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## EDUCATION

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University of St Andrews, Ph.D. Economics	2022–2026 (Expected)
University of St Andrews, M.Sc. Economics	2020–2021
KU Leuven, M.Sc Statistics (EMOS), Non-Degree Seeking Student	2019–2020
University of Aberdeen, M.A. (Hons) Business Management & Economics	2015–2019
City University of Hong Kong, Exchange Programme	2016–2017

## REFERENCES

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

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**Primary:** Innovation, Law & Economics  
**Secondary:** Information Economics

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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**Patent Fees and Legal Status among SMEs: Evidence from the America Invents Act**  
*I examine how the introduction of lower patent fees for micro entities has affected the outcome of applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I exploit the America Invents Act as a natural experiment to conduct a matched difference-in-difference estimation based on a sample of applications filed by small and micro entities between 2010 and 2014. I find that, post-reform, micro entities significantly reduced the quality of their applications and were 37.36 percentage points less likely to be granted a patent. By retrospectively examining the effects of lower fees on micro entities, this research aims to draw practical implications for the design of future statutory fees.*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**How Does Trademark Law Affect Opposability? Evidence from Europe**  
**Evolution in the Wine Industry: A Patent Mining Approach**  
**Persuasion and Norm Persistence**

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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Young Scholar Award Runner-Up, EPIP 2025, Antwerp, BE	September 2025
RES Scholar 2025, Birmingham, UK	July 2025
Shortlisted for <i>AsLEA</i> Best Paper Award for Junior Scholars, Hong Kong, CN	May 2025
RES PhD Conference Travel Grant, Portsmouth, UK	December 2024
Top Three Presentations AAWE 2024, Lausanne, CH	July 2024
SGSSS-ESRC Funded Studentship Award, University of St Andrews, UK	June 2022
Dean's List Award, University of St Andrews, UK	September 2021

## PRESENTATIONS

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2025	Brown Bag Seminar, St Andrews, UK; EPIP 2025, University of Antwerp, BE; <i>AsLEA</i> Annual Conference 2025, Hong Kong, CN; RES Annual Conference 2025, Birmingham, UK; AAWE Annual Conference 2025, San Luis Obispo, US; Fife Applied Microeconomics and Game Theory Conference 2025, Crail, UK; Applied Microeconomics Meeting, University of St Andrews, UK; Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society, Glasgow, UK; 3rd Essex PhD Economics Conference, Colchester, UK; RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics, Dortmund, DE; 2025 SGPE Conference, Crieff, UK
2024	Rethinking Economic Theory International Workshop, Athens, GR; RES PhD Conference, Portsmouth, UK; Brown Bag Seminar, St Andrews, UK; GAMES 2024, Beijing, CN; AAWE Annual Conference 2024, Lausanne, CH; RES Annual Conference 2024, Belfast, UK; PhD Presentation and Networking, The Alan Turing Institute, London, UK; 2024 SGPE Conference, Crieff, UK
2023	First-Year Mini Conference, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

## REFEREEING ACTIVITY

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*63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2025)*

## TEACHING

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<b>Topics in Microeconomics</b>	September 2023 - Present
<i>Private Tutor</i>	
<b>Essentials of Econometrics</b>	September 2023 - Present
<i>Private Tutor</i>	
<b>Applications of Econometrics</b>	September 2023 - Present
<i>Private Tutor</i>	
<b>Economics 1</b>	September - December 2023
<i>TA for Dr Sean Brocklebank</i>	
<i>Average teaching evaluation of 4.5 on a 5 point scale</i>	

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Citizenship:** Italy, UK Settled Status

**Programming:** C++, Git/GitHub, MATLAB, Python, R, Stata, SAS, SQL

**Languages:** Italian (L1), English (C2), German (B2), Mandarin Chinese (A1)