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## EMPLOYMENT

### **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

Assistant Professor in Economics. August 2023–present.  
Adjunct lecturer, Trinity College Dublin. August 2018–July 2023.

### **Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin, Ireland**

Research Affiliate. 2023–present  
Research Officer. August 2018–July 2023 (with tenure from August 2022).

### **Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, UK**

Research Associate. 2018–present  
Research Economist. September 2012–July 2018.

## EDUCATION

### **University College London, UK (September 2018)**

Ph.D., Economics. “Essays in Public Economics”.  
Advisor: Prof. Richard Blundell. Examiners: Prof. Orazio Attanasio and Prof. James Ziliak

### **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (August 2012)**

MSc, Economics (Distinction).

### **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (June 2011)**

BA, Economics (First Class Honours).  
Awarded Scholarship in 2009 for performance in Foundation Scholarship exams.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Fiscal Policy and Redistribution in Ireland”. *Economic and Social Review*, 56(1); 3-29. 2025.
- “The effect of earnings-related benefits on financial work incentives”, *The International Journal of Microsimulation*, 17(3), 21-43. (2024). With Theano Kakoulidou and Michael Doolan.
- “Income inequality in Ireland: 1987-2019”, *Fiscal Studies*, 45(2), 143-153. (2024). With Michelle Barrett.
- “Sustainable Development: The Role of Taxation”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*, Vol.52, 2022/23, pp.106-108 (2023).
- “How has the gender earnings gap in Ireland changed in thirty years?”, *Social Sciences*, 11(8)1–21 (2022). With Michelle Barrett, Karina Doorley and Paul Redmond.
- “Income Inequality and Living Standards”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*, Vol.LI, 2021/22, pp.82-85 (2022).
- “Mobility and the lifetime distributional impact of tax and transfer reforms”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 28(4):751–793 (2021). With Peter Levell and Jonathan Shaw.
- “Frictions and the elasticity of taxable income: evidence from bunching at tax thresholds”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 28(3):612–653 (2021). With Stuart Adam, James Browne, and David Phillips.
- “Understanding Income Inequality in Ireland”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland* (2020). 130th winner of the Barrington Medal.
- “35 Years of Reforms: a panel analysis of the incidence of, and employee and employer responses to, social security contributions in the UK”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 171: 29–50 (2019). With Stuart Adam and David Phillips.

"What a difference a day makes: inequality and the tax and benefit system from a lifetime perspective", *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 16(1):23-40. (2018). With Jonathan Shaw.

"Contribution Ceilings and the Incidence of Payroll Taxes", *De Economist*, 165(2):129-140. (2017). With Facundo Alvaredo, Thomas Breda and Emmanuel Saez.

"The Incidence of Social Security Contributions in the United Kingdom: Evidence from Discontinuities at Contribution Ceilings", *De Economist*, 165(2):181-203. (2017). With Stuart Adam and David Phillips.

"UK Tax Policy 2010-15: An Assessment", *Fiscal Studies*, 36(3):349-373 (2015). With Stuart Adam.

"Taxing an independent Scotland", *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 30(2):325-345. (2014). With Stuart Adam and Paul Johnson.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

"Taxation", in *The Economy of Ireland* (15e), Ciara Whelan, Fran O'Toole and John O'Hagan (eds), forthcoming.

"The goose's golden egg: taxes, benefits and redistribution in the UK", in *Plucking the Goose: a century of taxation from the Great War to the Digital Age*, London: LexisNexis, July 2016. With Paul Johnson.

#### WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

"Fiscal policy and redistribution in Ireland". Trinity Economics Papers tep0824. Under review at the *Economic and Social Review*.

"Equivalisation (once again)". Trinity Economics Papers tep0124. Under review at *Fiscal Studies*. With Karina Doorley, Theano Kakoulidou and Luke Duggan.

"Born under a bad sign: the impact of finishing school when labour markets are weak". *IFS Working Paper* W21/28. 2021. With Mark Regan

Irish contribution to the Global Repository of Income Dynamics. With Brian Higgins, Tara McIndoe-Calder and Kun Wu.

Evaluation of NExTWORK active labour market programme in Denmark. Pre-analysis plan registered with the AEA RCT Registry (ID AEARCTR-0002752). With Sonya Krutikova and Imran Tahir.

"Earnings growth and inequality in Ireland: 1987-2017". With Paul Redmond and Michelle Barrett.

