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Employment

Graduate Lecturer

University College London, Faculty of Laws

London

2023–Present

Research Assistant

Technical University Munich, School of Politics and Public Policy

Munich

Summer 2022

Software Engineer (IV)

Google, Security & Privacy Team

Munich

2016–22

Education

Ph.D. in Law

University College London

2022–Present

Supervised by Ioannis Lianos, Deni Mantzari and David Murrell

Project title: Digital ecosystems and the competitive process

M.Sc. in Politics and Technology (Political Science)

Technical University Munich

2019–22

Grade: 1.3 (distinction)

B.Sc. in Computer Science

University of Manchester

2013–16

Grade: First Class Honours

Publications

Peer reviewed

Google AdTech: Break Up or Break Out? (with Zlatina Georgieva)

Utrecht Law Journal Special Issue on Modern Bigness

2024

"Solutions" are not the answer (with Brian D. Fath and Taha Loghmani)

Frontiers in Sustainability

2024

In review

Error Costs, Platform Regulation, and Democracy (with Spencer Cohen)

Journal of Competition Law and Economics

2024

Other

Reconceiving Big Tech

Concurrences e-Competitions December 2020

2020

Blog Posts

Democracy or Domination (with Spencer Cohen)

Verfassungsblog

Jan 2025

Coordination Across the Channel (with Marina Iskander)

Kluwer Competition Law Blog

Nov 2024

Big Tech is Harming Britain

Comment Central

Sept 2024

Teaching

Competition Law, Regulation and the Intangible Economy

Faculty of Laws, University College London

LLM

Winter term 2023–4

Competition Law and Consumer Protection

Faculty of Laws, University College London

3rd year LLB

Winter & Summer terms 2023–4

Laws Connections, Fake News and Falsehoods

Faculty of Laws, University College London

1st year LLB

Winter term 2023–4

Law, Economics and Society

Faculty of Laws, University College London

3rd year LLB

Winter term 2022–3

Evaluation

In *anonymous feedback forms*, students made the following statements:

- “Definitely one of the best tutors I have had in law school, your dedication is really appreciated! Thanks for your help Todd!” – UCL, Competition Law
- “I thought you were a very approachable tutor who encouraged participation and I also feel like you explained things really clearly!” – UCL, Competition Law
- “Thank you for always explaining complex topics in a succin[c]t way that makes it a lot easier to understand!” – UCL, Competition Law
- “I found Todd’s style very professional, encouraging and informative. He was highly sensitive to the needs of his group, supporting our smooth transition into higher education. Thank you for the great introduction to UCL Laws!” – UCL, Laws Connections (introductory course)

Awards

Mikhalevich Award

Awarded for outstanding work produced during the YSSP program

2025

This award is given to a participant of the Young Scientist Summer Programme (YSSP) programme who produced “outstanding work” during the programme, assessed on the basis of the quality, originality, effectiveness and relevance of their research. The award comes with funding to support another 3-month research stay at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

Research Excellence Scholarship for Cross-disciplinary Training

Full funding to spend a year in the UCL Division of Biosciences

2024–25

This scholarship allows me to spend a year in the UCL Division of Biosciences, where I will work on transplanting theoretical and practical approaches to understanding competition from ecology to competition law.

IIASA Young Scientists Summer Programme Fellow

Funding for a research stay at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

2024

The Young Scientist Summer Programme (YSSP) fellowship funds a three month project with scientists at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) where I applied techniques from ecological science to problems in competition law.

Faculty Research Scholarship

Full funding to study at UCL

2022–26

Awarded to students with an “outstanding academic track record” and an “excellent research proposal”.

