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EDUCATION	PhD in Economics 2020 - Present Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science Visiting PhD Student Spring 2025 (expected) Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley Visiting PhD Student Spring 2023 Department of Economics, Princeton University MRes in Economics 2018 - 2020 Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science MSc in Economics 2015 - 2017 Graduate School of Management and Economics, Sharif University of Technology BSc in Mechanical Engineering 2011 - 2015 Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology
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PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) <i>Research Officer</i> <i>PhD Scholar</i>	Nov 2023 - Present Sep 2022 - Nov 2023
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FIELDS	Primary: Labour, Political Economy Secondary: Urban
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REFERENCES	Sir Tim Besley Dept. of Economics, London School of Economics (LSE) t.besley@lse.ac.uk	Guy Michaels Dept. of Economics, London School of Economics (LSE) g.michaels@lse.ac.uk
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JOB MARKET PAPER	A New Order: Digital Disruption and Democratization of Restaurant Entrepreneurship
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Abstract: Digital marketplaces are on the rise, but it remains uncertain whether they democratize entrepreneurship or primarily benefit large firms. This paper examines this phenomenon through the staggered rollout of major food delivery apps (FDAs) in the UK. The findings support the interpretation that FDAs level the playing field by lowering startup costs, thus creating job opportunities and encouraging entrepreneurship. This is evidenced by a 35% increase in restaurant openings and a 20% growth in employment, especially among small, independent businesses. Ethnic minority entrepreneurs benefit more, primarily due to the ability to establish businesses with lower-cost premises, which was previously less viable. However, no changes in customer racial composition suggest FDAs don't help them reach new customer racisegments previously inaccessible.

The downstream effect for consumers is greater cuisine diversity, with deprived areas benefiting the most.

WORKING
PAPERS

Immigration and Political Realignment

Abstract: This paper analyzes EU enlargement's impact on UK politics, showing how immigration reshapes voter preferences, party rhetoric, and political alignment. I employ a novel variation in immigration exposure based on industry-specific migrant flows and regional employment structures. Utilizing a shift-share instrument that leverages accession countries' migrant flows elsewhere in Europe, I find that immigration boosts support for right-wing UKIP and Brexit, driven by shifting social attitudes rather than labor market impacts such as wage or employment rates. Natural language processing of parliamentary speeches shows indicates conservative legislators in affected areas intensified anti-immigration rhetoric. Results suggest EU enlargement catalyzed a political realignment in the UK, shifting focus from economic to cultural divides.

Understanding Multi-Layered Sanctions: A Firm-Level Analysis

Abstract: This paper investigates the types of firms affected by multi-layered sanctions, quantifies the economic impact on these firms, and identifies the channels through which these effects are propagated. I use a text-based approach from computational linguistics to gauge the exposure of publicly listed Iranian firms to sanctions, validating this measure through its anticipated fluctuation over time and across industries. The findings reveal three key insights. First, Iranian firms report significant challenges due to sanctions, exceeding COVID-19 concerns by up to 20%. Second, both politically connected and non-connected firms suffer equally, with non-connected firms facing an externality of \$5 for every \$1 loss inflicted on connected firms, challenging the notion that sanctions primarily harm political decision-makers. Third, sanctions are hurtful; firms with higher exposure to sanctions experience greater losses in stock market value following unexpected sanction events and will experience reduced sales, investment, and hiring. The primary mechanism through which sanctions impact firms is the limitation of access to export destinations.

RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS

From Streets to Ballots: The Impact of Climate Protests on Public Awareness and Electoral Outcomes (with Azhar Hussain and Ranjana Sinha)

Labour Market Dynamics and Political Change in the Europe (with Tim Besley and Torsten Persson)

AWARDS

STICERD Research Grant	2024
Hub for Equal Representation Grant (Gates Foundation)	2023
Hayek Economics Grant	2023
LSE Graduate Fellowship	2018-2023
HAND Research Fellowship	2018
LSE Teaching Award	2021
LSE Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award (Nominee)	2020
1 st in National MSc Economics Exam, Iran (10,000+ candidates)	2015

TEACHING
ASSISTANT

London School of Economics

EC101 Introductory Microeconomics (Evaluation: 4.95/5)	Summer 2023
EC202 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Evaluation: 4.93/5)	Summer 2023
EC101 Introductory Microeconomics (Evaluation: 4.6/5)	Summer 2022
EC221 Principles of Econometrics (Evaluation: 4.6/5)	2021-2022
EC220 Introduction to Econometrics (Evaluation: 4.4/5)	2020-2021
EC100 Economics A (Evaluation: 4.5/5)	2019-2020
EC102 Economics B (Evaluation: 4.8/5)	Summer 2019

PRESENTATION (INC. SCHEDULED)	2024: <i>8th Monash-Warwick-Zurich-CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop, 39th meeting of the European Economic Association, 2nd Workshop on the Economics of Migration LISER (University of Luxembourg), Text-as-Data Liverpool Workshop, CEP Annual Conference, 3rd University of Milan Junior Economists Meeting, CEP Juniors Internal Workshop, LSE Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies.</i> 2023: <i>Sharif University, TEIAS, LSE Economics, Princeton Economics, Princeton Development Finance Research Workshop, Princeton Politics.</i> 2022: <i>LSE Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies.</i> 2021: <i>LSE Economics, LSE Government, Sen Club.</i> 2020: <i>LSE Economics, LSE Government.</i>
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	<i>Referee Service:</i> Economica <i>Other Services:</i> Contributor to the Ph.D. Applicant Mentoring Programme , LSE; Member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee in Economics, LSE; Organizer of the Seminar on Transitioning to a PhD in Economics for Non-Economics Majors, Sharif University; Participant in the PhD Buddy Scheme, providing mentorship to junior students in the early phases of the Economics PhD program, LSE.
SKILLS	IT: Proficient: Python, Stata, Matlab; Familiar: R, SQL, C/C++. Language: Native: Persian, Kurdish; Fluent: English; Familiar: Arabic, Azeri.

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