

Kieran Byrne

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EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

PhD Economics

Sep 2028 (expected)

MRes Economics; *with Distinction*

London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

MSc Economics; *with Distinction*

Jul 2018

University College Dublin (UCD)

BSc Economics & Finance; *First Class Honours*

Jun 2016

EXPERIENCE

World Bank

Impact Evaluation Analyst

Jul 2021 - Sep 2022

Short Term Consultant

Oct 2020 - Jun 2021

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Global Fellowship Scheme

ODI Fellow, Rwanda Revenue Authority

Oct 2018 - Oct 2020

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Research Assistant

Jun 2018 - Sep 2018

PUBLICATIONS

K. Byrne, D. Mukama, F. Kondylis and J. Loeser, **A Few Good Masks: Evidence from Mask Manufacturing in Rwanda during the COVID-19 Pandemic**, Accepted, Journal of Development Economics 2026

K. Byrne and A. Plekhanov, **Education Reform and Adult Skills: Evidence from Estonia**, Economics of Education Review, vol 82, 2021

POLICY

K. Byrne, J. Loeser, S. Karpe, F. Kondylis and M. Lang, **Sectoral Heterogeneity in the COVID-19 recovery: Evidence from Rwanda**, CEPR's Shaping Africa's Post-Covid Recovery, 2021

WORK IN PROGRESS

K. Byrne, P. Bachas, F. Kondylis, L. Zavala and J. Karangwa, **Technology, Tax, and Domestic Trade: Evidence from Rwanda's Electronic Invoicing Expansion**

K. Byrne and P. Lakuma, **Fuel Costs and Domestic Trade in Uganda**

K. Byrne, N. Moreau-Kastler, P. Bachas, I. Gidron and M. Parenti, **The Corporate Taxation of Green and Brown Firms**

PRESENTATIONS

2026 UNU-WIDER Uganda

2025 University of Copenhagen, UNU-WIDER South Africa, QMUL Applied Micro, QMUL Development Tea

2024 QMUL Development Tea

2023 World Bank DIME, IIPF 79th Annual Conference

2022 Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers, 4th Annual International Growth Center (IGC) Research Day Rwanda

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 8th QMUL PhD and Postdoctoral Workshop (organizing committee), QMUL Applied Micro Seminar series (co-organizer)

2025 QMUL Applied Micro Seminar series (co-organizer)

GRANTS & AWARDS

UNU-WIDER & Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) Research Grant	2025
IGC Full Research Grant (with F. Kondylis, P. Bachas, L. Zavala)	2024
ESRC Doctoral Training Program Studentship (1+3 years)	2023
QMUL MRes/PhD Scholarship (2+3 years)	2022
World Bank Global Tax Program (with F. Kondylis, C. Dijofack)	2021
World Bank Knowledge for Change (with F. Kondylis, J. Loeser)	2021
World Bank Research Support Budget (with F. Kondylis, J. Loeser)	2021
UCD Quinn School Student of the Year	2017
UCD BSc Economics & Finance Stage 2 Scholarship	2015
UCD Entrance Scholar	2013

LANGUAGES

English (Native), German (Fluent), French (Proficient, DELF Level B2)