

# Samuel Verevis

ECONOMIST

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## Career Summary

### Economist

Wellington

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (MFAT)

October 2019 — Present

- Leading and working across several different workstreams, to generate valued added analysis, in the form of written papers, dashboards, and recommendations, in-line with the Ministry's strategic goals, as well as collaborating with others and delivering through consultants
- Demonstrate strong analytical capabilities by utilising the Statistics New Zealand Integrated Data Infrastructure, through querying and working across multiple data schema's and large tables to generate innovative firm level analysis, which has cut across multiple projects,
- Worked widely with domestic and international agencies and stakeholders to deliver on projects, such as the CPTPP three year review, the OECD gender and trade working paper, and the Trade and Economic Group priorities,
- Regularly communicated my work, both verbally and written, tailoring findings to audiences so it can be easily understood digested and more impactful.

### Analyst

Wellington

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

April (MSD) 2018 — September 2019

- Worked in-house, collaborating internally amongst colleagues to forecast benefit payments for the yearly government budget as well as providing policy analysts' cost modelling results, which enabled informed decision making on policy changes,
- Regularly servicing time sensitive ad-hoc requests using complicated micro level benefit data to answer Ministry wide questions. Leveraging SAS, SQL and Excel to do so.
- Worked with the Chief Economist to develop a model that more accurately estimated the gender paygap, and presenting these findings to senior leadership.

### Research Assistant

Dunedin

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

January 2018 — March 2018

- Worked on an OECD Human Development Index project, which involved implementing Hierarchical and K-means clustering on survey results, in order to identify sub-population preferences for the three HDI components: Income, Health, and Education.

### Barista

Dunedin

No. 7 BALMAC

October 2014 — November 2017

- Worked as a part-time barista, in a busy and popular cafe, while obtaining my degree at University.

## Education

### Masters of Economics, with distinction

Dunedin

OTAGO UNIVERSITY

2017 – 2018

### Bachelor of Science, Major in Economics, Minor in Psychology

Dunedin

OTAGO UNIVERSITY

2014 – 2016

### NCEA

Wairarapa

RATHKEALE COLLEGE

2007 – 2011

- Level 1, 2, 3

## Skills

### Programming Languages

INTERMEDIATE

- R knowledge, as well as SAS, SQL foundations
- Reporting in RMarkdown, and Git for version control

### Visualisation

BASICS

- Experience with PowerBI for dashboarding
- Experience with R Shiny for producing interactive exploratory apps

### Text Editors

BASICS

- RStudio, Notepad ++, Atom

## Microsoft Office

### PROFICIENT

- Excel, Outlook, OneNote, PowerPoint, Word

## Notable Projects

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### Academic

#### RESEARCH PAPERS

- 'What Has New Zealand Gained from the FTA with China?: A Counterfactual Analysis' with Murat ?ng?r
- Estimating the Ministry of Social Development Gender Pay Gap' with Tim Maloney (Unpublished)

### Insights

#### WORKING PAPERS

- The Productive, Sustainable and Inclusive Trade Channels Framework
- Industry Exposure to Trade - The Trade Opportunities and Risk Model
- Regional summaries - The Trade Opportunities and Risk Model

References available upon request