"Inclusive growth: the Irish exception?". With Brian Nolan.

"Does Statutory Incidence Matter? Earnings Responses to Social Security Contributions. With Enda Hargaden.

"Income tax and the careers of women".

#### POLICY REPORTS

"Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland: fourth annual report", ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. September 2024. With Helen Russell and Bertrand Maitre.

"Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland: third annual report", ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. August 2023. With Karina Doorley.

"Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland: second annual report", ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. October 2022. With Michelle Barrett and Paul Redmond.

"Future trends in housing tenure and the adequacy of retirement income", ESRI Research Series RS143. July 2022. With Rachel Slaymaker, Anne Nolan and Conor O'Toole.

"Energy poverty and deprivation in Ireland", ESRI Research Series 144. June 2022. With

Michelle Barrett and Niall Farrell.

"Earnings-related benefits in Ireland: rationale, costs and work incentives", ESRI Budget Perspectives Series 2023-02. June 2022. With Michael Doolan and Theano Kakoulidou.

"Low income renters and housing supports", ESRI Research Series 141. May 2022. With Michael Doolan and Rachel Slaymaker.

"Budget 2022 analysis", ESRI QEC Special Article. October 2021. With Barra Roantree, Karina Doorley, Theano Kakoulidou and Seamus O'Malley.

"Options for raising tax revenue in Ireland", ESRI Budget Perspectives Series 2022-01. May 2021. With Theano Kakoulidou.

"Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland", ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. May 2021. With Bertrand MaÃ@tre, Alyvia McTague, Ivan Privalko.

"Budget 2021 analysis", ESRI QEC Special Article, October 2020. With Claire Keane, Karina Doorley, Alyvia McTague, Seamus O'Malley, Dora Tuda and Mark Regan.

"Carbon taxes, poverty and compensation options", ESRI Survey and Statistical Report Series 98. October 2020. With Seamus O'Malley and John Curtis.

"Income adequacy in retirement: Evidence from the Irish longitudinal study on ageing", ESRI Research Series 107. July 2020. With Keelan Beirne and Anne Nolan.

"Differences in risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 across occupations in Ireland", ESRI Survey and Statistical Report Series 93, July 2020. With Brendan Walsh and Paul Redmond.

"The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on consumption and indirect tax in Ireland", ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. May 2020. With Cathal Coffey, Karina Doorley and Conor O'Toole.

"The potential costs and distributional effect of COVID-19 related unemployment in Ireland, ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. April 2020. With Keelan Beirne, Karina Doorley, Mark Regan and Dora Tuda.

"The characteristics and incomes of the top 1% in the UK", IFS BN 254. August 2019. With Robert Joyce and Thomas Pope.

"Carbon taxes and compensation options", ESRI Budget Perspectives 2020. June 2019. With Maxime Bercholz.

"Housing Assistance Payment: Potential impacts on financial incentives to work", ESRI Working Paper 610. January 2019. With Mark Regan, Tim Callan, Michael Savage, John R. Walsh.

"Budget 2019: tax and welfare changes", ESRI QEC Special Article. December 2018. With Maxime Bercholz, Karina Doorley, Claire Keane and Mark Regan.

"The rise and rise of women's employment in the UK", IFS Briefing Note BN234. April 2018. With Kartik Vira.

"Tax revenues: where does the money come from and what are the next government's challenges?", IFS BN. May 2017. With Helen Miller.

"Financial Incentives to Work: Comparing Ireland and the UK". ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. June 2016. With Tim Callan, Cormac O'Dea and Michael Savage.

"The coalition government's record on tax". IFS Briefing Note (BN167). March 2015. With Stuart Adam.

"Options for increasing tax", IFS Green Budget 2015. February 2015. With Stuart Adam. In Emmerson, C., Johnson, P., and Joyce, R. (eds).

"Universal Credit in Northern Ireland: what will its impact be, and what are the challenges?" IFS Report no. 77. March 2013. With James Browne.

