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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 Group (DECDI/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) 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**, *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

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)