

# SAMUEL BAKST

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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 the Eurozone macro 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 the energy market forecasts for all services in conjunction with the global macro outlook. Primarily responsible for the 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](#)