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As an economist with a strong foundation in macroeconomic research and forecasting, I leverage advanced econometric techniques to interpret global economic trends and inform strategic insights. With both a master's and a bachelor's degree in economics, I am now seeking to further my research in economics within the field of artificial intelligence, data science and macroeconomics.

## EDUCATION

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**Economics (MSc.), UCL** 2022 - 2023

- Distinction including a distinction in my dissertation (83%).
- The dissertation titled *Spreading the news; how central banks transmit narrative through the print media* used machine learning to estimate how sentiment is conveyed from the central bank via the media to financial markets.
- Courses: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Dissertation, Topics in Money & Finance, Time-Series Econometrics, Macroeconomic policy, Machine Learning for Economics.

**Economics (BSc.), University of Bristol** 2019 - 2022

- First class with honours including a first class in my dissertation (71%).
- The Applied Economics Dissertation researched the causal effect of inequality on growth.
- Courses: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Econometrics, Applied Economics Dissertation, Growth & Development, Applied Microeconomics, Data Science, Behavioural Economics, Public Economics.

## EXPERIENCE

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**Economist** Sep 2023 - Present  
[Oxford Economics](#) London, UK

- An economist in the Eurozone macro team. Working on research and forecasting our Eurozone outlook.
- OECD country economist responsible for the macro forecast and research of Israel.
- Energy economist covering the oil, gas, electricity, and coal markets. Responsible for setting our energy market forecasts for all our services in conjunction with our global macro outlook. Primarily, I am responsible for our oil & gas price forecasts as well as their market fundamentals and balances.
- Consumer goods economist in the Industry team, responsible for forecasting and research in the sector.

**LNG Analyst** Jun 2022 - Aug 2022  
[Wood Mackenzie](#) London, UK

- 9-week summer internship in the liquified natural gas (LNG) & assets team.

**LNG Analyst** Jun 2021 - Aug 2021  
[Wood Mackenzie](#) London, UK

- 10-week summer internship in the short-term liquified natural gas (LNG) team.
- Produced a price regression model to understand the indexation of LNG contracts to Brent.

**Year in Industry (YINI) student** Sep 2018 - Aug 2019  
[Quod](#) London, UK

- I worked in the Socio-economic team that consults on the socio-economic impacts of developments and infrastructure projects and on how to mitigate the effects.

## COMPETITIONS

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**FocusEconomics Forecast Awards 2025** 07.2025  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** for the Israel exchange rate forecast in 2024 London, UK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Investing:** I actively manage my private investment portfolio with a focus on long-term value investing
- Skills:** Presenting, Leadership, Macroeconomic data, Research, HAVER
- Coding:** Excel, Python, R, QGIS, HTML, CSS, STATA, EViews and  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- Blog:** I write a blog called [The Economics Book Club](#)