

# LUKAS B. FREUND

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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Economics, Boston College	2025 -
<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> , Economics Division, Columbia University Business School	2024/2025

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Affiliated Research Fellow</b> , Janeway Institute, University of Cambridge	2024/2025
<b>Research Affiliate</b> , CESifo Research Network	2025-
<b>Research Affiliate</b> , Rockwool Foundation Berlin	2025-

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD Economics</b> , University of Cambridge Advisor: Vasco Carvalho	2018 - 2024
<b>MPhil Economics</b> , University of Oxford Distinction and prize for best thesis	2016 - 2018
<b>BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics</b> , University of Oxford (Balliol College) Double first-class honours	2012 - 2015

## WORKING PAPERS & WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

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### Superstar Teams

*Econometrica* - revise & resubmit  
*Econ JM Best Paper Award*, European Economic Association/Unicredit Foundation

**Job Transformation, Specialization, and the Labor Market Effects of AI** (with L. Mann)  
*Minneapolis Fed OIGI WP No. 114*

**Firms as Foragers** (with V. Carvalho)

**The Talent Bottleneck to Firm Growth and the Productivity Effects of AI** (with T. Ifergane)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**The Risk-Premium Channel of Uncertainty** (with H. Lee & P. Rendahl)  
*Review of Economic Dynamics*, Vol. 51, pp. 117-137, 2023

**Volatile Hiring: Uncertainty in Search and Matching Models** (with W. Den Haan & P. Rendahl)  
*Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 123, pp. 1-18, 2021

**Workers, Capitalists, and the Government: Fiscal Policy and Income (Re)Distribution** (with C. Cantore)  
*Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 119, pp. 58-74, 2021

## VISITING POSITIONS

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<b>Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank</b> , OIGI Visiting Scholar	Mar. 2026
<b>UC Berkeley</b> , Economics Department	Apr. 2025
<b>Princeton University</b> , Procter Visiting Fellow/PhD student	2022/2023
<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> , Visiting PhD student	2021/2022
<b>OECD</b> , Research intern & external consultant	Jul. 2021-Dec.2023
<b>Bank of England</b> , Academic visitor	2020

## PRESENTATIONS

*Including scheduled, \*denotes select coauthor presentations*

**AY 2025/2026.** *Seminars:* Boston University, Harvard Kennedy School (Growth Lab), Harvard (Econ), IMF, Minneapolis Fed, HEC Paris, OECD, Collège de France, Monash, Melbourne U, UNSW, U Sidney. *Conferences:* Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference, NBER EFG Fall Meeting 2025, Philadelphia Junior Macro Workshop 2025, NBER Labor Studies Fall Meeting 2025\*, NBER Digital Economics and AI Spring Meeting 2026, St. Louis Fed Macro-Labor Conference

**AY 2024/2025.** *Seminars:* Columbia (2×), Western, UNC Chapel Hill, Uppsala, Copenhagen U, BI Norwegian Business School, McGill Macro Lunch, Stony Brook, NYU Macro Lunch, UC Davis Macro Lunch. *Conferences:* NBER Organizational Economics Fall Meeting, German Economists Abroad Meeting, Philadelphia Workshop on Macroeconomics and Economic Policy, BSE Summer Forum, SED\*

**AY 2023/2024.** *Job market:* LMU, Bocconi, UCL, IIES, CREi, UPE, Toronto, Michigan, Boston College, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, ASU. *Seminars:* Bonn, Leuven, Edinburgh. *Conferences:* CEPR Annual Meeting of the Macroeconomics and Growth programme, Minneapolis Fed Junior Scholar Conference, Bristol Macro Workshop, EES Workshop on ‘New Developments in the Macroeconomics of Labor Markets’, BSE Summer Forum, SED, NBER Summer Institute (Macro Perspectives)

**Up to 2023.** *Seminars:* Harvard Growth Lab, University of Aarhus, Institut für Makroökonomie und Konjunkturforschung, OECD, Bank of England. *Conferences:* CRC TR 224 Workshop on Labor Markets III, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference 2022, 17<sup>th</sup> Swiss Economists Abroad Conference, 2021 Meetings of the Royal Economic Society, Nuffield Centre for Applied Macro Policy 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Nordic Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics (discussant), Int. Association for Applied Econometrics Conference

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Refereeing

*Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ: Macro, Economica, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

### Other service activities

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Co-organizer, Workshop on “The Macro & Labor Market Consequences of AI”	2025
Co-coordinator, Applicant Mentoring Programme (Cambridge)	2021-2023
PhD student representative, Cambridge Faculty of Economics	2021
Co-convenor, Cambridge Macro Reading Group	2020 & 2021
Co-organizer, Heterogeneity and Monetary Policy after COVID-19 Mini Conference	Nov. 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Boston College**, Lecturer

- Macroeconomic Theory I (1/2 semester), PhD 1<sup>st</sup> year Fall 2025
- Topics in Macro (1/2 semester), PhD 2<sup>nd</sup> year Fall 2025
- Macroeconomics of Inequality (elective), undergraduate Fall 2025

**Computational Tools for Macroeconomists Summer School**, Teaching Assistant 2020, 2022

**University of Cambridge**, Undergraduate Supervisor 2018 - 2020  
Intermediate macroeconomics (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate)

## GRANTS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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**U.S-Israel Binational Science Foundation**, grant No. 2024109 2025-2029  
~ \$320,000, "Firm Growth: Understanding the Role of Skill and Teams" (co-PI, with Tomer Ifergane; linked statement)

**Keynes Fund Research Grant**, University of Cambridge 2024  
~ £38,000, "Firms as Foragers" (co-PI, with Vasco Carvalho)

**Keynes Fund Research Grant**, University of Cambridge 2021  
~ £9,000, "Superstar Teams" (PI)

**Procter Fellowship to Princeton University**, Procter Fund 2021  
Awarded in 2021; visit delayed to AY 2022/2023 due to COVID-19 pandemic

**Gates Scholarship**, Gates Cambridge Trust 2018

**Short-listed for Examination Fellowship**, All Souls College Oxford 2018

**George Webb Medley Prize** (best MPhil Economics thesis), University of Oxford 2018

**Klaus Murmann Scholarship**, Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft 2013 - 2015 & 2016-2020

**James Hall Scholarship**, Balliol College Oxford 2013

## PUBLIC WRITING & NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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**Wait and See: The Labour Market Implications of Economic Uncertainty** (with W. Den Haan and P. Rendahl)  
*VoxEU Column, September 2021*

**COVID-Induced Uncertainty: Implications for Unemployment, Inflation, and Policy** (with P. Rendahl)  
*Cambridgnet INET Special Issue, May 2020*

**Banks do not Create Money out of Thin Air** (with P. Rendahl)  
*VoxEU Column, December 2019*

**The Productivity Paradox - A Survey**  
*Dezernat Zukunft, October 2018*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Languages:** German (native), English (native proficiency), French (basic)

**Citizenship:** British, German, Swiss

**REFERENCES**

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