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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

### Selected Work in Progress

- **Innovation and Upper-Tail Human Capital Linkages, 1660-1870**
- **Expeditions, Attitudes, and the Scientific Frontier**
- **The Dutch Revolt, Chartered Companies, and Trade Persistence, 1566-1795**
- **Trade, Language, and the Indonesian Independence Movement, c.1890-1949**
- **The Dutch Opinion on Colonialism: The Dutch East Indies, 1800-1949** (with Melissa Dell and Leander Heldring)

### Pre-PhD Research

- **Road Infrastructure and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia** (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

- The Molly and Dominic Ferrante Research Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, October 2023
- Project Participant, Semester Undergraduate Program in Economics Research, Harvard Department of Economics, August 2023
- Academic Research Grant, Google Cloud Program, June 2023
- Travel Grant, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, May 2023
- The Kenneth C. Griffin Research Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, April 2023
- The Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, March 2023
- Warburg Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, January 2023
- 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
- Summer Studentship Research Award, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2020

## Presentations

**Fall 2023:** Economic History Workshop (Harvard), Graduate Student Workshop in Political Economy and Rational Choice (Harvard)

**Spring 2023:** Development/Political Economy/Economic History Tea (Harvard)

## Affiliations

- Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (2023-)
- Prize Research Student, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge (2021-2022)

## Personal

Birthday: May 27, 2000

Citizenship: United Kingdom