015-2020	Research Assistant in Warwick Department of Economics 1. Research Leader: Dr. Luigi Pascali <i>Work as part of trade and globalization project – conducted institutional analysis for former colonies</i> 2. Research Leaders: Dr. Luigi Pascali; Dr. Dennis Novy; Dr. Natalie Chen <i>Work in the area of international trade during the nineteenth century – compiled a large dataset of trade patterns</i> 3. Research Leaders: Prof. Sascha Becker; Dr. Thiemo Fetzer <i>Work on multiple projects that involve data collection, web scraping, OCR, preparation of data for research, geo-coding, matching multiple datasets, and data analysis</i>

Published Work

1. "[Persecution, pogroms, and genocide: A conceptual framework and new evidence](#)" (joint with Sascha O. Becker and Sharun Mukand), *Explorations in Economic History* 86, 101471.
2. "[Firm inflation expectations in quantitative and text data](#)" (joint with Lena Anayi, Nick Bloom, Philip Bunn, Paul Mizen, Özgen Öztürk, and Greg Thwaites), *VoxEU.org*, 8 December 2022.
3. "[The impact of the war in Ukraine on economic uncertainty](#)" (joint with Lena Anayi, Nick Bloom, Philip Bunn, Paul Mizen, and Greg Thwaites), *VoxEU.org*, 16 April 2022.
4. "[Two years on, how has the pandemic affected businesses in the UK?](#)" (joint with Lena Anayi, Nick Bloom, Philip Bunn, Paul Mizen, and Greg Thwaites), *Economics Observatory*, 31 March 2022.
5. "[What matters to firms? New insights from survey text comments](#)" (joint with Nick Bloom, Philip Bunn, Paul Mizen, Pawel Smietanka, and Greg Thwaites), *Bank Underground*, 20 April 2021.

Working Papers

1. "[Firming up price inflation](#)" (joint with Phil Bunn, Lena Anayi, Nick Bloom, Paul Mizen, and Greg Thwaites), NBER Working Paper, September 2022.
 - a. Coverage: [VoxEU](#)

2. “[From #Hashtags to Legislation : Engagement and Support for Economic Reforms in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries](#)” (joint with Rabah Arezki, Oussama Belmejdoub, Bilal Diab, Samira Kalla, Ha Nguyen, and Abdulla Saif), World Bank Working Paper, June 2022.
3. “[The Political Costs of Oil Price Shocks](#)” (joint with Rabah Arezki, Simeon Djankov, and Ha Nguyen), CESifo Working Paper, May 2022.
4. “[Reversal of Fortune for Political Incumbents after Oil Shocks](#)” (joint with Rabah Arezki, Simeon Djankov, and Ha Nguyen), CAGE Working Paper, June 2021.
Coverage: [VoxEU](#)
5. “[Reform Chatter and Democracy](#)” (joint with Rabah Arezki, Simeon Djankov, and Ha Nguyen), World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 9319, July 2020.
Coverage: [VoxEU](#)

Work in Progress

1. “Rescuing the Hopeless” (joint with Sascha O. Becker and Sharun Mukand)
2. “Skill Traps and Regional Divergence” (joint with Raghav Malhotra)
3. “Electoral Surprises and Business Cycles” (joint with Thiemo Fetzer)

Scholarships and Grants

2019-Present	ESRC Midlands Graduate School DTP Studentship (3.5 Years)
2017-2019	Warwick Economics Department MRes Scholarship
2016-2017	Cambridge Faculty of Economics MPhil Bursary

Teaching Experience

2019	Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (MRes Year 1 Module)
2018	Advanced Econometric Theory (MRes Year 1 Module)

Seminars and Conference Presentations

2022	Bank of Canada (September); Lille-Reading Workshop on International Finance (November)
2021	Monash-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop (February); Monash-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop (August)
2020	Bank of England Summer Interns Workshop (September)

Additional Experience

2020-Present	Co-organiser of Applied Young Economist Webinar Awarded the Monash-Warwick Alliance Connections Fund grant in May 2021
2019	Participant at VSAE Econometric Game (University of Warwick team)
2017-2018	President – Warwick Economics Exchange
2016	International Conference of Undergraduate Research – Presentation of Undergraduate Dissertation
2015	GRE General Test (Raw Score/Percentile) Quantitative: 168/95 Verbal: 161/88 Analytical Writing: 5.0/93

Additional Qualifications

Languages	English: Fluent Spanish: DELE Level B2 (Achieved 2013) Bulgarian: Native
IT Skills	MS Office (proficient), Stata (proficient), OmniPage (proficient), Python (advanced), Matlab (intermediate), R (intermediate); Qualtrics (intermediate); Git/GitHub (intermediate)
Refereeing	European Journal of Political Economy, Bulletin of Economic Research

Academic References

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