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Current Position

King's College London

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Economics, Department of Political Economy, 2025 –

Past Positions

King's College London

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, Department of Political Economy, 2021 – 2025

London Mathematical Laboratory

Fellow, 2018 – 2021

City University of New York / Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality

Visiting Associate Professor, 2020

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Advanced Research Collaborative, 2020

Paris School of Economics

Chateaubriand Postdoctoral Fellow, 2017 – 2018

Other Professional Affiliations

IZA – Institute of Labor Economics

Research Affiliate, 2024 –

University College London

Affiliate, Stone Centre at UCL, 2023 –

London School of Economics

Visiting Fellow, International Inequalities Institute, 2021 –

Paris School of Economics

WID.world Fellow, 2018 –

London Mathematical Laboratory

External Fellow, 2021 –

GC-CUNY Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality

Associated Researcher, 2020 –

Education

2018 Ph.D. Tel Aviv University

2012 M.Sc. Physics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

2007 B.Sc. Mathematics and Physics (Talpiot), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Research Fields

Public Economics, Political Economy, Economic Inequality, Social Mobility

Working Papers

1. Evidence from the Dead: New Estimates of Wealth Inequality based on the Distribution of Estates (with Facundo Alvaredo and Salvatore Morelli). *Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Political Economy*.
2. The Impact of Austerity on Mortality and Life Expectancy (with Tora Hovland).
3. Capital Taxation, Retained Earnings and Inequality: Evidence from Dividend Tax Reforms (with Esteban Klor).
4. Risk Preferences in Time Lotteries (with Mark Kirstein).
5. The Distributional Short-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on Wages in the United States.
6. On the Link Between Intergenerational Mobility and Inequality: Are They Truly Distinct?

Work in Progress

1. Political Effects of Inequality-Increasing Policy: Evidence from a Welfare and Tax Reform.
2. Long Run Inequality and Three Types of Intergenerational (Im)mobility (with Ravi Kanbur).
3. Transaction Tax, Affordability, and Housing Inequality (with Zhuowen Qin).
4. Unexpected Deaths and Wealth Transfers: Estimating Inheritance Tax Planning in the United Kingdom (with Jeanne Bomare and Ignacio Orueta).

Published Papers or in Press

1. Berman Y. and F. Bourguignon (2024). Evaluating the Distributive Incidence of Growth using Cross-Sections and Panels. *Review of Income and Wealth*, DOI: 10.1111/roiw.12681.
2. Berman Y. and B. Milanovic (2024). *Homoploutia*: Top Labor and Capital Incomes in the United States, 1950–2020. *Review of Income and Wealth* DOI: 10.1111/roiw.12659.
3. Berman Y. and F. Bourguignon (2023). On the Social Welfare Interpretation of Growth Incidence Curves. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, DOI: 10.1007/s10888-023-09598-2.
4. Berman Y. (2022). The Long Run Evolution of Absolute Intergenerational Mobility. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* DOI: 10.1257/app.20200631.
5. Berman Y. (2022). Absolute Intragenerational Mobility in the United States, 1962–2014. *Journal of Economic Inequality* DOI:10.1007/s10888-022-09529-7.
6. Berman Y. and S. Morelli, On the Distribution of Estates and the Distribution of Wealth: Evidence from the Dead (Chapter in NBER book *Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Intergenerational Mobility of Income and Wealth*, eds. Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell), 2022. *University of Chicago Press*. Also available as NBER working paper 28546.
7. Berman Y., Inequality, Identity, and the Long-Run Evolution of Political Cleavages in Israel 1949–2019 (Chapter in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948–2020*, eds. Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Thomas Piketty), 2021. *Harvard University Press*.
8. Berman Y., O. Peters and A. Adamou (2021). Wealth Inequality and the Ergodic Hypothesis: Evidence from the United States. *Journal of Income Distribution* DOI:10.25071/1874-6322.40455.
9. Adamou A., Y. Berman, D. Mavroyiannis and O. Peters (2021). Microfoundations of Discounting. *Decision Analysis* 18(4), 257–272.
10. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and M. Schwartz (2017). A Fokker-Planck Model for Wealth Inequality Dynamics. *EPL* 118(3), 38004 (*Editor's choice*; also at *Europhysics News highlights* 48(5/6), 14).

