

# Kieran Byrne

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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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### 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

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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

## POLICY

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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**

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

**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

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**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

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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

LANGUAGES

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