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## Education

- 2023 – PhD in Economics, Stanford University. Expected completion: 2029.
- 2017 – 2019 Master of Public Administration, London School of Economics, *Distinction*.
- 2013 – 2016 B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford, *First Class*.

## Affiliations

- 2023 – Visiting Fellow, STICERD, London School of Economics

## Research experience

- 2022 – 2023 Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant, STICERD-Gates Hub for Equal Representation in the Economy, London School of Economics
- 2020 – 2022 Research Officer, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics
- 2019 – 2020 Research Assistant, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics
- 2020 – 2021 Senior Researcher, Education Policy Institute
- 2016 – 2019 Researcher, Rachel Reeves MP

## Peer-reviewed publications

1. THE INFANT HEALTH EFFECTS OF STARTING UNIVERSAL CHILD BENEFITS IN PREGNANCY: EVIDENCE FROM ENGLAND AND WALES. *Journal of Health Economics*, 89, May 2023.

## Working papers and work-in-progress

2. DOES CUTTING CHILD BENEFITS REDUCE FERTILITY IN LARGER FAMILIES? EVIDENCE FROM THE UK'S TWO-CHILD LIMIT (with Jonathan Portes and Ruth Patrick). IZA Discussion Paper No. 15203.
3. MAKING WORK PAY? THE LABOR MARKET EFFECTS OF CAPPING CHILD BENEFITS IN LARGER FAMILIES (with Kate Andersen, Ruth Patrick, Aaron Reeves and Kitty Stewart). CASEpaper 229.
4. FROM LUMP TO BUMP: THE IMPACT OF PREGNANCY CASH TRANSFERS ON BIRTHWEIGHT (with Kitty Stewart). Work in progress (early draft).
5. LEVELLING DOWN? UNDERSTANDING THE DECLINE OF THE MAINTAINED EARLY YEARS SECTOR IN ENGLAND (with Ludovica Gambaro and Kitty Stewart). Work in progress (early draft).

## Policy reports

6. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND, 1979-2019 (with Tania Burchardt). *Social Policies and Distributional Outcomes Research Paper 13*. London: Centre of Analysis for Social Exclusion, 2023.
7. THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS' RECORD ON EARLY CHILDHOOD FROM MAY 2015 TO PRE-COVID 2020: POLICIES, SPENDING AND OUTCOMES (with Kitty Stewart). *Social Policies and Distributional Outcomes Research Paper 8*. London: Centre of Analysis for Social Exclusion, 2021.
8. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES IN ENGLAND: ATTAINMENT, ABSENCE AND EXCLUSIONS (with Jo Hutchinson). London: The Education Policy Institute, 2021.
9. EDUCATION IN ENGLAND: ANNUAL REPORT 2020 (with Jo Hutchinson and Avinash Akhal). London: The Education Policy Institute, 2020.
10. EVERYDAY WORK (with Rachel Reeves MP). Wakefield: GMB, 2020.

## Book chapters

11. SIZE MATTERS: EXPERIENCES OF LARGER FAMILIES ON A LOW INCOME DURING COVID-19 (with Kate Andersen). In Garthwaite, K., Patrick, R., Power, M., Tarrant, A., and Warnock, R. (eds). *COVID-19 Collaborations: Researching poverty and low-income family life during the pandemic*. Policy Press, 2022.
12. ELEANOR RATHBONE (with Rachel Reeves MP). In Dale, Iain, and Smith, Jacqui (eds) *The Honourable Ladies: Volume I: Profiles of Women MPs 1918-1996*. London: Biteback, 2018.

## Other writing

13. Inequality starts before birth – so child benefits should too, *The Guardian*, 28 March 2023.
14. Who paid the price of George Osborne's two-child benefit cap? Britain's poorest children (with Jonathan Portes), *The Guardian*, 6 April 2022.
15. Prioritise early years to reduce childhood inequalities (with Kitty Stewart), *LSE Research Magazine*, 4 May 2021.
16. The UK is now falling behind both European countries and the US in its support for larger families (with Megan Curran), *LSE British Politics and Policy*, 6 April 2021.
17. We are now seeing the effect of successive Tory governments on child poverty – the repercussions will be felt for generations (with Kitty Stewart), *The Independent*, 1 February 2021.

## Awards and grants

Nuffield Foundation Research Funding (£18,646), May 2021.

STICERD Research Grant, LSE (£4,874), April 2021.

Titmuss Meinhardt Research Funding, Department of Social Policy, LSE, (£10,000), September 2019.

George W. Jones Prize for joint Best-Performing MPA Student 2018/19, LSE.

Prize for Best MPA Dissertation 2018/19, LSE.

Henry S.Q. Henriques Prize for Most Distinguished Scholar within the five Final Honour Schools of Law, Classics, Modern History and PPE 2016, Worcester College, University of Oxford.

Placed joint 10th of 232 PPE students across the University

## Other qualifications and skills

Real Analysis Summer School, 2021, London School of Economics.

UKMOD Tax-Benefit Microsimulation Training, 2019, University of Essex.

*Languages:* English (native), French (intermediate)

*Programming:* Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

*Data Protection:* Accredited Researcher at the Office for National Statistics

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