11. Berman, Y. and Y. Shapira (2017). Revisiting $r > g$ —The Asymptotic Dynamics of Wealth Inequality. *Physica A* 467, 562–572.
12. Berman, Y. and T. Aste (2016). To What Extent Does Immigration Affect Inequality? *Physica A* 462, 1029–1039.
13. Berman, Y., E. Ben-Jacob and Y. Shapira (2016). The Dynamics of Wealth Inequality and the Effect of Income Distribution. *PLOS ONE* 11(4), e0154196.
14. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and E. Ben-Jacob (2015). Modeling the Origin and Possible Control of the Wealth Inequality Surge. *PLOS ONE* 10(6), e0130181.

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

- 2025 CEPR Workshop on People’s Understanding of and Support for Economic Policies, EAYE Annual Meeting, Lisbon Urban and Public Economics Workshop, Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation, NBER Determinants of Mortality Conference, 2025 NICEP Conference, The III at 10: New Directions in Inequality Research.
- 2024 Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Economics & Politics Workshop, Inequality Conference, 2024 NICEP Conference, Policy Impacts Annual Conference, Workshop on Capital vs. Labor: Perspectives on Inequality and Taxation in the 21st Century.
- 2023 DIW WATT Workshop, Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, London Inequality Workshop, LSE III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, LSE Opportunity and Mobility Workshop, Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation, UChicago Stone Center on Inequality & Mobility Wealth Inequality Workshop.
- 2022 Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, SIEP Conference 2022.
- 2021 AEA Annual Meeting, Conference on Opportunities, Mobility and Well-Being, Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, ECINEQ Meeting 2021, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, EE2021 Conference, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Political Economy of Neoliberalism Workshop, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, World Inequality Conference.
- 2020 D-TEA Conference, NBER/CRIW Conference on Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth.
- 2019 AEA Annual Meeting, ECINEQ Meeting 2019, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress.
- 2018 Equal Chances Conference, French Economic Association Meeting, LIS/LWS User Conference.
- 2017 ECINEQ Meeting 2017, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality.

Workshop and Seminar Talks (including scheduled)

- 2025 King’s College London.
- 2024 King’s College London, KU Leuven, FAIR – Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), London School of Economics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Princeton University, Resolution Foundation, University College London, University of Exeter.
- 2023 King’s College London, University of Bristol.
- 2022 City, University of London, City University of New York, King’s College London, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Università Roma Tre, University of Bamberg, University of Warwick, Vienna University of Economics and Business.
- 2021 Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, London School of Economics, Tel Aviv University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University College London, University of Haifa.

2020 City University of New York, Columbia University, Rutgers University, The University of Edinburgh.

2019 City, University of London, Columbia University, Copenhagen University, Freie Universität Berlin, Harvard University, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Royal Holloway, University of London, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Weizmann Institute of Science.

2018 London School of Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2017 London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Tel Aviv University.

2016 University of Oxford.

2015 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University College London.

Grants, Honors & Awards

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, 2024 – 2026

Faculty Research Impact Fund, King’s College London, 2022 – 2025

Maurice Falk Institute Research Grant, 2022–2024

Advanced Research Collaborative Fellowship, 2020

Laboratoires d’excellence OSE research grant, 2018 – 2019

Best Junior Scholar Paper, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality, 2017

Chateaubriand Fellowship, 2017 – 2018

Dan David Prize Scholarship for Young Researchers – for Combatting Poverty, 2016 – 2017

Israel Ministry of Science, Technology and Space International PhD Travel Grant, 2016

Arie and Ida Crown Memorial Foundation Scholarship, 2015 – 2016

Tauber Family Foundation Scholarship, 2014 – 2016

Referee Service

Advances in Life Course Research, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Public Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Sociological Review, BMC Medical Research Methodology, The BMJ, Brookings Foreign Policy, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economica, Economic Systems, Economics Letters, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, European Societies, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Italian Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Income Distribution, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Mathematical Social Sciences, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Open Economics, PLOS One, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Social Science Research, Theory and Society, World Bank Economic Review.

Teaching

King’s College London

2021– Macroeconomics, Formal political economics, Advanced macroeconomics, Advanced microeconomics, The political economy of economic policy.

University of Warwick

2019 Short course on statistics in economics.

Tel Aviv University

2014–2017 Classical mechanics for medicine students, Electricity and magnetism for medicine students.