Kieran Byrne

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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	
Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME), World Bank	
Short Term Consultant	Sep 2022 -
Impact Evaluation Analyst	Jul 2021 - Sep 2022
Short Term Consultant	Oct 2020 - Jun 2021
Overseas Development Institute (ODI) 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, Conditionally Accepted, Journal of Development Economics 2025

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

Presentations

2025

 $\label{lem:continuous} \mbox{UNU-WIDER SA-TIED Work-in-Progress workshop, QMUL Applied Micro Seminar, QMUL Development Tea} \\ \mbox{Work-in-Progress Seminar}$

2024

QMUL Development Tea Work-in-Progress Seminar

2023

IIPF 79th Annual Conference, World Bank DIME half-baked seminar

2022

RES Symposium of Junior Researchers (Warwick), 4th Annual International Growth Center (IGC)/National Bank of Rwanda Research Day

LANGUAGES

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