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## Education

### **Harvard University**

- PhD in Economics, 2022-present

### **University of Cambridge**

- MPhil in Economic Research, *with Distinction*, 2021-22
- BA (Hons) in Economics, *Double First Class Honours*, 2018-21

## Research

### Work in Progress

- **Credit Networks and Occupational Structure in Amsterdam, 1851-1893**
- **Diplomatic Connections and Trade Networks in the Dutch Republic**
- **Scientist-Inventor Networks and the Exchange of Ideas: The Royal Society of London, 1660-1870**
- **Shipping Networks, Structural Transformation, and the Indonesian National Revolution**
- **The Dutch Opinion on Colonialism** (with Melissa Dell and Leander Heldring)
- **The Quill and the Press: Naval Impressment and US Attitudes to the War of 1812**

### Pre-PhD Research

- **The Elusive Gains from Transportation Infrastructure: Evidence from Colombia's Civil Conflict** (Master's Dissertation, 2022)
- **The Comparative Development Legacies of Dutch Colonial Rule and the Vorstenlanden in Java** (Undergraduate Dissertation, 2021)

## Awards & Prizes

- Commendation Prize in Global Priorities Research, Global Priorities Institute (GPI) & Forethought Foundation, April 2022
- Adam Smith Dissertation Prize, University of Cambridge, July 2021
- Sir Dennis Robertson Dissertation Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021
- Faculty Nomination for Gladstone Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge, July 2021
- Examination Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021 & July 2019
- Senior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021
- Roger Moore Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2019
- Junior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2019

## Fellowships & Grants

- Academic Research Grant, Google Cloud, June 2023, \$1,000 (in Cloud credits)
- Travel Grant, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, May 2023, \$1,000
- “Networks of Inventors and Technology Diffusion: The Royal Society of London, 1660-1870”, The Kenneth C. Griffin Fund, Department of Economics, Harvard University, April 2023, \$9,388
- “Networks of Inventors and Technology Diffusion: The Royal Society of London, 1660-1870”, The Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) Fund, Department of Economics, Harvard University, March 2023, \$4,875
- “Merchants, Insurance and Political Power in 18th Century Amsterdam”, Warburg Fund, Department of Economics, Harvard University, January 2023, \$3,000
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Financial Award, Harvard University, February 2022
- Internal Graduate Studentship (MPhil full funding), Trinity College, Cambridge, October 2021
- Research Grant, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, October 2021, £400
- Summer Studentship Award, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2020, £2,800

## Affiliations

- Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (2022-2027)
- Prize Research Student, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge (2021-2022)

## Personal

Birthday: May 27th, 2000

Citizenship: United Kingdom