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## Education

- 2011–2016 **PhD History minor in Economics**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, Geneva.
- 2009–2011 **Masters in International Studies**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, Geneva.
- 2005–2009 **MA International Relations and Anthropology**, *University of St. Andrews*, St. Andrews.

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## PhD thesis

- Title *Information Bubbles: The Market for Financial Information and the Railway Mania of 1845*,
- Defended 19 September 2016, Summa Cum Laude
- Committee Marc Flandreau, Rui Esteves, Jean-Louis Arcand, Carolyn Biltoft

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## Employment

- 2019–Present **Lecturer Economic History**, *King's College London*.
- 2017–2019 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse*.  
Postdoctoral Fellow in history and economics in an interdisciplinary research institute housed within the Toulouse School of Economics.
- 2015–2017 **Marie Curie Early Stage Research Fellow**, *Department of Economics, University of Oxford*.  
Commenced a research fellowship on political corruption in mid-Victorian Britain jointly with Rui Esteves.  
Developed methods for the detection of vote-trading in the British Parliament using social network analysis and spatial econometric models.
- 2013–2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, Geneva.  
Worked on a range of graduate-level courses, including:
- *History & Development*
  - *Power, Poverty and Wealth in Africa from the Slave Trades to the Present*
  - *Résistances et protestations au Moyen-Orient: une perspective socio-historique*
- 2010–2012 **Research Assistant**, *Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces*, Geneva.  
Researched Parliamentary control of intelligence agencies by conducting interviews with relevant European MPs and civil servants. Organized training workshops on parliamentary oversight of intelligence agencies for MPs in the Balkans.

2009–2010 **Research Assistant**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, Geneva.

Worked on a research project led by Marc Flandreau comparing the economic history of the French and British press.

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## Publications

### *Peer Reviewed*

- with Rui Esteves, "Private Benefits, Public Vices: Railways and Logrolling in the Nineteenth-Century British Parliament," *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 81, No. 4, 2021.
- with Rui Esteves, "Social networks in economic history: opportunities and challenges," *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 74, 2019
- "Network Analysis", in Matthias Blum and Christopher L. Colvin (Eds.) *An Economist's Guide to Economic History*, London: Palgrave, 2018.
- with Marc Flandreau, "The Opaque Origins of the Business of Transparency: Mercantile Agencies, the Law and the Lawyers (1851-1916)," *Enterprise & Society*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 2014.
  - Winner of the Philip Scranton Prize for Best Article published in *Enterprise & Society* in 2014.
- with Marc Flandreau, "The Separation of Information and Lending and the Rise of Rating Agencies in the United States (1841-1907)," *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, Vol. 62, Issue 3, 2014.

### *Working Papers*

- "Fraud and Financial Manias: Estimating the number of 'Bubble' Companies during the Railway Mania of the 1840's", March 2019, *under review*.
- "Havas and the Foreign Loan Market, 1889 to 1921," *Centre for Finance and Development*, Student Working paper Series, No. 2, 2013.

### *Work-in-Progress*

- "Bubbles, IPO waves, and information quality: evidence from media market structure during the British Railway Mania"
- with Rui Esteves, "Market microstructure and market failure on the 19th century London Stock Exchange"

### *Policy Papers*

- "A Primer on US Government Shutdown," *Current Affairs in Perspective*, *Fondation Pierre du Bois*, No. 7, 2013.
- with Hans Born, "Introducing Intelligence Oversight," in Hans Born and Aiden Wills (eds.), *Overseeing Intelligence Services: A Toolkit*, DCAF, 2012 (Translated into Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, and Macedonian).
- with Hans Born, Aidan Wills and Matthias Erny, "External Oversight and Control," in *Toolkit on Police Integrity*, DCAF, 2012 (Translated into Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, and Macedonian).

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## Talks

- "The Rise of New Corruption: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845," *ASSA Philadelphia*, January 2018.
- "The Rise of New Corruption: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845," *Research Seminar in Applied Economics and Management*, Solvay School of Economics & Management, Brussels, December 2017.

- “Fraud and Financial Manias: Estimating the Number of ‘Bubble’ Companies during the Railway Mania of the 1840s,” *Tuesday Lunch Seminar*, IAST, Toulouse, November 2017.
- “The Rise of New Corruption: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Political Economy Working Group* IAST, Toulouse, October 2017.
- “The Rise of New Corruption: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Institute d’Etudes Politiques*, Toulouse, September 2017.
- “The Rise of New Corruption: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Macrohist Conference*, Porto, June 2017.
- “Fraud and Financial Manias: Estimating the Number of ‘Bubble’ Companies during the Railway Mania of the 1840s,” *Business History Conference*, Denver, April, 2017.
- “Logrolling for Private Interest: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Centre for Economic History*, Queen’s University, Belfast, February 2017.
- “Bubble Companies: Fraud and the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Oxford, Warwick and LSE Workshop (OWL)*, London School of Economics, January 2017.
- “Logrolling for Private Interest: British MPs during the Railway Mania of 1845,” *Caltech Social Science History Seminar*, Pasadena, 2016.
- “The Political Economy of Regulation: The British Railway Mania of the 1840’s,” *Macrohist Conference*, Geneva, 2015
- “The Separation of Information and Control and the Rise of Rating Agencies in the United States,” *Business History Conference*, Miami, 2015.
- “The Press and the Regulation of Investment Quality in the Railway Mania of 1845: The Case of the Times and the Railway Press,” *Economic History Society*, Warwick, 2014.
- “The Press and the Regulation of Investment Quality in the Railway Mania of 1845: The Case of the Times and the Railway Press,” *Oxford Seminar in Economic and Social History*, Oxford, 2013.
- “Havas and the Foreign Loan Market, 1889-1921,” *Pierre du Bois Conference on Government Debt Crises: Politics, Economics and History*, Geneva, 2012.

## Workshops

- Business Cycle Analysis with Matlab, *Macrohist Marie Curie Workshop*, Universidad Carlos III and Bank of Spain, Madrid, 2016.
- Housing and the Economy, *Macrohist Marie Curie Workshop*, Humboldt University, Berlin, 2016.
- Introduction to Causal Identification, *Macrohist Marie Curie Workshop*, University of Oxford, Oxford, 2016.
- Programming for Historians, *British Library*, London, 2015
- Time Series Econometrics with Matlab, *MacroHist Marie Curie Workshop*, Paris, 2015.
- Allianz Summer Academy, The EU in the International Arena, Munich, 2011.
- Norges Bank Summer School, Finance, Institutions and History, Venice, 2010.

## Awards

- Phillip Scranton Prize: For best article published in *Enterprise & Society*, 2015.
- Tuition Scholarship: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Merit-based scholarship.
- Pirie Prize: University of St. Andrews, 2009. Awarded for best essay in the department of International Relations in my year.
- Leonard Marks Foundation Essay Competition, Runner-up Prize, American Academy of Diplo-

macy, 2009

- American Scholarship, St. Andrews, 2005-2009. Merit-based scholarship.

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## Languages

English   Mother-tongue

French   Proficient

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## Computing

Advanced programming in R, including experience using R for data visualization, statistical modeling, geo-coding, GIS, web-scraping, and social network analysis. Experienced in Bayesian modelling using Stan. Basic proficiency in python for data cleaning and statistical modelling. Experienced with document preparation in Latex and Markdown. Proficient with MS Office and Open Office utilities including Excel/Powerpoint.