

# DAVID BURGHERR

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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in Economics</b> , University of Zurich	<i>Since 08/2023</i>
<b>MSc in Economics</b> , University of Bern (GPA: 5.97/6, summa cum laude)	<i>09/2019 – 12/2021</i>
<b>BSc in Economics</b> , University of Bern (GPA: 5.81/6, summa cum laude)	<i>09/2015 – 08/2018</i>

## AFFILIATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , London School of Economics, International Inequalities Institute	<i>Since 09/2023</i>
<b>Affiliated PhD Student</b> , University of Warwick, CAGE Research Centre	<i>Since 11/2022</i>

## RESEARCH

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### Working papers

Taxation and Migration by the Super-rich. *Updated working paper*, 2023 (with Arun Advani & Andy Summers). Previous version circulated as CAGE Working Paper 630.

- Presentation: RES Annual Conference (Glasgow)
- Media coverage: [BBC News](#), [BBC Radio 5 Live](#), [BBC The Context](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Fairness Foundation](#), [Financial Times](#) (1), [Financial Times](#) (2), [Guardian](#) (1), [Guardian](#) (2), [Independent](#), [New Statesman](#) (1), [New Statesman](#) (2), [Resolution Foundation](#), [Sun](#), [Tax Notes](#), [Tax Policy Associates](#), [Telegraph](#), [The Times](#), [Washington Post](#)

Behavioral Responses to a Pension Savings Mandate: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Swiss Tax Data. *CAGE Working Paper 645*, 2022.

- Presentations: ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim), IIPF Annual Congress (Linz), EEA-ESEM (Milan), 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the Swiss Network on Public Economics (Zurich)

The UK's Global Economic Elite: A Sociological Analysis Using Tax Data. *CAGE Working Paper 570*, 2022 (with Arun Advani, Mike Savage & Andy Summers).

- Presentations: RC28 Spring Meeting (London), London Inequality Workshop
- Media coverage: [BBC](#), [BBC Newsnight](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Channel 4](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Economist](#), [Everyday Society](#), [Financial Times](#) (1), [Financial Times](#) (2), [Guardian](#) (1), [Guardian](#) (2), [Guardian](#) (3), [Independent](#), [Indian Express](#), [Mirror](#), [New Statesman](#), [Resolution Foundation](#), [Reuters](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [The Times](#) (1), [The Times](#) (2), [Washington Post](#), [Les Echos](#), [Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung](#)

### Publication

The Costs of Administering a Wealth Tax. *Fiscal Studies*, 2021, 42 (3-4), 677–97.

### Policy papers and media writings

A push in the right direction: Are mandatory pension contributions boosting retirement savings? *Advantage (CAGE magazine)*, 2023.

Non-doms are not fleeing tax hikes. *LSE Business Review*, 2023 (with Arun Advani).

Non-doms: basics and case for reform. [Short note](#) summarising some key facts about the UK's non-dom regime and explaining the case for reform, 2022 (with Arun Advani & Andy Summers).

Rationale behind abolition of 45p tax rate reflects failed ideology. [Guardian](#), 2022 (with Arun Advani & Andy Summers).

Taxing non-doms fairly would raise billions. [New Statesman](#) and [Advantage \(CAGE magazine\)](#), 2022 (with Arun Advani & Andy Summers).

Reforming the non-dom regime: revenue estimates. [CAGE Policy Briefing 38](#), 2022 (with Arun Advani & Andy Summers).

The UK's 'non-doms': Who are they, what do they do, and where do they live? [CAGE Policy Briefing 36](#), 2022 (with Arun Advani, Mike Savage & Andy Summers).

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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**2023:** 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the Swiss Network on Public Economics (Zurich), RES Annual Conference (Glasgow)

**2022:** RC28 Spring Meeting (London), ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim), IIPF Annual Congress (Linz), EEA-ESEM (Milan), London Inequality Workshop

## AWARDS & PRIZES

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<a href="#">Outstanding Master's thesis</a> in the research area of ageing and old-age, University of Bern	12/2022
<a href="#">VWG Prize</a> for best Master's thesis in economics, University of Bern	11/2022
1 <sup>st</sup> prize for best GPA of the Faculty's 130 Master's graduates, University of Bern	01/2022
1 <sup>st</sup> prize for best GPA of the Faculty's 197 Bachelor's graduates, University of Bern	01/2019

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> , London School of Economics <i>Supervisors: Arun Advani, Andy Summers</i>	05/2021 – 04/2023
<b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Bern <i>Supervisors: Aymo Brunetti, Konstantin Büchel</i>	09/2017 – 04/2021
<b>Research Assistant</b> , London School of Economics <i>Supervisors: Arun Advani, Emma Chamberlain, Andy Summers (<a href="#">Wealth Tax Commission</a>)</i>	06/2020 – 12/2020

## SKILLS

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**Coding:** R, Stata,  $\LaTeX$ , Git  
**Languages:** German (native), English (proficient), French (fluent)  
**Data security:** Accredited Researcher with the UK Data Service and HMRC Datalab

## REFERENCES

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**Arun Advani**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Warwick, [a.advani.1@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:a.advani.1@warwick.ac.uk)  
**Aymo Brunetti**, Professor of Economics, University of Bern, [aymo.brunetti@unibe.ch](mailto:aymo.brunetti@unibe.ch)  
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