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Place & Year of Birth	Waterford, Ireland, 1989
Nationalities	Irish and German

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, **Tilburg University**, [Dept. of Econometrics and Operations Research](#) (2018-)

OTHER CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

[Research Affiliate at the Centre of Economic Policy Research \(CEPR\)](#), IO and DE groups (2022-)

[Affiliate Member of the Financial Inclusion Through INteroperability \(FIT IN\) Initiative](#), Toulouse School of Economics (2021-)

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, **Boston University**, Massachusetts, USA, 2018

Dissertation title: [Dynamic Oligopoly and Regulation in Developing Countries](#)

Thesis Committee: Marc Rysman, Andrew Newman, Jihye Jeon, Kehinde Ajayi, Juan Ortner

MSc in Economics (*with Distinction & Terence Gorman Prize*), **Trinity College Dublin**, Ireland, 2012

B.A. (Mod.) in Economic and Social Studies, joint honor in Business Studies and Economics (*with First-Class Honors & Gold Medal*), **Trinity College Dublin**, Ireland, 2011

Erasmus Exchange Program at **Universität Regensburg**, Germany, 2009-2010

Christian Brothers School, Saint Otteran's Tce., Tramore, Ireland, 2002-2007

Holy Cross National School, Ballycarnane, Tramore, Ireland, 1994-2002

PUBLICATIONS

[“The Effects of Policy Interventions to Limit Illegal Money Lending”](#) (with Kaiwen Leong, Huailu Li and Nicola Pavanini)

Journal of Financial Economics, Volume 159, September 2024, 103894.

[“Law Enforcement and Bargaining Over Illicit Drug Prices: Structural Evidence from a Gang's Ledger”](#) (with Kaiwen Leong, Huailu Li and Marc Rysman)

Journal of the European Economic Association, Volume 20, Issue 3, June 2022, Pages 1198–1230

WORKING PAPERS

[“Bank Branching Strategies in the 1997 Thai Financial Crisis and Local Access to Credit”](#) (with Marc Rysman and Robert M. Townsend) *CEPR Discussion Paper DP17869*

Conditionally accepted, Journal of the European Economic Association

[“Social Impacts of New Radio Markets in Ghana: A Dynamic Structural Analysis”](#)

Revise and Resubmit, RAND Journal of Economics

[“Environmental Impacts of Banning Vehicle Advertising”](#) (with Jiekai Zhang) *CEPR Discussion Paper DP20393*

[“Do I Really Want to Buy This? Preference Discovery and Consumer Search”](#) (with Tobias Klein and Tinghan Zhang)

CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS

- 2025 University College Dublin; University of Vienna.
- 2024 FIT IN Initiative Conference (Toulouse; discussant); University of Mannheim.
- 2023 Bristol-Warwick Empirical IO Workshop and Masterclass (Warwick); Tilburg IO Workshop.
- 2022 NBER IO Spring Meeting (Stanford); National University of Singapore; IIOC (Northeastern); Tilburg Growth, Trade and International Finance Conference (discussant); Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum (Applied IO Program); EEA-ESEM Congress (Milan); Central Bank of Chile and Inter-American Development Bank Workshop on Industrial Organization in Financial Markets; Helsinki GSE.
- 2021 Boston University; Yale University; IIOC (Drexel); EARIE (Bergen); TiLEC Workshop on the Economics of Patents and Standards (discussant); Nanyang Technological University; North East Universities Development Consortium (Boston); Purdue University.
- 2020 CEPR VIOS.
- 2018 Tilburg University; CREST; University of Mannheim; QuantCo Berlin; Sciences Po; EARIE (Athens).
- 2017 Green Line IO Meeting (Boston College); Federal Communications Commission (Washington DC); IIOC (Boston).

