

# JAKOB BROUNSTEIN

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## POSITIONS

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<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> , Institute for Fiscal Studies	September 2023-Present
<b>Research Affiliate</b> , Skatteforsk - Centre for Tax Research	January 2025-Present

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in Economics</b> , UC Berkeley	2023
Primary field: Public economics	
Secondary fields: Labor economics, development economics	
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> , Columbia University	2017
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> , L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)	2016

## WORKING PAPERS

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The Transparency Tax: Discouraging firm ownership via tax havens in Ecuador (with Bachas, P. and Bajiña, 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

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“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

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**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, Indiana University O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs

**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), UNU-WIDER Workshop on Illicit Financial Flows (2022)

## TEACHING, MENTORING, AND TUTORING EXPERIENCE

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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

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**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:

*Conference organizer:* Institute for Fiscal Studies Postdoctoral Alumni Workshop (2024)

*Scientific program grader:* European Economic Association Annual Congress (2025)

*Session chair:* European Economic Association Annual Congress (2025), National Tax Association 116th Annual Meeting (2023)

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

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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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

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**Gabriel Zucman**, UC Berkeley and Paris School of Economics  
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**Annette Alstadsæter**, Norwegian University of Life Sciences  
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**François Gérard**, University College London and Institute for Fiscal Studies  
*email:* f.gerard@ucl.ac.uk

## ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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**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