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Personal

Born on October 22, 1984, United Kingdom Citizen.

Research Fields

Wage, Income and Wealth Inequality, Labor Economics, Search and Macro.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University College London, 2014-2019

MRes. Economics, University College London, 2013-2014.

MS.c. Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, 2007-2008.

BA. Economics, University of Cambridge, 2002-2005.

Employment

2022-present	Assistant Professor (Lecturer), Department of Economics, University of Essex;
2021-2022	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Essex; University College London;
2019-2021	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London;
2008-2013	Senior Economic Adviser: Tax, Labour Market and Welfare Policy, UK Treasury;

References

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Publications

1. Seeing Beyond the Trees: Using Machine Learning to Estimate the Impact of Minimum Wages on Labor Market Outcomes, *with Doruk Cengiz, Arindrajit Dube, and Attila Lindner. Journal of Labor Economics, April 2022*

2. Search and Reallocation in the Covid-19 Pandemic: Evidence from the UK, *with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela, Alex Clymo, Camila Comunello, Annette Jaeckle, and Ludo Visschers. Labour Economics, April 2023*

3. Spanish labour market, mobility and labour shortages, *with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela, Alex Clymo, Cristina La Fuente, Annette Jaeckle, and Ludo Visschers. Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, April 2025.*

Working Papers

1. You Can't Always Get What You Want? Collective Bargaining Demands and Outcomes, *with Carl Gergs and Alice Kügler. Revise and Resubmit, Industrial Relations.*

2. Rising Wage Inequality: Technological Change and Search Frictions, *Previously Reject and Resubmit, Journal of European Economic Association.*

3. Minimum Wages in the UK: Searching for Nonlinearities

4. Minimum Wages, Risk Aversion and Asset Accumulation

Work in Progress

1. Sectoral Labour Flows, *with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela, Alex Clymo, Camila Comunello, and Ludo Visschers.*

2. Social Moblity: Human Capital and Labour Markets, *with Pedro Carneiro, Emma Duchini, Ran Gu, Sonya Krutikova, Lindsey MacMillan, Francesca Salvati*

Policy Work

Together with coauthors, I have provided advice and analysis to:

1. HM Treasury, DWP and the Bank of England on sectoral realliocation and labour market frictions

2. The UK Low Pay Commission on evaluating minimum wage changes using machine learning tools

3. Essex County Council on labour market mobility at a regional level

Teaching Experience

2022-present	MSc Econ	Data Science for Economists (Machine Learning);
2021-present	BSc Econ	Introduction to Quantitative Economics;
2016-17	BSc Econ	Industrial Relations;
2015-16	BSc Econ	Introduction to Economics;
2014-15	BSc Econ	International Trade;

Refereeing Services

RESTAT, The Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Labour Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

Conference & Seminar Presentations

2025	Royal Society of Economics, Berkeley
2024	Society of Labor Economics (Portland), Birkbeck College (University of London);
2023	Asian and Australisian Society of Labor Economics (Taipei), University of Bristol;
2022	IFS, University of Oxford, Winter Econometric Meetings (Berlin)
2021	Essex, Warwick, Waseda (Tokyo)
2020	UCL, Applied Micro Reading Group;
2019	Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, Labour Workshop (Milan);
2018	Toulouse School of Economics, ENTER Jamboree; UCL Structural Estimation Workshop; UCL PhD Workshop; UCL Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration Brown Bag
2017	Stockholm School of Economics, ENTER Exchange; UCL PhD Workshop
2016	ZEW, Manheim, Structural Labour Workshop; UCL PhD Workshop

Awards, Grants and Scholarships

2022	British Academy Small Grants Award
2014-2017	UCL, Ricardo Scholarship;
2014	UCL, Teaching Excellence Award;

Skills

Computer:	R, Julia, Matlab, Stata, LATEX, Microsoft Office;
Languages:	English (native), French (basic);