

# Kieran Byrne

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## EDUCATION

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### Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

PhD Economics

Sep 2028 (*expected*)

### 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

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Impact Evaluation Analyst

Jul 2021 - Sep 2022

Short Term Consultant

Oct 2020 - Jun 2021

### Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Global Fellowship Scheme

Tax Policy Economist, Rwanda Revenue Authority

Oct 2018 - Oct 2020

### European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Research Assistant

Jun 2018 - Sep 2018

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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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

## PUBLICATIONS

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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

## WORKING PAPERS

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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

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K. Byrne, P. Bachas, F. Kondylis, L. Zavala and J. Karangwa, **Technology, Tax, and Domestic Trade: Evidence from Rwanda's Electronic Invoicing Expansion**, 2025

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

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**2026** UNU-WIDER Uganda (Online)

**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

## LANGUAGES

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