

# MIKE MCRAE

## Business Address

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## Research Fields

**Primary** Applied Microeconomics

**Specific** Media Economics, Political Economy, Evolution of norms, Economics of AI

## Employment

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin

2025/2026

Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin

2025/2026

## Education

P.h.D. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin

2022 - 2025(Expected)

M.Sc. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin (Distinction, First Place)

2021 - 2022

P.G. Diploma in Economics, University of New England (1st Class)

2019

B.Comm. in Economics & Marketing, University of Sydney (1st Class)

2014 - 2016

## Work in Progress

"Black by Popular Demand - Media Competition and the Evolution of a Social Norm"

"Vertical Governance of Online Speech: Evidence from Google's Moderation Mandate"

"The Political Effects of Threats to the Nation: Evidence from the Cuban Missile Crisis" (with Tommaso Colussi)

"From the Pulpit to the Polls: The Electoral Consequences of Christian Talk Radio"

"Climate on the Move: How Migration Imports Beliefs on Climate Change" (with M. Pograxha)

"Selective Science: How Media Bias Shapes Climate Change Narratives" (with M. Pograxha)

"When to baseline? - The impact of lottery allocation on household outcomes in a highly vulnerable setting" (with C. M. Fernandez, A. Guariso, M. Holmlund, T. Mitchell, and C. Newman)

## Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

10th CEPR (Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zurich) Text-as-Data Workshop (Online)

2025

29th Annual SIOE Conference (Sydney, Australia)

2025

3rd IFN Workshop in Economic History (Uppsala, Sweden)

2025

1st Text-as-Data in Economics Workshop (Lancaster University)

2025

9th CEPR (Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zurich) Text-as-Data Workshop (Online)

2025

Irish Economics Association Annual Conference

2022, 2023 & 2025

Irish Postgraduate and Early Career Economics Workshop

2023

Royal Economics Society Annual Conference

2023

## Awards & Grants

**Grattan Scholarship** Full funding for PhD in Economics. €10,000 research fund.

Grants

2022-2025

**TRISS Research Fellowship** Impactful research fund, TCD. €1,500 research fund.

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2023

**Global Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship** Tuition waiver for M.Sc. in Economics, TCD.

2021-2022

Teaching

**Dermott McAleese Teaching Assistant Award** Winner for excellence in teaching and student support.

2023

Academic

**Terence Gorman Award** 1st in Programme, M.Sc. (Economics), Trinity College Dublin.

2022

**IPSOS Market Research Prize** Impactful Market Research, The University of Sydney.

2017

**Academic Merit Prizes** 1st in Class, The University of Sydney.

2015, 2016

## Teaching

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| Introductory Mathematics (Masters) - Lecturer, TCD                               | 2025/2026 |
| Introduction to Economic Policy A (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, TCD                | 2025/2026 |
| Economics I (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, Maynooth                                 | 2025      |
| Econometrics I (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, TCD                                   | 2024      |
| Econometrics I and II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, TCD                  | 2022-2024 |
| Masters Thesis supervision - M.Sc in Economics, TCD                              | 2023-2024 |
| Econometrics (Masters) - Teaching Assistant, TCD                                 | 2021      |
| Mathematical and Statistical Methods B (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, TCD | 2021      |
| Microeconomics I & II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD                 | 2015-2017 |
| Econometrics I (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD                        | 2015-2017 |
| Macroeconomics II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD                     | 2015-2017 |

## Technical Skills

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| Programming Languages  | Python, Stata, R, QGIS, PostgreSQL                                  |
| Practical Applications | Machine Learning, Spatial Data Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis |

## References

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