"Broad shoulders and tight belts: options for taxing the better-off", IFS Green Budget 2013. February 2013. With Stuart Adam. In Emmerson, C., Johnson, P., and Miller, H. (eds).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Programme Director, MSc in Economic Policy, Trinity College Dublin (2023-)</p> <p>Lecturer, Economy of Ireland B, undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2025-)</p> <p>Lecturer, Public Economics, postgraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2025-)</p> <p>Lecturer, Econometrics, undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2022-)</p> <p>Lecturer, Economics of Policy Issues B, undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2024)</p> <p>Lecturer, Econometrics, postgraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Lecturer, Taxation and welfare, postgraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Course lecturer, Evaluation methods, HMRC/HM Treasury training course (2018)</p> <p>Guest lecturer, IFS public economic lectures, University of Oxford and Cambridge (2014-2016)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Economy of Ireland, second year undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2011-12)</p>
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Co-principal investigator (2024-2027): "Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland" The Community Foundation for Ireland.</p> <p>Co-investigator (2023-2024): "Establishment of the Irish Public Economics Network and annual workshop", Irish Research Council.</p> <p>Principal investigator (2020-23): "Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland", The Community Foundation for Ireland.</p> <p>Co-principal investigator (2022): "Energy poverty and deprivation in Ireland", The Community Foundation for Ireland.</p> <p>Co-investigator (2020-22): "Housing and pensions", Pensions Council.</p> <p>Principal investigator (2020-21): "Labour market scarring in Denmark", The Rockwool Foundation.</p>
REFEREEING	<p>European Economic Review; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Economic Journal; Journal of Macroeconomics; Labour Economics; Fiscal Studies; Economic and Social Review.</p>
INVITED SEMINARS, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2025: UCD Geary Institute; Department of Social Protection; Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Belfast.</p> <p>2024: Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Galway. Royal Economic Society annual conference, Belfast. Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES) annual conference, Dublin.</p> <p>2023: Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Athlone; INEQ conference, Aix-en-Provence; University of Manchester, UK; Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland symposium, Dublin; Economic and Social Research Institute conference, Dublin; University College Dublin, Ireland; TU Dublin, Ireland.</p> <p>2022: Irish Quantitative History seminar, online; Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland symposium, Dublin; Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Limerick; Journees Louis-Andre Gerard-Varet (LAGV), Marseilles; Workshop of Labour and Family Economics (WOLFE), York; DEW economic policy conference, Wexford; Central Bank of Ireland labour market conference, Dublin.</p> <p>2021: Online Public Finance Seminar (OPFS); Citizens Information Board social policy seminar, online; NERI/UCD Geary annual economic policy conference, online; Department of Taoiseach Understanding Life in Ireland seminar, online; NERI seminar series, online.</p>

2020: Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland Barrington Lecture, Dublin/Cork; Geary Institute COVID-19 response seminar series, online; Focus Ireland/Threshold seminar, online; IIEA young professionals network, online; Department of Social Protection pre-Budget Forum, Dublin; Irish Association of Pension Funds annual conference, online.

2019: International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) annual congress, Glasgow; European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Manchester; International Microsimulation Association (IMA) world congress, Galway.

2018: Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Washington D.C.; DIW, Berlin; Trinity College, Dublin; National University of Ireland, Maynooth; Royal Economics Society, Brighton.

2017: Understanding Society Scientific Conference, Essex; Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin; DEW economic policy conference, Wexford

2016: University College London; Royal Economics Society, Brighton; IFS workshop on social security contributions, London; Nevin Economic Research Institute, Dublin; Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin; Budget Perspectives, Dublin; Irish Economic Association, Galway;

2015: Institute for International and Public Finance, Dublin; Public Economics UK, Exeter; Royal Economics Society annual conference, Manchester.

2014: Irish Society for New Economists, Galway

#### PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Founder and co-chair of the Irish Public Economics Network. 2024-present.

Steering Committee member, The Irish Longitudinal Study of Ageing. 2024-present.

Member of DFHERIS Evidence Programme for Student Support. 2024-present.

Member of Foundation for Fiscal Studies projects committee. 2023-present.

Member of Department of Transport National Demand Management Strategy Fiscal Measures steering group. 2023-2024.

Executive Committee Member of Irish Society for Women in Economics. 2022-2023.

Member of Irish Commission on Taxation and Welfare. 2021-22.

External examiner of thesis submitted for award of PhD, NUI Maynooth.

#### CONFERENCES ORGANISATION

"Irish Public Economics Workshop". 2024-present.

"Dublin Economics Workshop annual economic policy conference". 2019-2024.

"Roundtable on the measurement of poverty". Hosted by the Economic and Social Research Institute. December 2023.

"Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers". Hosted by the University of Bristol. 12th-13th April 2017.

"The incidence and labour market effects of social security contributions". 29th February - 1st March 2016. Hosted by the Institute for Fiscal Studies.