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| Education | Lund University , Lund, Sweden <i>Ph.D. in Economic History</i> | 2025 |
| | Birkbeck College , University of London, UK <i>M.Sc. in Economics</i> | 2018 |
| | Damascus University , Damascus, Syria <i>B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering</i> | 2014 |

Professional Experience

Senior Economist, Historic England
Oct 2025 – Current

Ph.D. Student, School of Economics and Management, Lund University
Oct 2021 – Oct 2025

As part of my doctoral studies, I designed and conducted a research project comprising four papers on regional economic inequality and migrant integration. This work involved extensive use of large-scale census and administrative datasets, as well as the application of advanced econometric and spatial analysis methods. I published two of these papers in peer-reviewed academic journals and presented my findings at international conferences and workshops. The project required managing all stages of the research process - from data acquisition and model development to writing, revision, and dissemination. I also undertook teaching work, including teaching econometric methods and coding in STATA to M.Sc. level students, as well as supervision of BSc student research projects.

Higher Statistical Officer, Department for Transport. United Kingdom.
Oct 2020 – Sep 2021

I worked within the international statistics team with a focus on the UK aviation sector. My responsibilities included managing and maintaining sector-specific databases, conducting statistical and quantitative analyses to inform policymakers, and producing weekly internal reports. I regularly presented findings to internal and external stakeholders and collaborated on the design and dissemination of data products, including visualisations and interactive dashboards tailored to user needs.

Research Coordinator, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie).
United Kingdom.
Oct 2019 - Sep 2020

I worked on the production of systematic reviews and evidence gap maps focused on impact evaluation studies, aimed at informing policymaking in areas such as access to electricity in developing countries and rule of law and justice interventions. I led a small team of quantitative analysts, overseeing tasks including study screening and selection, quantitative data extraction, and quality assurance. The review process involved the use of specialized software such as EPPI-Reviewer to ensure methodological rigour and transparency.

English Language Tutor, Small Projects Istanbul and Addar Community Centre.
Turkey. Aug 2016 – Feb 2017
Intern / Monitoring and Evaluation Team, Tamkeen Project. Istanbul, Turkey.
July 2016 – Dec 2016

Maintenance Engineer, Hakim Brothers Trading & Contracting Company.
Damascus, Syria. June 2013 – Nov 2014

Skills

Software: R, STATA, Python, ArcGIS, Power BI, EPPI-reviewer, Office Suite.