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POSITIONS

2022 – present **Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics**, University of Birmingham
2019 – 2022 **Post-Doctoral Researcher in Economics**, University of Namur

AFFILIATIONS

2022 – present **External Member**, Arthur Lewis Lab, University of Manchester
2022 – present **External Affiliate**, DeFiPP, University of Namur
2019 – present **Research Associate**, CAGE, University of Warwick

FELLOWSHIPS

2024 – present **Fellow**, Higher Education Academy

EDUCATION

2015 – 2019 **Ph.D. Economics**, University of Warwick
Thesis: *Democracy Manifest: Essays in Historical Political Economy*
Supervisor: Sascha O. Becker
Examiners: James Fenske (University of Warwick), Erik Hornung (University of Cologne)
2013 – 2015 **M.Res. Economics, with Distinction**, University of Warwick
2010 – 2013 **B.Sc. Economics and Economic History, First Class Honours**, University of Warwick

RESEARCH

Publications **Welfare Cuts and Crime: Evidence from the New Poor Law**
with Martina Miotto
The Economic Journal, 2023, 133(651), pp. 1248–1264
Wars, Taxation and Representation: Evidence from Five Centuries of German History
with Sascha O. Becker, Andreas Ferrara and Luigi Pascali
accepted for publication, *Journal of the European Economic Association*

Working papers **Transport Infrastructure, Individual Mobility and Social Mobilisation**
CAGE Working Paper No. 471
revise and resubmit, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
Creating ‘Us and Them’: Racial Propaganda and Right-Wing Voting in Interwar Sweden
revise and resubmit, *The Economic Journal*

Work in progress **Brexit and the Blitz: Conflict, Collective Memory and Populism**
Political Determinants of News Diets: Evidence from the U.S.
with Julia Cagé, Guilhem Cassan and James M. Snyder

Unpopular Reforms, Social Unrest and Grassroots Political Movements

with Konstantin Bakharev and Martina Miotto

Other work

Book Review: *Race and the Undeserving Poor* by Robbie Shilliam

Economic History Review, 72(2), 2019, pp. 775–776

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Université Paris-Dauphine – University of Cambridge
- 2024 Newcastle University – Arthur Lewis Lab, University of Manchester – University of Southern Denmark
- 2023 Trinity College Dublin – Linnaeus University, Växjö
- 2022 NICEP, University of Nottingham
- 2021 University of Bayreuth – University of Birmingham
- 2020 University of York – LICOS, KU Leuven – University of Antwerp – Centre Emile Bernheim, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 2019 Birkbeck College, University of London – University of Potsdam – University of Gothenburg – University of Rome, Tor Vergata – University of Namur – UC Louvain
- 2018 London School of Economics Graduate Seminar in Economic History

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 University of Birmingham Internal Seminar – Economic History Society Annual Conference, Strathclyde (scheduled) – Second City History and Economics Meeting, Birmingham (scheduled) – RES Annual Conference, Birmingham (scheduled) – World Economic History Congress, Lund (scheduled)
- 2024 University of Birmingham Internal Seminar – Second City History and Economics Meeting, Birmingham – Arthur Lewis Lab Conference, Manchester – ASREC Europe Conference, Thessaloniki – Meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Economic and Social History, Oslo
- 2023 CAGE Economic History Workshop, Warwick – Economic History Society Annual Conference, Warwick – RES Annual Conference, Glasgow – NICEP Conference, Nottingham – Workshop in Economic History, Uppsala – Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh
- 2022 RES Annual Conference, virtual – DeFiPP Workshop, Namur – Annual Workshop on Growth, History and Development, Southern Denmark – ZEW Political Economy Workshop, Mannheim – European Historical Economics Society Congress, Groningen – Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Conference, Toronto – Workshop on the Political Economy of Conflict, Royal Holloway and Queen Mary University of London – University of Birmingham Internal Seminar – ASREC Europe Conference, University of Notre Dame London – TEDE Research Group Seminar, Birmingham
- 2021 Frontier Research in Economic and Social History Meeting, virtual – International Workshop on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, virtual – European Social Science History Conference, virtual – Big Data in Economic History Conference, virtual – Workshop on the Political Economy of Wars and Political Transitions, virtual – Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, virtual – Meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Economic and Social History, Gothenburg – DeFiPP Workshop, Namur – Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Tucson/virtual – European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, virtual
- 2020 DeFiPP Workshop, virtual (×2) – Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History, virtual – ASREC 24H, virtual
- 2019 Baltic Connections Conference in Social Science History, Helsinki – Economic History Society Annual Conference, Queen’s University Belfast – Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels – RES Annual Conference, Warwick – EOS Workshop, Antwerp – Geodata in Economics Workshop, Hamburg – European Economic Association Annual Congress, Manchester – European Historical Economics Society Congress, Paris – Meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Economic and Social History, Uppsala – DeFiPP Workshop, Namur – HEDG Mini-Workshop, Southern Denmark

2018	Leicester Ph.D. Conference, Leicester – RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, Sussex – CAGE AMES Seminar, Warwick – Warwick Ph.D. Conference, Warwick (poster) – Annual Workshop on Growth, History and Development, Southern Denmark – ASREC Europe Conference, Luxembourg – EBE Summer Meeting, Munich – World Economic History Congress, Boston – Sound Economic History Workshop, Gothenburg – Workshop on Urban, Regional and International Economics, Southern Denmark – Oxford-Warwick-LSE Economic History Workshop, Warwick – Workshop on Political Economy, ifo Dresden – Workshop on Interwar Economic History, London School of Economics – CREA Workshop on Culture and Comparative Development, Luxembourg – RES Ph.D. Meeting, Westminster Business School
2017	CAGE Research Day, Warwick – Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Halle/Saale – Young Economists’ Meeting, Brno – CAGE-EHES-IAS Summer School, Warwick – ASREC Europe Conference, Bologna – Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History, Copenhagen Business School

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 – present	Lecturer and Module Lead , University of Birmingham LI Econometrics B, undergraduate
2022 – present	Lecturer and Module Lead , University of Birmingham LI Econometrics A, undergraduate
2022 – present	Supervisor , University of Birmingham LH Economics Extended Essay, undergraduate
2024	Lecturer , CAGE Pre-Doctoral Summer School, University of Warwick Geographic Information Systems & Digital Economic History
2024	Lecturer , University of Birmingham LH Public Economics, undergraduate
2022 – 2024	Lecturer and Module Lead , University of Birmingham LM Introduction to Econometric Software, postgraduate
2022 – 2023	Supervisor , University of Birmingham LM Dissertation, postgraduate
2019 – 2022	Lecturer , University of Namur EDEV331 Development and Institutions, postgraduate
2019 – 2022	Tutor , University of Namur EDEV350 Personal Project, postgraduate
2015 – 2019	Teaching Assistant , University of Warwick EC123 Mathematical Techniques B, undergraduate EC124 Statistical Techniques B, undergraduate

GRANTS

2024	Birmingham Business School Seed Corn Funding (£1,986)
2024	Birmingham Department of Economics Seed Corn Funding (£1,500)
2023	Birmingham Department of Economics Seed Corn Funding (£2,750, with Edward Pinchbeck)
2023	Birmingham Business School Seed Corn Funding (£2,115, with Martina Miotto)
2021	University of Namur Covid Impact Support Grant (€9,500)
2019	Warwick Departmental Applied Research Grant (£1,030, with Martina Miotto)
2019	Economic History Association Exploratory Travel and Data Grant (\$2,400, with Martina Miotto)
2019	Royal Economic Society Small Academic Expense Grant (£450)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023	Birmingham Business School Early Career Research Award
2018 – 2019	Departmental studentship, University of Warwick
2017	Best Paper Award, Young Economists' Meeting, Brno
2015 – 2018	CAGE ESRC DTC studentship, University of Warwick
2013 – 2015	M.Res. departmental studentship, University of Warwick
2012	Greenlite Prize for best performance in Economics and Economic History, University of Warwick

REFEREEING

Journals	<i>Economic History Review</i> – <i>The Economic Journal</i> – <i>Economics of Transition and Institutional Change</i> – <i>European Review of History</i> – <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> – <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> – <i>Journal of Economic History</i> – <i>Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization</i> – <i>Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics</i> – <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> – <i>World Development</i>
Conferences	Economic History Society Annual Conference, New Researcher Prize (ad-hoc committee member) – Spring Meeting of Young Economists – Warwick Ph.D. Conference
Funding bodies	European Research Council

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2024 – present	Second City History and Economics Meeting (SCHEME) organiser, University of Birmingham
2023 – present	Departmental external seminar organiser, University of Birmingham
2023 – present	Public lecture series organiser, University of Birmingham
2022 – present	Political economy reading group co-organiser, University of Birmingham
2022 – present	Personal academic tutor, University of Birmingham
2020 – 2022	DeFiPP workshop co-organiser, University of Namur
2016 – 2019	CAGE AMES seminar series co-organiser, University of Warwick
2015 – 2017	Ph.D. Conference co-organiser, University of Warwick
2013 – 2014	M.Res. student-staff liaison representative, University of Warwick

SKILLS

Languages	English (fluent), Swedish (native), German (fluent), French (basic)
IT	Office, L ^A T _E X, Stata, ArcGIS, Python

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