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Education

2017 – 2019 Master of Public Administration, The London School of Economics, *Distinction*.

2013 – 2016 B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, The University of Oxford, *First Class*.

Research experience

The London School of Economics, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion

Research Officer, August 2020 – Present

Research Assistant, Kitty Stewart and Tania Burchardt, June 2019 – July 2020

The Education Policy Institute, Senior Researcher, January 2020 – February 2021

Rachel Reeves MP, Researcher, October 2016 – December 2019

Working papers and work-in-progress

1. THE BIRTHWEIGHT EFFECTS OF A UNIVERSAL CHILD BENEFIT IN PREGNANCY: EVIDENCE FROM ENGLAND AND WALES
Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Health Economics*.
2. DOES CAPPING CHILD BENEFITS REDUCE FERTILITY? EVIDENCE FROM THE UK'S TWO-CHILD LIMIT (with Jonathan Portes and Ruth Patrick). Work in progress (advanced draft).
3. MAKING WORK PAY? THE LABOUR MARKET EFFECTS OF CAPPING CHILD BENEFITS IN LARGER FAMILIES (with Aaron Reeves and Kitty Stewart). Work in progress (early draft).
4. LEVELLING DOWN? UNDERSTANDING THE DECLINE OF THE MAINTAINED EARLY YEARS SECTOR IN ENGLAND (with Ludovica Gambaro and Kitty Stewart). Work in progress (early draft).
5. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND, 1979-2019: A PRIVATISATION OF RESPONSIBILITY? (with Tania Burchardt). Work in progress (advanced draft).

Book chapters and research reports

6. 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. Policy Press, forthcoming, 2022.
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.
11. 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.
12. FAIR FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH: PUTTING PARITY INTO PRACTICE (with Harry Quilter-Pinner). London: The Institute for Public Policy Research, 2018.

Other writing

13. 'Other people don't have to think about which kid they love the most that month': the realities of everyday life on the benefit cap and two child limit (with Kate Andersen). *Child Poverty Action Group Blog*, 11 June 2021.
14. Prioritise early years to reduce childhood inequalities (with Kitty Stewart), *LSE Research Magazine*, 4 May 2021.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Why these Yorkshire towns are being left behind on education, *The Yorkshire Post*, 27 August 2020.
18. Vulnerable pupils are being excluded from schools and it's not always legal, *The Telegraph*, 26 February 2020.
19. 'I didn't have anyone to talk to': why it's time to address the hidden crisis in teenage mental health, *Prospect*, 25 October 2018.
20. Pre-programmed austerity: the cuts yet to bite (with Carys Roberts), *Prospect*, 30 August 2018.

Awards and grants

'Fertility impacts of the two-child limit', Co-Investigator with Jonathan Portes.

Nuffield Foundation, £18,646, May 2021.

'Investigating the impact of the Health in Pregnancy Grant in England', Co-Investigator with Kitty Stewart.

Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (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 Best-Performing Master of Public Administration (MPA) Student 2018/19, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Prize for Best Master of Public Administration (MPA) Dissertation 2018/19, London School of Economics and Political Science.

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

Other qualifications and skills

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

UKMOD Microsimulation Training, 2019, University of Essex.

Programming Languages: Stata, R, L^AT_EX

Data protection: Accredited Researcher Status from the Office of National Statistics

Languages: English (fluent), French (intermediate)

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