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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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## Employment

- 2019–Present **Lecturer British 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  
Taught on courses on economic development and economic history.
- 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 on comparative French and British financial history.

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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*

- with Esteves, R (2024), "Missing Markets: Microstructure and Liquidity on the 19th Century London Stock Exchange", *CEPR Discussion Paper No. 19008*. CEPR Press, Paris & London. [link](#)
- with Green, D, G Mooney and S Szreter (2023), "The New Poor Law and the health of the population of England and Wales 1834-1860", *CEPR Discussion Paper No. 18505*. CEPR Press, Paris & London. [link](#)
- "Fraud and Financial Manias: Estimating the number of 'Bubble' Companies during the Railway Mania of the 1840's", March 2019.
- "Havas and the Foreign Loan Market, 1889 to 1921," *Centre for Finance and Development*, Student Working paper Series, No. 2, 2013.

#### *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).

### Languages

English    Mother-tongue  
 French    Proficient

### 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 the probabilistic programming language **stan**. Basic proficiency in **python** for data cleaning and statistical modelling. Experienced with document preparation in **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** and **Markdown**. Proficient with MS Office and Open Office utilities including Excel/Powerpoint.