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PERSONAL DETAILS

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FIELDS

Public Economics, Psychology & Economics

EDUCATION

PhD Economics, LSE　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　2021 – present

Visiting Research Fellow in Economics, Brown University　　　　　　　　　Spring 2022

MRes Economics *with Distinction*, LSE　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　2019 – 2021

MSc Applicable Mathematics *with Distinction*, LSE　　　　　　　　　　　2017 – 2018

BA (Hons) Mathematics, University of Cambridge　　　　　　　　　　　　2014 – 2017

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

A Welfare Analysis of Public Housing Allocation Mechanisms
　　with Neil Thakral (Brown University)

Mental Health and the Targeting of Social Assistance

The Socio-Economic Determinants of Mental Health
　　with Jonathan Kolstad (UC Berkeley), Will Parker (LSE) and Johannes Spinnewijn (LSE)

EXPERIENCE

Economist, The Behaviouralist　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　2019 – 2021

Data Science and Behavioural Economics researcher for The Behaviouralist, a behavioural science research consultancy. Researched social housing allocation policies in the UK; designed a discrete choice experiment to elicit applicants' preferences over housing, and interviewed council staff to discuss policy improvements and evaluation strategies. Designed and analysed RCTs studying the effect of nudge-style communications (e.g. using social norms) on the intended take-up of energy efficient improvements in homes. Helped develop systematic literature assimilation tool for estimating treatment effects of early childhood education interventions.

Research Assistant, LSE　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Summer 2020

RA for Dr Daniel Reck on his paper "The Welfare Economics of Reference Dependence" with Arthur Seibold (Mannheim). Worked on extending the theoretical model. Analysed how reference-dependence in consumption and labour supply affects the conclusions about optimal retirement policy. Proposed framework for deriving welfare effects under reference-dependent choice under uncertainty.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

LSE Class Teacher Award	2022 - 2023
STICERD Grant. *£9,677.29*	2022

Awarded for the project "Mental Health and the Targeting of Social Assistance".

Race Equity Innovation Fund. *£2,000*   2022

Awarded for the project "Review of the Economics Curriculum", together with other members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Economics (DICE) at LSE

Excellence in Education Award, LSE School of Public Policy	2022
Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Studentship	2019 – 2024
Economics Departmental Fellowship, LSE	2019 – 2024
Haya Freedman Prize for Best MSc Dissertation, LSE	2018
Top Overall Performance MSc Applicable Mathematics, LSE	2018

TEACHING

LSE School of Public Policy (Graduate)   2022 – present

PP410: Public Economics for Public Policy: a module in the MPA / MPP degree programme.

LSE Economics Dept (Graduate)   2022 – present

EC400: Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics: probability and statistics part of pre-sessional mathematics module (aka "math camp").

LSE Economics Dept (Undergraduate)   2021 – 2023

EC100: Economics A : first-year introductory micro- and macro-economics, *EC1A3: Microeconomics I* (first-year introductory microeconomics).

PRESENTATIONS

2023: LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.
2022: SJDM Annual Meeting (Poster), Brown University Theory/Experimental Lunch Seminar, LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.
2021: UEA North American Meeting, LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.

REFERENCES

Prof. Johannes Spinnewijn (supervisor), Dept. of Economics, LSE, j.spinnewijn@lse.ac.uk
Prof. Nava Ashraf (supervisor), Dept. of Economics, LSE, n.ashraf1@lse.ac.uk
Dr. Daniel Reck, Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, dreck@umd.edu

OTHER INFORMATION

Affiliations: STICERD, The Behaviouralist
briq Insitute Summer School in Behavioral Economics Participant 2023.
Outreach: Applicant Mentor for the LSE Economics PhD AMP, Founding member of the LSE Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Economics (DICE), Organiser of LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar 2022-23.
Software: Python, R, Stata, Matlab, Java
Languages: English (Native), German (Intermediate)
Citizenship: Canada, Ireland, UK Residency