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## REFERENCES

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## POSITIONS

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| The London School of Economics and Political Science - Postdoc | 2025 - Present |
| The Institute for Fiscal Studies - Research Associate          | 2025 - Present |
| The Institute for Fiscal Studies - Research Officer            | 2022 - 2025    |
| G2LM LIC - Project Manager, Jobs of the World Project          | 2021 - 2023    |

## EDUCATION

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| University College London - PhD in Economics                         | 2016 - Nov 2023 |
| - MRes awarded with Distinction                                      |                 |
| University College London - MSc in Economic Policy                   | 2011 - 2012     |
| - Awarded with Distinction and <i>Best Overall Performance Prize</i> |                 |
| University of Florence - MSc in Economics                            | 2009 - 2011     |
| - Awarded with Honours (110/110 cum laude)                           |                 |
| Copenhagen Business School - Erasmus Exchange Program                | 2008            |
| University of Florence - BSc in Economics                            | 2005 - 2008     |
| - Awarded with Honours (110/110 cum laude)                           |                 |

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Development Economics

## PROJECTS

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### Job Market Paper:

- “The Suppression of Female Labor Supply in India: Evidence on the Roles of Household Bargaining and Spousal Expectations”  
*presented at:* OxDev24, ESPE25, Harvard CID Xchange.

### Published:

- “Safe Spaces for Teenage Girls in a Time of Crisis”, joint with Oriana Bandiera, Niklas Buehren, Markus Goldstein and Imran Rasul, *forthcoming*, Journal of the European Economic Association
- “Economic Development and the Organization of Labour: Evidence from the Jobs of the World Project”, joint with Oriana Bandiera, Ahmed Elsayed and Antron Heil, *2022*, Journal of the European Economic Association.
- “Young Adults and Labor Markets in Africa”, joint with Oriana Bandiera, Ahmed Elsayed and Cline Zipfel, *2022*, Journal of Economic Perspectives.

### Working Papers:

- “Legacies of Conflict: Experiences, Self-efficacy and the Formation of Conditional Trust”

- joint with Niklas Buehren , Markus Goldstein and Imran Rasul
- “**Seclusion and Women’s Time: Descriptive Evidence from India**” joint with Alison Andrew
  - “**Which Managers Matter? Hiring Constraints and Public Sector Performance**” joint with Enrico Miglino

#### **Policy:**

- “**Analysis of effective tax rates for CIT and PIT in Myanmar**”, joint with Laura Abramovsky and Ross Warwick, IGC Report S-19066-MYA-1
- “**State and Region Public Finances in Myanmar.**”, joint with Giles Dickenson-Jones and S Kanay, 2015. The Asia Foundation Discussion Paper.
- “**Fiscal management in Myanmar**”, joint with Zaw Oo, Cindy Joelene, Paul Minoletti, Phoo Phy, Kyi Pyar Chit Saw, Ngu Wah Win, Ian Porter, Mari Oye. 2015, Asian Development Bank Economics Working Paper Series No. 434,

#### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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- 2022 VisitINPS Fellowship: “*Flexible Employment and State Effectiveness: The case of Wildfires*”
- 2019 IGC grant: “*Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents in Sierra Leone*”, joint with O. Bandiera, N. Buehren, M. Goldstein, I. Rasul
- 2018 UCL ODA grant: “*Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents in Sierra Leone*”, joint with O. Bandiera, N. Buehren, M. Goldstein, I. Rasul
- 2018 IGC Graduate Call: “*Informal Taxation and Redistribution: a study of community driven provision of public goods in Myanmar*”
- 2017 ESRC: Funded PhD Studentship at the Institute for Fiscal Studies
- 2012 UCL MSc Economic Policy: *Best Overall Performance Prize*
- 2012 Tuscany Regional Council: Higher Education Scholarship for MSc abroad

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>Issues in Development Economics, ECON0030 (BSc)</b>   | 2019-2021  |
| – Teaching assistant for Marco Vera-Hernandez and Valerie Lechene  |            |
| <b>Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON0013 (BSc)</b>   | 2018-2022  |
| – Teaching assistant for Martin Cripps and Ian Preston   |            |
| <b>Applied Economics, ECON0004 (BSc)</b>   | 2018-2019  |
| – Teaching assistant for Dunli Li  |            |
| UCL Department of Economics: <i>Peers Recognition Award</i>  | 2021, 2022 |
| UCL Department of Economics: <i>Best TA Award</i>  | 2020, 2021 |
| UCL Student Choice Award, 3 nominations: <i>Inspiring Teaching Delivery, Excellent Personal Tutoring, Exceptional Feedback</i> | 2020       |
| UCL Student Choice Award, nomination: <i>Excellent Personal Tutoring</i>   | 2019       |

#### **REFEREE**

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Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Economic Journal, G2LM—LIC.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- International Growth Centre, Myanmar**, Country Economist 2012-2016

#### **LANGUAGES**

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R, Stata, Matlab, English (fluent), Italian (native), Spanish (intermediate)