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RESEARCH FIELDS	Economics of Innovation, Law and Economics, Information Economics	
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EDUCATION	University of St Andrews , St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom Ph.D. Candidate, Economics August 2022 – Present • Supervisors: Prof Andy Zapechelnyuk, Prof David A. Jaeger, Dr Min Zhang M.Sc. Economics September 2020 – November 2021 Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) , Leuven, Belgium M.Sc. Statistics September 2019 – January 2020 • Non-Degree Seeking Student University of Aberdeen , Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom M.A. (Hons) Business Management and Economics September 2015 – June 2019 City University of Hong Kong , Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, China • International Exchange Programme August 2016 – May 2017	
RESEARCH	Patent Fees and Legal Status among SMEs: Evidence from the America Invents Act Abstract: <i>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 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 39.33 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.</i>	

WORK IN PROGRESS	Persuasion and Norm Persistence How Does Trademark Law Affect Opposability? Evidence from Europe Evolution in the Wine Industry: A Patent Mining Approach	
GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS	RES Scholar 2025, Birmingham, UK	July 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
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Economics 1 <i>TA for Dr Sean Brocklebank</i> Average teaching evaluation of 4.5 on a 5 point scale Topics in Microeconomics <i>Private Tutor</i> Essentials of Econometrics <i>Private Tutor</i> Applications of Econometrics <i>Private Tutor</i>	September - December 2023 September 2023 - Present September 2023 - Present September 2023 - Present
PRESENTATIONS	2025 RES Annual Conference 2025, Birmingham, UK; AAWE Annual Conference 2025, San Luis Obispo, US; Fife Applied Microeconomics and Golf 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	
REFEREING ACTIVITY	<i>63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2025)</i>	
OTHER ACTIVITIES	Fourth Ireland Masterclass in Health Economics, Cork, Ireland ICME Summer Workshop 2023, Stanford University, Remote Summer School on Algorithmic Game Theory, City University of Hong Kong, China SGPE PhD Summer School 2023, University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, UK	March 2024 August 2023 June 2023 May 2023
OTHER SKILLS	Programming: C++, Git/GitHub, MATLAB, Python, R, Stata, SAS, SQL Processing: L ^A T _E X, Microsoft Office Package Language: Italian (Native), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (Novice)	