Best Student Article

Concurrences Antitrust Writing Awards 2021

“Think Digital” Stipendium

Awarded to students in the Munich with a strong commitment to digital technology 2021

Head of School Prize

University of Manchester, School of Computer Science 2017
Awarded for making an outstanding contribution to the life of the School of Computer Science

Talks/Panels

Error Costs, Platform Regulation, and Democracy

Nov 2024 Article 19, DMA Enforcement: Trends and gaps in the first year of application
Jun 2024 University of Oxford, Competition Law PhD Conference
Jun 2024 University College London, Competition Law and Policy Workshop: A Foresight Approach
Apr 2024 Utrecht University, Power in a Digitalized World and Modern Bigness Conference

Competition Law and the Regulatory Dialectic

Sept 2024 14th Annual Conference in Political Economy, Istanbul Bilgi University

Niche Theory - Towards a Map of the Competitive Playing Field

Jul 2024 University of Würzburg, 19th Conference of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA)
Jun 2024 University of Oxford, Competition Law PhD Conference
May 2024 IIASA, Exploratory Workshop on Complexity Science, Competition Law and Policy

Google AdTech – Break Up or Break Out?

Jan 2024 University of Cambridge, UCL–Cambridge Research Forum on Competition Policy and Economic Regulation
Dec 2023 UK Office of Communications (Ofcom)
Nov 2023 University of East Anglia, Centre for Competition Policy
Nov 2023 Sciences Po
Sep 2023 Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)
Sep 2023 Privacy International
Jul 2021 16th Conference of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA)

Big Platform Debate

Sep 2023 University College London, Faculty of Laws

Computing Competition with Agent-Based Models

Oct 2021 Econophysics Colloquium, 2021 Conference on Complex Systems
Oct 2021 Poster Presentation, 2021 Conference on Complex Systems

Workshops/Programmes

Competition Law and the Technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution Paris
Sciences Po & UCL Dec 2024

Participated in a roundtable with sixteen competition authorities, civil society and other academics in a discussion which primarily focused on the rise of AI (coordination) in markets.

Young Scientists Summer Programme Vienna
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis Jun 2024–Sept 2024

I spent the Summer of 2024 at IIASA working on a project called “Population Ecology as a Lens for Competition Law” supervised by Gergely Boza and Elena Rovenskaya.

Winter Workshop on Complex Systems

Catalonia

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Jan 2024

I led a project which used information theory to empirically determine ‘individuality’ in economic systems.

Law and Political Economy Summer Academy

Rotterdam

Erasmus University, Rotterdam

June 2023

Workshopped a paper entitled ‘Competition Authorities as Gardeners of the Market Economy’.

Winter Workshop on Complex Systems

Amsterdam

University of Amsterdam

Jan 2023

I led a project which used an agent-based model to simulate market evolution under conditions of competition or collusion, and then used network analysis techniques to perform collusion detection.

Legal Priorities Summer Institute

Oxford

Legal Priorities Project, Oxford

Sept 2022

Service

Academic Refereeing

Journal of Competition Law & Economics

2024, 2025

Journal of Law and Political Economy

2023

Supervision

Research Essay Supervisor

University College London

2023–Present

4x Graduate theses (competition law and AI, merger control)

Academic Mentor

University College London

2022–Present

15 LLB Students

Research Essay Supervisor

University College London

2022–3

1x Graduate thesis (competition law and data protection)

Volunteer & Outreach

Careers talk on “How to Avoid a Career You Hate”

University College London

May 2024

I gave a talk on principles for navigating a life and career after university. The talk was attended by bachelors level students from across UCL.

Convener for the UCL Law and Political Group

University College London

2023–2024

Organisation of a monthly reading group for students, talks by external speakers related to LPE and social events for LPE researchers based in London.

Mental Health First Aider

MHFA England

2022–Present

Intern host

Google, Munich

2017–20

I hosted (managed) four interns, all of whom have gone on to become successful software engineers.

Software Engineer (Voluntary)

Münchener Tafel, Munich

2019–20

Upgraded the staff and volunteer management system to speed compliance with federal government regulations on community service work.

Memberships

Academic Society for Competition Law

Junior Member

2022–Present

Inclusive Competition Forum

Junior Member

2024–Present

References

Available on request