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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, Faculty of Laws & Dept. of Biosciences

Supervised by Ioannis Lianos, Deni Mantzari and David Murrell

2022–Present

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

Technical University Munich

Grade: 1.3 (distinction)

2019–22

B.Sc. in Computer Science

University of Manchester

Grade: First Class Honours

2013–16

Research Stays

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

Invited by Klaus Wiedemann

Munich

2025

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Young Scientists Summer Programme

Vienna

2024

Publications

Peer reviewed

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

Journal of Competition Law and Economics

2025

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

Frontiers in Sustainability

2024

Book chapters

Democracy or Domination (with Spencer Cohen)

Musk, Power, and the EU: Can EU Law Tackle the Challenges of Unchecked Plutocracy?

2025

Verfassungsbooks, edited by Alberto Alemanno & Jacquelyn Veraldi.

Forthcoming

Google AdTech: Break Up or Break Out? (with Zlatina Georgieva)
Utrecht Law Journal Special Issue on Modern Bigness 2025

Preprints

Market Diversity and Market Churn: Measures of Competitive Structure 2025

Other

Reconceiving Big Tech
Concurrences e-Competitions December 2020 2020

Blog Posts

Did Meta Tie its AI Assistant to WhatsApp? (with Marina Iskander)
Kluwer Competition Law Blog, Inclusive Competition Forum Blog April 2025

Google AdTech: Break Up or Break Out?
EU Law Enforcement Blog Jan 2025

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 LLM
Faculty of Laws, University College London Winter term 2023–4

Competition Law and Consumer Protection 3rd year LLB
Faculty of Laws, University College London Winter & Summer terms 2023–4

Laws Connections, Fake News and Falsehoods 1st year LLB
Faculty of Laws, University College London Winter term 2023–4

Law, Economics and Society 3rd year LLB
Faculty of Laws, University College London 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

Turing Travel Grant

Funding for a research visit at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition. 2025

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).

UCL 3 minute thesis competition - Runner Up

Awarded to the runner-up best presentation according to a jury. 2025

The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) is a competition where PhD candidates present their research within three minutes, using only a single static powerpoint slide. I came second in the UCL-wide event, which was open to PhD candidates at UCL who had won their faculty-level competitions. The prize was £100.

UCL Faculty of Laws 3 minute thesis competition - Winner

Awarded to the best presentation according to a jury and a public vote. 2025

I won both the jury and public vote for the laws faculty 3MT competition, and thus was nominated to compete at the UCL-wide event. The prize was £250.

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

Market Diversity and Market Churn: Measures of Competitive Structure

Jun 2025 Annual Cambridge/UCL Competition Law Conference

Mar 2025 Mannheim Centre for Competition and Innovation (MaCCI) Annual Conference

Error Costs, Platform Regulation, and Democracy

Jun 2025 20th Conference of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA)
 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 Business 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?

May 2025 Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam), Workshop on Structural Remedies for Restoring Platform Competition
 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

Sustainable Stand Up Comedy Course

UCL

London

Apr-May 2025

Took a six-week course on stand-up comedy, culminating in a live show. Topics in my set included magic, how technology doesn't (always) work for us, and the dangers of Big Tech oligarchs.

Competition Law and the Technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Sciences Po & UCL

Paris

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

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Vienna

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

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Catalonia

Jan 2024

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

Law and Political Economy Summer Academy <i>Erasmus University, Rotterdam</i> Workshopped a paper entitled 'Competition Authorities as Gardeners of the Market Economy'.	Rotterdam <i>June 2023</i>
Winter Workshop on Complex Systems <i>University of Amsterdam</i> 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.	Amsterdam <i>Jan 2023</i>
Legal Priorities Summer Institute <i>Legal Priorities Project, Oxford</i>	Oxford <i>Sept 2022</i>

Service

Academic Refereeing

<i>Journal of Competition Law & Economics</i>	2024, 2025
<i>Journal of Law and Political Economy</i>	2023

Supervision

Research Essay Supervisor <i>University College London</i> 4x Graduate theses (competition law and AI, merger control)	2023–Present
Academic Mentor <i>University College London</i> 15 LLB Students	2022–Present
Research Essay Supervisor <i>University College London</i> 1x Graduate thesis (competition law and data protection)	2022–3

Volunteer & Outreach

Careers talk on “How to Avoid a Career You Hate” <i>University College London</i> 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.	<i>May 2024</i>
Convener for the UCL Law and Political Group <i>University College London</i> Organisation of a monthly reading group for students, talks by external speakers related to LPE and social events for LPE researchers based in London.	2023–2024
Mental Health First Aider <i>MHFA England</i>	2022–Present
Intern host <i>Google, Munich</i> I hosted (managed) four interns, all of whom have gone on to become successful software engineers.	2017–20
Software Engineer (Voluntary) <i>Münchener Tafel, Munich</i> Upgraded the staff and volunteer management system to speed compliance with federal government regulations on community service work.	2019–20

Memberships

Academic Society for Competition Law
Junior Member

2022-Present

Inclusive Competition Forum
Junior Member

2024-Present

References

Available on request