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### University of Cambridge | BA Hons. Economics

Oct. 2017 - Jul. 2020

Double First-Class Honours (1:1); awarded A.R. Prest Prize and dissertation ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>/160 in cohort

#### Academic Experience

### Future of Humanity Institute (University of Oxford) | Research Scholar

Apr. 2021 – Present

- Predoctoral position to conduct interdisciplinary research on topics related to longtermism and existential risk; also auditing D/MPhil courses in Econometrics, Advanced Maths, and Social Network Analysis
- Projects have included: Worked under Dr. Cotton-Barratt on the Truthful AI Project; reviewed literature on Social Discount Rates; distilled policy projects and recommendations from longtermist research

# Oxford Martin School (University of Oxford) | Research Assistant

Worked under Dr Ives to model the endogenous change of renewable technologies; examined bias in IAMs, wrote report chapters for UK-China Cooperation on Climate Change, and built web-tools (Python)

#### Professional Activities

## Hear This Idea | Co-Host

Oct. 2019 - Present

- Run a podcast interviewing academics and leaders in Effective Altruism; produced 30+ episodes including with Jeffrey Sachs (Columbia), Peter Singer (Princeton), and Bruce Friedrich (Good Food Institute)
- In top 5% of global podcast rankings and reached #11 on Apple's UK Social Sciences Chart; awarded funding by Centre for Effective Altruism to highlight issues in climate change and animal welfare

# UK Government Office for Artificial Intelligence | Policy Advisor

Jul. 2021 - Present

Helping to draft the UK's National AI Strategy, reporting recommendations and insights directly to the Head of Strategy & International; focus on international frameworks and global cooperation

# Simon Institute for Longterm Governance | Research Affiliate

Supporting work to inform UN policymakers about mitigating global catastrophic risks; mapping out sustainability concepts and links to longtermism, as well as identifying key actors and policy mechanisms

# Berkman Klein Center (Harvard University) | Summer Institute

One of 23 graduates invited to a four-week seminar series on AI policy and governance; collaborated on a project about facial recognition, conducting sentiment analysis on statements from key stakeholders (R)

## SoGive | Charity Analyst

Jun. 2020 – Aug. 2020

Reviewed evidence on deworming interventions in East Africa and made impact assessments for 14 charities to quantify their cost-effectiveness, reporting these insights directly to the CEO

### Cambridge Development Initiative | Research Director

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2019

- Coordinated an international team of nine researchers for a registered NGO operating in Tanzania, doubling the output of working papers and fostering partnerships with the College of Business Education
- Created an impact evaluation report during two months of fieldwork in Dar es-Salaam, which directly helped increase the number of beneficiaries by 200%; appointed interim Project Director

### Working Papers

## Self-reinforcing Corruption: Evidence from the MPs' Expenses Scandal (with J. Shvets) Work In Progress

Models of self-reinforcing corruption have been influential in describing corruption traps. However, there is a lack of evidence regarding their underlying mechanisms. This dissertation tests for one such mechanism, peer effects, using data on the 2009 MPs' expenses scandal, which I collected for this purpose. We use the influx of newly elected MPs in 2005 to construct a novel IV that addresses the reflection problem. We find some evidence of peer effects, which mainly operate through geographical networks. There is also initial evidence of asymmetric influence: The behaviour of senior party officials and worst offenders has a bigger impact than others

A new perspective on decarbonising the global energy system (with M. Ives et al.)

Oxford: Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford. Report No. 21-04. (2021)

Institutions for the Long Run: Taking Future Generations Seriously (with F. Moorhouse)

The Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art Vol. 1 (2021)

Towards Truthful Artificial Intelligence (with O. Cotton-Barratt et al.)

Future of Humanity Institute, University of Oxford. Technical Report (forthcoming)

### Non-Academic Experience

#### Deutsche Bahn AG | Data Analyst Intern

Aug. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Optimized procurement contracts to help my department identify 120m€ in cost-savings during Covid-19; created business intelligence tools (VBA) and dashboards (Tableau) that are used by senior management

### Oliver Wyman | Consulting Intern

Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019

Advised an international financial institution on developing local debt markets in emerging economies; helped a major insurance firm plan a five-year growth strategy and built a revenue forecast model (Excel)

### McKinsey & Company Discover Programme

Apr. 2019

Three-day spring insight to develop problem-solving and interpersonal skills via workshops and case studies

### OTHER ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)

### May Week Alternative | College Representative

Jan. 2020 – Jul. 2020

Ran campus and social media outreach to encourage students to celebrate the post-exam period by donating to the Anti-Malaria Foundation, collectively raising £100,000+

# Cambridge Students Union | Access Volunteer

Oct. 2017 - Jul. 2020

Top fundraiser in Christ's Telephone-Campaign, individually raising £75,000+ for the Student Support Fund; mentored applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds and organised college/faculty tours

## Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism | President

Mar. 2018 – Mar. 2019

Led the largest social-science student society in Cambridge, managing a committee of 12 to scale membership by 30%, organise 25+ events, and introduce a 50-50 gender balance of guest speakers

#### SKILLS

- Coding: STATA (advanced); R (intermediate); Python (proficient); HTML (proficient)
- Software: Excel (advanced), Tableau (advanced); LaTeX(advanced); Adobe CS (proficient)
- Languages: English (native); German (native); Italian (beginner)

### References

References are available upon request