SELECTED REFEREEING ACTIVITY

American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, International Journal of Industrial Organization

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 Excellent Teacher Award, Tilburg School of Economics and Management
- 2024 Best Teacher of Large Groups Award, Tilburg School of Economics and Management
- 2023 Excellent Teacher Award, Tilburg School of Economics and Management
- 2017 [Rosenstein-Rodan Prize Winner, Boston University](#)
- 2017 [Best Rising Star Paper, International Industrial Organization Conference \(IIOC\), Boston](#)
- 2012-2017 [Dean's Fellowship, Boston University](#)
- 2012 [Terence Gorman Prize, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin](#)
- 2011 [Business & Economics Winner, Undergraduate Awards of Ireland & Northern Ireland](#)
- 2011 [Whately Scholarship \(entry scholarship for MSc in Economics\), Trinity College Dublin](#)
- 2009-2014 [Foundation Scholarship \(free tuition, room and board\), Trinity College Dublin 2009-2014](#)

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2018 Research Assistant for [Juan Ortner](#), Boston University, Massachusetts, USA
- 2014 Research Assistant for [Lesley Chiou](#), Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2011 Research Assistant at the [Economic and Social Research Institute](#), Dublin, Ireland
- 2005-2007 Accounts Assistant at [The Munster Express](#) (Local Newspaper), Waterford, Ireland

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- 2023 [Staatsexamen Nt2, Programma II: Lezen, Luisteren](#) (Official state exams in reading and listening to demonstrate Dutch language proficiency to study and work at university level).
- 2020 [Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs](#) (Standard university teaching qualification for Dutch universities).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Average instructor evaluations in parentheses where available (out of 5).

2024-	Programming for E&BI, BSc. Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation (2024: 4.5, 2025: 4.5)
2024-	Programming, TiSEM Minor in Essential Digital Skills (2024: 4.4, 2025: 4.8)
2023-	Programming and Quantitative Skills, BSc. International Business Administration (2023: 4.4, 2024: 4.6)
2019-	Statistics 2, BSc. International Business Administration (2020: 4.4, 2021: 4.4, 2022: 4.6, 2023: 4.5, 2024: 4.7, 2025: 4.8)
2018-	General Equilibrium Theory, Research Master Economics (2020: 4.4, 2021: 4.6, 2022: 4.5, 2023: 4.6, 2024: 4.9)
2018-	Thesis supervisor for MSc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics
2025-	Thesis supervisor for MSc. Finance
2019-2024	Advanced Panel Data Methods, Research Master Economics (2019: 4.8, 2020: 4.6, 2021: 4.3, 2022: 4.5, 2023: 4.8)
2019-2024	Improving Society Lab, BSc. Econometrics and Operations Research
2018-2024	Thesis supervisor for BSc. Econometrics and Operations Research
2019-2023	Thesis supervisor for Research Master Economics
2016-2017	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis, Boston University (2016 4.6, 2017: 4.6)
2013-2015	Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomic Analysis, Boston University (Fall 2013: 4.2, Spring 2014: 4.4, Fall 2014: 3.9, Spring 2015: 4.4)
2010-2011	Teaching Assistant, Mathematics & Statistics, Trinity College Dublin (2010: 4.4, 2011: 4.6)

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-	External Examiner, Dept. Economics, Trinity College Dublin
2024-	Elected member of the TiSEM faculty council
2023-	Koopmans seminar co-organizer
2020-	Job market placement committee member
2023-	Scientific committee member (grader) for European Association for Research in Industrial Economics conference
2025	Scientific committee member for 2025 Tilburg Finance Summit on Housing and Mortgages Choices
2024	Scientific committee member for the 12th European Banking Center Conference
2023-2024	CEPR virtual IO seminar co-organizer
2022-2025	Departmental Econometrics seminar co-organizer
2022	Faculty representative for Research Master Economics for NVAO & AACSB accreditation
2020	TiSEM External Research Assessment group representative
2019	Recruiting committee member

CURRENT PHD STUDENTS

Vishal Pant (co-supervised with Nicola Pavanini).

Tinghan Zhang (co-supervised with Tobias Klein).

GRADUATED PHD STUDENTS AND FIRST PLACEMENTS

[Hazal Sezer](#) (co-supervised with Burak Uras; promoter: Daan van Soest). Defended June 17, 2024 with *cum laude*.
First placement: Charles River Associates, Brussels.

[Xiaoyue Zhang](#) (co-supervised with Jaap H. Abbring and Jeffrey Campbell). Defended Sept. 22, 2023.
First placement: Postdoc at MIT Sloan before joining DIW Berlin.

[Michela Bonani](#) (co-supervised with Florian Schütt; promoter: Tobias Klein). Defended June 9, 2023.
First placement: Postdoc at ESSEC Business School, Cergy, France.

MEMBERSHIP OF PHD COMMITTEES

2025 [Kadircan Çakmak](#), Tilburg University

Last updated: November 2025