

Tom Harris

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LSE Department of Economics, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London

Education

London School of Economics

Expected 2030

PhD Economics

Primary fields: Public Economics; Environmental Economics; Development Economics

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2022

MASc Data, Economics and Development Policy, 5.0 GPA

University of Cambridge

2020

MPhil Development Studies

University of Warwick

2019

BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Economics Major), First Class Honours

Experience

London School of Economics

Sept 2025 –

PhD Student, LSE

Harvard University

Graduate Student Affiliate, Opportunity Insights

Jul 2025 –

Predocutorial Fellowship under Prof. Raj Chetty, Opportunity Insights

Jul 2023 – Jul 2025

Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Raj Chetty, Opportunity Insights

Jan – Aug 2022

The World Bank Group

May – Aug 2022, Jan – Jun 2023

Consultant, Development Impact Evaluation Unit

UK Civil Service

Oct 2020 – Jan 2022, Jan – Jul 2023

Fast Stream Economist, Government Economic Service

Barclays Investment Bank

2019, 2020

Summer Analyst, Portfolio Management, Equity Research

Affiliations

Opportunity Insights, Graduate Student Affiliate

Jul 2025 –

Meta, Research Affiliate, Central Applied Science

Jul 2025 –

Office for National Statistics, Accredited Researcher

Sept. 2025 –

Research

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

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

Teaching

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

Software skills

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

Awards and Scholarships

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