

JAKOB BROUNSTEIN

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POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies

September 2023-Present

Research Affiliate, Skatteforsk - Centre for Tax Research

January 2025-Present

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, UC Berkeley

2023

Primary field: Public economics

Secondary fields: Labor economics, development economics

Bachelor of Arts, Columbia University

2017

Bachelor of Arts, L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

2016

WORKING PAPERS

The three body problem: Ecuador's tax on tax haven ownership (with Bachas, P. and Bajaña, A.)

The Role of Tax Preparers in Individual Tax Optimization (with Avivi, H., Bilicka, K., Lobel, F. , and Yuskavage, A.)

Can countries unilaterally mitigate tax haven usage? Evidence from Ecuadorian transaction tax data

The Pink Tax: Why do women pay more? (with Barnes, K.)

The labor market impacts of unconditional housing out of homelessness (with Wieselthier, J.)

Estate tax avoidance and private benefit through charitable giving

Public investment in the arts and cultural agglomeration: Evidence from the New Deal

PUBLICATIONS

“What Happens When you Give Money to Panhandlers? The Case of Downtown Manhattan”. Dordick G., O’Flaherty B., Brounstein J., Sinha, S., Yoo J.. Journal of Urban Economics 108. p. 107-123. 2018.

“Good Panhandling and Bad: How to Encourage the Good and Discourage the Bad”. Dordick G., O’Flaherty B., Brounstein J., Sinha, S.. European Journal of Homelessness 12:1. p. 87-112. 2018.

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Seminars: EU Tax Observatory and Paris School of Economics, University of Redding, University of Manchester, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Oxford University, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Toronto, University of Barcelona, VATT Institute & Aalto University, EU Tax Observatory and Paris School of Economics

Conferences: National Tax Association (2023, 2025), European Economic Association Annual Meeting (2025), International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress (2023-2025), Oxford Centre for Business Taxation Academic Symposium (2024-2025), National Bureau of Economic Research Public Economics Spring Meeting (2025), National Bureau of Economic Research Economic Analysis of Business Taxation Spring Meeting (2025), Urban Economic Association Annual European Meeting (2025), Stavanger Tax Workshop (2023-2024), Irish Public Economics Workshop (2024), Joint UK + Norwegian Fiscal Studies Conference (2024)

TEACHING, MENTORING, AND TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Global Inequality and Growth (Econ 133), <i>as teaching assistant</i>	Spring 2022
Introduction to Econometrics (Econ 141), <i>as teaching assistant</i>	Fall 2020
UC Berkeley Undergraduate Mentorship Program, <i>as graduate student mentor</i>	Summer 2019 - August 2022
Economic Analysis–Micro (Econ 100), <i>as tutor</i>	Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, City and Community, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics

Conferences/seminars organized and scientific committees:

European Economic Association Annual Conference (scientific program)	August 2025
Institute for Fiscal Studies Postdoctoral Alumni Workshop	July 2024
National Tax Association 2023 Annual Congress Session Chair	November 2023

Other acknowledgments: Top-10 Forecaster in the Social Science Prediction Platform (SSPP) 2025

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

IFS Bid Grant	2025
TaxDev Small Bid Grant	2024
International Tax and Public Finance Best PhD Student Paper Award	2023
Center for Effective Global Action Development Economics Challenge Award	2022
UC Berkeley Department of Economics Summer Grant	2022
United Nations University Illicit Financial Flows Research Grant	2021
Center for Effective Global Action Development Economics Challenge Award	2021
Burch Center Grant in Public Finance	2021
UC Berkeley Department of Economics Summer Grant	2021

REFERENCES

Gabriel Zucman, UC Berkeley and Paris School of Economics
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Annette Alstadsæter, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
email: annette.alstadsater@nmbu.no

François Gérard, University College London and Institute for Fiscal Studies
email: f.gerard@ucl.ac.uk

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male

Citizenship: Canada, USA

Date of Birth: 9 May 1995

Language: English (C2), French (C1), Spanish (C1), Portuguese (B1), Mandarin & Simplified Chinese (HSK 3)

Hobbies: Music composition and performance, hiking and camping, mycology, cooking