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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Economist, **International Monetary Fund**

*Research Department, Macro-Financial Division
Asia-Pacific Department, Regional Studies Division*

2023-present
2021-2022

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| Short Term Consultant, Development Research Group, World Bank | 2021 |
| Research Assistant for Prof. Ian Goldin, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford | 2020 |
| Fund Internship Program, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund | 2019 |
| Research Assistant for Prof. Chris Woodruff, University of Oxford | 2017 |

EDUCATION:

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| University of Oxford , DPhil in Economics | 2021 |
| University of Oxford , MSc in Economics (<i>with Distinction</i>) | 2017 |
| University of Oxford , BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics | 2015 |

WORKING PAPERS:

Optimal Policy for Financial Market Tokenization with Itai Agur. *IMF Working Paper No. 2025/185.*

Integrating Fragmented Networks: Interoperability in Money and Payments with Divya Kirti, Maria Soledad Martinez Peria, and Yao Zeng. *IMF Working Paper No. 2025/126.*

The Crypto Cycle and Institutional Investors with Natasha Che, Davide Furceri and Tammaro Terracciano, *IMF Working Paper No. 2023/163.*

China Spillovers: Aggregate and Firm-Level Evidence with Melih Firat, Davide Furceri and Chris Redl. *IMF Working Paper No. 2023/206.* R&R at *Journal of International Economics*

AI and Services-Led Growth: Evidence from Indian Job Adverts with Katherine Stapleton, Ashley Pople and Max Marczinek, *STEG Working Paper 060.* R&R at *Journal of Human Resources*

PUBLICATIONS:

Supply and Demand Determinants of Heterogeneous VAT Pass-Through with Matthieu Bellon and Wenzhang Zhang. Forthcoming at *National Tax Journal.*

Macro-Financial Impacts of Foreign Digital Money with Anh H. Le, Brandon Tan, Evan Papageorgiou, S. Jay Peiris, and Umang Rawat. *Economics Letters*, Volume 255: 112458, September 2025.

Digitalization and Resilience with Julia Estefania-Flores and Davide Furceri, *Research Policy*, Volume 53: 104948, April 2024.

Inputs, Networks and Quality-Upgrading: Evidence from China in India with Wenzhang Zhang, *China Economic Review*, Volume 77: 101891, February 2023.

Crypto Market Responses to Digital Asset Policies with Davide Furceri and Pablo Gonzalez-Dominguez, *Economics Letters*, Volume 222: 110949, January 2023.

Robots and Trade: Implications for Developing Countries with Erhan Artuc, Paulo Bastos and Bob Rijkers, in 'Robots & AI: A New Economic Era' (eds. Gene Grossman & Lili Yan Ing), New York: Routledge, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS:

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| 2026 | Midwest Finance Association (scheduled), IMF Macro-Financial Research Conference (scheduled), Financial Intermediation Research Society (scheduled), Western Finance Association (scheduled) |
| 2025 | IMF Macro-Financial Research Conference*, International Finance and Banking Society, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy*, ICMAIF*, Bank of Canada (x2)*, NBER Summer Institute*, IDB*, FDIC*, Economics of Payments XIV*, Federal Reserve Board, CEPR Fintech and Digital Currencies Annual Meeting, CEPR Paris Symposium, IMF Shanghai Center, Bonn/Frankfurt/Mannheim Workshop on Digital Finance* |
| 2024 | Econometric Society*, FREIT Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment*, IMF Statistical Forum, Pompeu Fabra*, University of Geneva* |
| 2023 | Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics*, Bank of Finland*, Centre for Economic Policy Research STEG Workshop*, ECB*, ECLAC-ifo-PILLARS Workshop on Automation*, European Economic Association, Georgetown AI Workshop*, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, International Economic Association, Paris PILLARS Workshop on AI* |
| 2022 | ICEA Future of Work Conference*, Oxford CSAE Conference, AMRO-IMF Joint Seminar, PacDev*, IMF RES Scarring Workshop, Applied Young Economists Webinar, Washington Area International Trade Symposium*, IMF Economic Review Annual Conference, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, IMF RES Macro-Financial Seminar |
| 2021 | Ruhr Graduate School in Economics, Oxford CSAE Conference, Royal Economics Society Symposium, University of Pretoria, Bavarian Young Economists' Meeting, NBER Economics of AI Conference, Institute for New Economic Thinking, North East Universities Development Consortium, Indian Statistical Institute, Oxford Development Seminar |
| 2020 | Oxford Trade Workshop, Oxford Blavatnik School of Government, University of Warwick |
| 2019 | Queen Mary University of London, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department |

*Presentations by coauthors

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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| International Trade – MSc Development Economics for Dr Jin Ho Kim | 2020-21 |
| Development Economics – Undergraduate Economics for Dr Sanjay Jain | 2019-21 |
| Econometrics – Ph.D. Continuing Education for Professor Jonathan Michie | 2019-20 |

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS:

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| Junior Dean, St Benet's Hall, University of Oxford | 2019-2021 |
| CEPR Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Research Grant (£15,000) | 2021 |
| President, Oxford University Blues Committee | 2019-2020 |
| Oxford CSAE Grant (£5,000) | 2020 |
| President, Kellogg College Middle Common Room | 2018-2019 |
| Geoff Riddell Scholarship, Vincent's Club, Oxford | 2019 |
| Kellogg Progress Scholarship, Clarendon Fund, Oxford | 2017 |
| Westerman Pathfinders Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford | 2015 |

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Born:

19 June 1993

Citizenship:

United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland

Software:

Stata, Mata, Mathematica, MATLAB, SQL, Gephi