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Industry Experience

Lloyds Banking Group — London, United Kingdom
Manager, Wholesale Credit Risk – Full Time — July 2023 – Present

- Commercial banking stress testing exercises (impairments and capital)
- Credit cycle and interest rate models (governance, maintenance, development)
- Model infrastructure and automation (econometrics, R markdown, R shiny apps)
- Corporate insolvencies (analysis for micro entities, webscraping)
- Monte Carlo simulations (Markov-Switching, Threshold AR models)

Experian — London, United Kingdom
Senior Economist – Full Time — August 2022 – May 2023

- Conducted econometric modelling and macroeconomic forecasting
- Contributed to bespoke research projects (forecasting credit delinquencies, forecasting housing prices at a postcode level, customer affordability assessment)
- Provided regular commentary on key data releases and news

Valuation and Research Specialists — Athens, Greece
Research Economist – Part Time — July 2020 – July 2022

- Delivered economic outlook reports for the US, UK, and Eurozone economy
- Constructed and maintained an econometric forecasting model for Eurozone
- Generated equity research and valuation reports for European and US equities
- Managed a small group of junior analysts

Education

ICMA Centre, University of Reading — Reading, United Kingdom

- Ph.D. in Economics — 2019 – 2024
- Supervisors: Prof. Michael Clements, Prof. Andrew Urquhart
- Thesis: Essays on Economic Forecasting with Alternative Datasets

Loughborough University — Loughborough, United Kingdom

- M.Sc. in Finance and Investments — 2017 – 2018
- Grade: 74.4% *(with Distinction)*
- Thesis: Volatility Spillover Effects between Crude Oil and Stock Market: A Multivariate GARCH Approach (Supervisor: Prof. Andrew Vivian)

University of Macedonia — Thessaloniki, Greece

- B.Sc. in Economics — 2012 – 2017
- Grade: 7.9 out of 10
- Thesis: Testing the Export-Led-Growth Hypothesis for Southern European Countries: An Econometric Analysis (Supervisor: Prof. Theodore Panagiotidis)

Published Papers

Forecasting GDP Growth Rates in the United States and Brazil using Google Trends *(with M. Clements and A. Urquhart, International Journal of Forecasting)*

Working Papers

The Predictive Power of Internet Search Data in Forecasting Private Consumption *(with M. Clements and A. Urquhart)*

Forecasting Inflation Uncertainty with Internet Search and News Predictors *(with M. Clements, A. Urquhart, and O. Cepni)*

Presentations

Ph.D. Economics Seminars (University of Reading), 1st Annual Southern Ph.D. Economics Conference, 41st International Symposium on Forecasting, 6th International Conference on Applied Theory, Macro and Empirical Finance

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, ICMA Centre, University of Reading

- ICM 103: Quantitative Methods for Finance — 2021
- IC 201: Corporate Finance — 2021
- ICM 108: Fixed Income and Equity Investments — 2020
- ICM 124: Introductory Quantitative Methods for Finance — 2019 – 2020
- IC 103: Introductory Economics for Business and Finance — 2019 – 2020

Training Schools

London School of Economics and Political Science — July 2022
Computational Tools for Macroeconomists

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics — July 2021
High-Dimensional Time Series Models I: Factor Models
High-Dimensional Time Series Models II: Big Data & Machine Learning

International Institute of Forecasters — July 2021
Nowcasting & Models for Mixed Frequency Data

SoFiE Financial Econometrics at NYU Shanghai — August 2020
The Econometrics of Mixed Frequency (Big) Data

Grants and Scholarships

ICMA Centre – Ph.D. Scholarship — 2019 – 2022
University of Reading – Training Grant — 2020

Skills

Programming and Software
R, MATLAB, EViews, LaTeX

Languages
Greek (Native), English (Full Professional)