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## Education

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<b>London School of Economics</b>	<i>Expected 2030</i>
PhD Economics	
Primary fields: Public Economics; Environmental Economics; Development Economics	
<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	<i>2022</i>
MASc Data, Economics and Development Policy, 5.0 GPA	
<b>University of Cambridge</b>	<i>2020</i>
MPhil Development Studies	
<b>University of Warwick</b>	<i>2019</i>
BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Economics Major), First Class Honours	

## Experience

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<b>London School of Economics</b>	<i>Sept 2025 –</i>
PhD Student, LSE	
<b>Harvard University</b>	
Graduate Student Affiliate, Opportunity Insights	<i>Jul 2025 –</i>
Predoctoral Fellowship under Prof. Raj Chetty, Opportunity Insights	<i>Jul 2023 – Jul 2025</i>
Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Raj Chetty, Opportunity Insights	<i>Jan – Aug 2022</i>
<b>The World Bank Group</b>	<i>May – Aug 2022, Jan – Jun 2023</i>
Consultant, Development Impact Evaluation Unit	
<b>UK Civil Service</b>	<i>Oct 2020 – Jan 2022, Jan – Jul 2023</i>
Fast Stream Economist, Government Economic Service	
<b>Barclays Investment Bank</b>	<i>2019, 2020</i>
Summer Analyst, Portfolio Management, Equity Research	

## Affiliations

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Opportunity Insights, Graduate Student Affiliate	<i>Jul 2025 –</i>
Meta, Research Affiliate, Central Applied Science	<i>Jul 2025 –</i>
Office for National Statistics, Accredited Researcher	<i>Sept. 2025 –</i>

## Research

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### Working Papers

*"Social Capital in the United Kingdom: Evidence from Six Billion Friendships"* with Thomas Rutter, Shankar Iyer et al. (2025)

### Policy Papers

*"Levelling Up the United Kingdom"*, UK Government White Paper (2022)

## **Presentations**

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Opportunity Insights, Summer of Opportunity Conference 2025; Stanford, UCL; Cambridge; Behavioural Insights Team; UK Government Social Research Conference 2021

## **Teaching**

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### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

14.33, Economic Research & Communication	<i>Spring 2022</i>
14.750x: Political Economy and Economic Development	<i>2023, 2024</i>
14.73x: The Challenges of Global Poverty	<i>2024</i>
14.009x: Good Economics for Hard Times	<i>2025</i>

## **Skills**

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### **Software skills**

R, Python, Stata, SQL, LaTeX, GitHub, Microsoft Office

## **Awards and Scholarships**

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Richard Karl Goeltz Scholarship, London School of Economics	2025
Global Priorities Institute Fellowship, Oxford University	2022
UK Government Economic Service Full Scholarship to study at MIT	2022
Academic Commendation, Warwick University	2017