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Date of Birth: 10 November 1980
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Education

2006-present University College London, Ph.D. Economics
Supervisors: Dr Imran Rasul, Professor Steve Machin

2004-2005 University of Warwick, M.Sc. Economics
75.2% (Distinction). Ranked first in year based on exam performance.
Supervisor: Professor Ian Walker.

1999-2002 University of Bristol, B.Sc. Economics
First Class Honours

Employment

2007-present University College London
Research assistant for Steffen Huck and Imran Rasul

2007 The Centre for Economic Performance, LSE
Research assistant for Victor Lavy, Steve Machin, and Olmo Silva

2005-2006 CMPO, University of Bristol
2002-2004 Research Assistant for Simon Burgess and Carol Propper

Awards

2004 ESRC 1+3 Studentship

Publications in refereed journals

Girls Rock, Boys Roll: An Analysis of the Age 14-16 Gender Gap in English Schools
with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*.
2004, vol. 51(2), 209-229.

Modelling the effect of pupil mobility on school differences in educational achievement with
Harvey Goldstein and Simon Burgess. *Journal Of The Royal Statistical Society Series A*. 2007, vol.
127(4), pages 941-954.

Book chapters

**The Impact of School Choice on Sorting by Ability and Socio-economic Factors in English
Secondary Education** with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson, *Schools and the
Equal Opportunity Problem*, MIT Press, June 2007, ISBN-13: 978-0-262-23257-9

Discussion Papers

Sorting and Choice in English Secondary Schools with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper and

Deborah Wilson. CMPO Discussion Paper 04/111.

The result of 11 plus selection; An Investigation into Equity and Efficiency of Outcomes for Pupils in Selective LEAs with Adele Atkinson and Paul Gregg. CMPO Discussion Paper 06/150.

This paper featured in the news for several weeks. See <http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/CMPO/press/inthenews.htm> for details.

School Choice in England: Background Facts with Simon Burgess, Adam Briggs, and Helen Slater. CMPO Discussion Paper 06/159

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2003	CMPO seminar, Bristol
2004	CMPO seminar, Bristol
2005	The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Nottingham
2006	CMPO seminar, Bristol
2007	The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Warwick
2008	PhD Transfer Seminar, UCL

Courses and Specialist Conference Attendance

2003	CEMMAP course on "Discrete Choice Modelling" by Professor William Greene, IFS/UCL CEMMAP course on "Panel/Longitudinal Data Analysis" by Professor Frank Windmeijer, IFS/UCL
2004	CESifo/PEPG Conference on Schooling and Human Capital Formation in the Global Economy: Revisiting the Equity-Efficiency Quandary, Munich. Performance and Choice in Education, Bristol.

Other Skills

Computing	High proficiency in STATA, working experience with PcGive and ArcView. Web-based languages including html, CSS and php.
Languages	English (fluent), German (good), Spanish (basic, but improving), Afrikaans (basic).

Referees

Dr Imran Rasul	Department of Economics, University College London, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Professor Simon Burgess	CMPO, University of Bristol, 2 Priory Road, Bristol, BS8 1TX
Professor Ian Walker	Department of Economics, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL