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Academic appointments

2023–: Professor, School of Economics, University of Bristol
2021–2023: Associate Professor, School of Economics, University of Bristol
2014–2021: Assistant Professor, School of Economics, University of Bristol
2011–2014: Post-doctoral researcher, CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Education

2008–2011: PhD in Economics, PSE (Supervisor: Daniel Cohen)
2006–2007: Graduate Harvard-ENS Exchange Fellowship, Harvard University
2006: MSc Economics APE, PSE; MSc Economics/Statistics, ENSAE, *First Class*
2004: BA Mathematics, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris/Ulm

Grants, scholarships, and fellowships

2020–2024: ORA ESRC/ANR/SSHRC, “MAPHIS” (PI, ~£1,200,000)
2021–2023: BA Global Challenges, “Floods, Risk Diversification and Livelihoods” (PI, £48,778)
2019–2020: Brigstow Institute (PI, £7,000)
2019–2021: Alan Turing Fellowship
2019–2022: NERC/ESRC, “Hydrometeorological Hazards in Viet Nam” (Co-PI, £500,000)
2018–2020: Kraks Fond, “The Opportunity Not to Move” (Co-PI, £37,000)
2017–2018: BA-Leverhulme small grant (PI, £8,900)
2008–2011: EHESS Graduate Scholarship
2006–2007: Graduate Harvard-ENS Exchange Fellowship (Augustus Clifford Tower Fund)
2003–2008: Ecole Normale Supérieure, Full Fellowship

Publications and working papers

[State of the art: Economic development through the lens of paintings](#), with Stephan Heblich and Clément Gorin, *R&R, Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

[Community-building and societal leaders: Evidence from Mandatory Palestine](#), with Laura Panza, *R&R, Review of Economics and Statistics*.

[The price of distinction](#), with Regis Barnichon, *R&R, Economic Journal*.

[The distributional consequences of trade: Evidence from the grain invasion](#), with Stephan Heblich and Stephen Redding, *R&R, Journal of Political Economy*.

[Industrial clusters in the long run: Evidence from Million-Rouble plants in China](#), with Stephan Heblich, Marlon Seror, and Hao Xu, *forthcoming, The Review of Economic Studies*.

[Cool cities: The value of urban trees](#), with Lu Han, Stephan Heblich, and Christopher Timmins, *forthcoming, American Economic Review: Insights*.

[The pick of the crop: Agricultural practices and clustered networks in village economies](#), with André Gröger, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2026, 24(1): 271–310.

[The dynamics of informality and fiscal policy under sovereign risk](#), with Francesco Pappada, *Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics*, 2026, 4(1): 97–134.

[Migrants and firms: Evidence from China](#), with Clément Imbert, Marlon Seror, and Yifan Zhang, *American Economic Review*, 2022, 112(6): 1885–1914.

[Menu of insurance for the unemployed](#), with Regis Barnichon, *The Review of Economic Studies*, 2022, 89(1): 118–141.

[East side story: Historical pollution and neighborhood sorting](#), with Stephan Heblich and Alex Trew, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2021, 109(5): 1508–1552.

[Environmental risk and the anchoring role of mobility rigidities](#), with Renaud Coulomb, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 2021, 8.3: 509–542.

[Under-employment and the trickle-down of unemployment](#), with Regis Barnichon, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 2019, 11(2): 40–78.

[War, migration, and the origins of the Thai sex industry](#), with Abel Brodeur and Warn Lekfuangfu, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2018, 16.5: 1540–1576.

[Austerity and tax compliance](#), with Francesco Pappada, *European Economic Review*, 2017, 100: 506–524.

[Protests and trust in the state: Evidence from African countries](#), with Marc Sangnier, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, 152: 55–67.

[Internal labor migration as a shock coping strategy: Evidence from a typhoon](#), with André Gröger, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2016, 8(2): 123–153.

[Star Wars: The empirics strike back](#), with Abel Brodeur, Mathias Lé, and Marc Sangnier, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2016, 8(1): 1–32.

Work in progress

[Floating population: migration with\(out\) family and the spatial distribution of economic activity](#), with Clément Imbert, Joan Monras, and Marlon Seror, *CEPR Discussion Paper*, 2024.

[The death and life of Great British cities](#), with Stephan Heblich, David Nagy, and Alex Trew, *NBER Working Paper*, 2025.

Invited paper(s)

[Urban economics in a historical perspective: Recovering data with machine learning](#), with Pierre-Philippe Combes and Laurent Gobillon, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2022, 103711.

Conferences and seminars

2027: Geneva, Aarhus, Sheffield, Bergamo

2026: PSL, Namur, Royal Holloway, Leicester University, CERGE-EI, Bern, Berlin, UEA Barcelona, Workshop in Urban Economics at Reading, Linnaeus, Warwick, CESifo, Padova, ZEW

2025: Cardiff University, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toronto, Paris-Saclay University, Queen Mary, Uppsala University, Boston College, Text-As-Data conference, Reading University, Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, “Public Policies, Cities, and Regions” Workshop (ENS Lyon)

2024: University of Mannheim, CSAE Oxford, University of Cologne, Sheffield University, York University, Tilburg GIFT Workshop, EAERE Summer School, CESifo, Workshop on Causal Inference with Spatial Data (Essen), Workshop (Copenhagen), Reading University, London School of Economics, Sciences-Po, Paris School of Economics, UC3M, Hong Kong University

2023: Paris School of Economics, University of Nottingham, Bologna, King’s College, UCL, Oxford University, University of Birmingham, University of Southampton, London School of Economics, Brown University, ASREC 2023 (Harvard), University of Toronto, Warwick University, University of Lausanne

2022: Universitat de Barcelona, Helsinki University, CRED workshop, ULB, Berlin Applied Micro Seminar, Sciences-Po, UEA London, BGSE SF
 2021: Tinbergen Institute, Glasgow University, University of Bern, IIES, Bocconi University, Toulouse School of Economics, Warwick University, HEC, CREI-UPF (workshop)
 2020: London School of Economics, Monash University, CAF, CREST-Polytechnique, University of Geneva, GSF “Regional Disparities and Economic Policy”
 2019: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Vienna, Bath University, Durham University, UQAM, Laval, Ottawa University, University of Nottingham, CERDI
 2018: University of Manchester, Copenhagen Business School, Melbourne University, University of Lausanne, BGSE SF, China-India (PSE), EEA-ESEM (Cologne)
 2017: CESifo, Warwick University, University of St-Andrews, BGSE SF, CREM Rennes, SSES Lausanne
 2016: CESifo, London School of Economics, SERC, BGSE SF, Queen Mary, CUHK, University of Manchester, EEA-ESEM (Geneva).
 2015: ESWC (Montreal), Queen’s University Belfast, Warwick University, CSAE Oxford, CGD, University of Gothenburg, RES (Manchester)
 2014 and before: Bristol University, Bonn, CERGE-EI, IAE, Monash University, DIW, EUI, EEA (Toulouse), IZA/CEPR Labour Symposium, CREM (Rennes), Oxford University (x2), FUNDP, Frankfurt, CREI, UPF, EEA-ESEM (Gothenburg), CREI, UPF, EEA-ESEM (Malaga), U. Barcelona, EEA-ESEM (Oslo), PSE, Paris 1, Maryland, CREI, IMT Lucca, DIAL, ESWC (Shanghai), EEA (Glasgow), CESifo (Venice), EUDN, ESPE

Professional activities and administrative duties

2027–: Managing editor, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*
 2026–: UEA, member at large
 2022–: CEPR fellow
 2023–: School Research Director (Bristol)
 2021–: ES Winter Meetings Programme Committee
 2021–2023: Editorial Advisor, Canadian Journal of Economics
 2020–: EEA Programme Committee (2022, 2023: Coordinator for Economic History)
 2020–: UEA Programme Committee (2021: Vice-Chair, 2022: Chair, 2023: Past Chair)
 2017–: CESifo fellow
 2016–2019: RES Programme Committee
 2016–2017, 2019–2020: Junior Hiring Committee (Bristol)
 2015–2018: Lead organizer of the Economics seminar series (Bristol)
 2011–: Reviewer for the *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *Journal of Economic Theory*, *American Economic Journal: Macro/Applied/Econ. Policy*, the *Journal of the European Economic Association*, the *Economic Journal*, the *Journal of Public Economics*, the *Journal of Urban Economics*, the *Journal of Development Economics*, the *Journal of Economic History*, the *Journal of Health Economics*, the *Journal of Economic Growth*, the *Journal of Economic Geography*, the *European Economic Review*, *Labour Economics*, *RSUE*, *JEDC*, *JCE*, *AJAE*, *EDCC*, *EEH*, *EHB*, *EE*, *JDS*, *JES*, *SJE*, *RDE*, *CJE*, *JAERE*, *JEBO*, *JEEM*, *SBEJ*, *Economica*, the *National Science Foundation*, the *Swiss National Science Foundation*, the *British Academy*, the *Leverhulme Trust*.