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## **Education**

2012-17	Ph.D. Economics, University College London
2011-12	MRes. Economics, University College London
2004-05	MPhil. Economics with Finance, Cambridge University
1999-02	BSc. Economics, London School of Economics

## Research Interests

Empirical Industrial Organisation, Computational Economics, Applied Economics

# **Scholarships**

2011-2015	Advanced	Quantitative	Methods	Scholarship,	ESRC

2011-2015 UCL Studentship, ESRC

## **Professional Experience**

2011-15	Economic Advisor, SEEC
2005-11	Consultant, RBB Economics LLP
2002-04	Analyst, London Economics

### **Teaching Experience**

2015-2016 Ph.D. Computational Methods

#### Job Market Paper

#### "Dynamic demand estimation for storable goods"

This paper develops a dynamic discrete-continuous demand model for storable goods - a class of goods that account for a large fraction of grocery expenditures. To estimate and solve the dynamic demand model, we use techniques from: (i) Approximate Dynamic Programming, (ii) large scale dynamic programming in economics, (iii) machine learning, and (iv) statistical computing. The benefits of this approach are three-fold. First, the dynamic demand model is compatible high-dimensional choice sets. Second, it can capture rich inter- and intra-temporal substitution patterns. Third, the dimension reduction strategies do not rely on the idiosyncratic features of the industry being studied. As a result, it can be estimated for any storable good industry. In this paper we apply the model to the UK laundry detergent sector using household level purchase data.

### Work in Progress

"The effect of the financial crisis on bank lending to SMEs" joint with Ben Hemingway

"Storability and alcohol taxation: the demand for beer" joint with Lars Nesheim "Ex-post merger evaluation in industries with price dynamics"

#### References

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