

EDUCATION

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**

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**

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**

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

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**, 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

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

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