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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

1. THE BIRTHWEIGHT EFFECTS OF A UNIVERSAL CHILD BENEFIT IN PREGNANCY: EVIDENCE FROM ENGLAND AND WALES  
**Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Health Economics*.**
2. UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: EARLY EDUCATION POLICY AND INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY PROVISION IN ENGLAND, 2009-2020 (with Ludovica Gambaro and Kitty Stewart).
3. FERTILITY EFFECTS OF THE TWO-CHILD LIMIT IN ENGLAND AND WALES (with Jonathan Portes and Ruth Patrick).
4. AT THE LIMITS: THE IMPACT OF THE TWO-CHILD LIMIT ON CHILD AND FAMILY OUTCOMES IN THE UK (with Aaron Reeves and Kitty Stewart).
5. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WELFARE ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND, 1979-2019: A PRIVATISATION OF RESPONSIBILITY? (with Tania Burchardt).
6. THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS' RECORD ON EARLY CHILDHOOD FROM MAY 2015 TO PRE-COVID 2020: POLICIES, SPENDING AND OUTCOMES (with Kitty Stewart).

## Book Chapters

7. SIZE MATTERS: EXPERIENCES OF LARGER FAMILIES ON A LOW INCOME DURING COVID-19 (with Kate Andersen). In Garthwaite, K., Power, M., and Patrick, R. (Eds) *Covid Realities: documenting the experiences of low-income families during COVID-19*. Policy Press, forthcoming, 2021.
8. 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.

## Policy Reports

9. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES IN ENGLAND: ATTAINMENT, ABSENCE AND EXCLUSIONS (with Jo Hutchinson). London: The Education Policy Institute, forthcoming, 2021.
10. EDUCATION IN ENGLAND: ANNUAL REPORT 2020 (with Jo Hutchinson and Avinash Akhal). London: The Education Policy Institute, 2020.
11. EVERYDAY WORK (with Rachel Reeves MP). Wakefield: GMB, 2020.
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

'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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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

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

## References

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