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Citizenship: Germany and United States

Employment:

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University College London 2023–

Other Appointments:

Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies 2023–

Research Affiliate, RFBerlin 2026–

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2023

Committee: Costas Arkolakis, Michael Peters, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Orazio Attanasio

M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2020

M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2018

B.S., Quantitative Economics, Tufts University, 2016

Summa Cum Laude with Highest Thesis Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Fields of Concentration:

Primary: Development Economics and International Trade

Secondary: Urban and Spatial Economics

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards:

UCL Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences Education Award 2025

Sylff Fellowship, Yale Economic Growth Center 2020–2022

Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University 2022

Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University 2017–2023

Linda Datcher Loury Award, Tufts Department of Economics 2016

Charles G. Bluhdorn Prize, Tufts Department of Economics 2016

Daniel Ounjian Prize, Tufts Department of Economics	2015
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Undergraduate Scholarship	2014
Gilman Scholarship	2014
Neubauer Scholarship, Tufts University	2012–2016

Research Grants:

J-PAL Africa Water Air and Energy Lab Grant	2026
<i>Measuring the Impact of Cape Town's Shayela Smart Minibus Taxi Reform</i>	
IGC Small Projects Facility Grant	2025
<i>Constraints to Minibus Taxi Service</i>	
STEG Large Research Grant	2025
<i>Urban Transport, Housing Supply, and Gentrification</i>	
IGC Small Research Grant	2024
<i>Minibuses or Pickup Trucks? Informal Transit Technology Adoption in Maputo</i>	
Stone Centre at UCL Internal Research Support Grant	2023
Sylff Research Award, Yale Economic Growth Center	2022
Ph.D. Dissertation Research Grant, Yale Economic Growth Center	2022
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Yale MacMillan Center	2019

Teaching Experience:

Economics of the Public Sector (BSc, <i>Lecturer</i>), University College London	2023-2024
International Trade (BSc, <i>Lecturer</i>), University College London	2023-2025
Intermediate Microeconomics (BA, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>), Yale University	2023
Intermediate Macroeconomics (BA, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>), Yale University	2019-2021
International Economics (BA, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>), Yale University	2020

Working Papers:

“Schooled by Trade? Retraining and Import Competition” with John Finlay and Trevor Williams (April 2026)

“Who is helped by Help to Buy schemes?” with Bee Boileau and Peter Levell (April 2026)

“Privatized Provision of Public Transit” (March 2026)

Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Political Economy (2nd Round)

“Transportation Infrastructure and City-Center Accessibility in the US and Europe” with Fabian Eckert and Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak (July 2023)

Seminar and Conference Presentations:

2023 University of Cologne, Bocconi University, Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, University of Bristol, Hertie School, University College London, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, NBER Economics of Infrastructure Investment: Public Transportation Conference, Urban Economics Association European Meeting (Milan), NBER SI 2023 Urban Economics, Asian Development Bank Conference

on Infrastructure and Urban Development in the Developing World, European Economic Association Annual Congress (Barcelona), Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (Toronto), Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics, Toulouse School of Economics

2024 Transportation and Public Utilities Group Session at ASSA, CRED Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics (Bern), World Bank Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference, BREAD @ UCSD, German Development Economics Conference (Hannover), UCL Applied Micro Research Day, PSE Cities, Infrastructure, and the Environment Workshop, Urban Economics Association European Meeting (Copenhagen), Berlin Quantitative Spatial Economics Seminar, University of Wisconsin Emerging Scholars Conference, CESifo / ifo Workshop on Big Data in Urban and Regional Economics, LSE Environment Week

2025 STEG Annual Conference, University of Oslo, Urban Economics Association European Meeting (Berlin), IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development WiP Seminar, EAYE Annual Meeting (London), World Bank Urbanisation and Development Conference, CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium, Verein für Socialpolitik Regional and Urban Economics Committee Annual Meeting, World Bank ieConnect-High Volume Transport Webinar, Harvard Cities and Development Mini-Conference

2026 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Spatial Inequality Conference

Discussions:

2025 NBER Transportation Networks and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity Conference

Referee Service:

Econometrica, The Economic Journal, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Labour Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, European Transport Research Review

Languages:

English (native), German (native), French (fluent)