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POSITIONS

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

AFFILIATIONS

2022 – present	External Affiliate , DeFiPP, University of Namur
2019 – present	Research Associate , CAGE, University of Warwick
2022 – 2025	External Member , Arthur Lewis Lab, University of Manchester

FELLOWSHIPS

2024 – present	Fellow , Higher Education Academy
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EDUCATION

2015 – 2019	Ph.D. Economics , University of Warwick Thesis: <i>Democracy Manifest: Essays in Historical Political Economy</i> 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	Wars, Taxation and Representation: Evidence from Five Centuries of German History with Sascha O. Becker, Andreas Ferrara and Luigi Pascali <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> , 2025, 23(6), pp. 2241–2288 Welfare Cuts and Crime: Evidence from the New Poor Law with Martina Miotto <i>The Economic Journal</i> , 2023, 133(651), pp. 1248–1264
Working papers	Transport Infrastructure, Individual Mobility and Social Mobilisation <i>CAGE Working Paper No. 471</i> conditionally accepted at the <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> Creating ‘Us and Them’: Racial Propaganda and Right-Wing Voting in Interwar Sweden revise and resubmit, <i>The Economic Journal</i>
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

2026	University of Liverpool (scheduled)
2025	Université Paris-Dauphine – University of Cambridge – Queen’s University Belfast – Loughborough University
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 – Midlands Empirical Economics Workshop, Leicester – NICEP Conference, Nottingham – BVRN Workshop, Amsterdam – Second City History and Economics Meeting, Birmingham – Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Birmingham – World Economic History Congress, Lund (×2) – European Historical Economics Society Congress, Hohenheim
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 – Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Glasgow – NICEP Conference, Nottingham – Workshop in Economic History, Uppsala – Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh
2022	Royal Economic Society 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 – Royal Economic Society 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 – Royal Economic Society 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 (×2) – Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History, Copenhagen Business School

PH.D. SUPERVISION

2025 – present	Hailin Lu (jointly with Stephanie Decker)
2024 – present	Yi Min (jointly with Robert J. R. Elliott)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	University of Birmingham
2025 – present	LC The Global Economy, undergraduate (lecturer and module lead)
2025 – present	LH Economics Dissertation, undergraduate (supervisor)
2024 – present	LI Econometrics B, undergraduate (lecturer and module lead)
2022 – present	LI Econometrics A, undergraduate (lecturer and module lead)
2024	LH Public Economics, undergraduate (lecturer)
2022 – 2025	LH Economics Extended Essay, undergraduate (supervisor)
2022 – 2024	LM Introduction to Econometric Software, postgraduate (lecturer and module lead)
2022 – 2023	LM Dissertation, postgraduate (supervisor)
	CAGE Pre-Doctoral Summer School, University of Warwick
2024 – 2025	Geographic Information Systems & Digital Economic History (lecturer)
	University of Namur
2019 – 2022	EDEV331 Development and Institutions, postgraduate (lecturer)
2019 – 2022	EDEV350 Personal Project, postgraduate (tutor)
	University of Warwick
2015 – 2019	EC123 Mathematical Techniques B, undergraduate (teaching assistant)
2015 – 2019	EC124 Statistical Techniques B, undergraduate (teaching assistant)

GRANTS

2025	Economic History Society Initiatives and Conference Fund (£2,138)
2025	Birmingham Business School Seed Corn Funding (£3,000, with Apurav Bhatiya)
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

2025	Birmingham Business School Early Career Research Award (for <i>Wars, Taxation and Representation</i>)
2023	Birmingham Business School Early Career Research Award (for <i>Welfare Cuts and Crime</i>)
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 Economic History</i> – <i>European Review of History</i> – <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> – <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> – <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i> – <i>Journal of Economic History</i> – <i>Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization</i> – <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> – <i>Microeconomics</i> – <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> – <i>World Development</i>
Conferences	Spring Meeting of Young Economists – Warwick Ph.D. Conference
Prizes	Economic History Society Annual Conference, New Researcher Prize (ad-hoc committee member)
Funding bodies	European Research Council

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

	University of Birmingham
2025 – present	Departmental class teaching allocation officer
2024 – present	Second City History and Economics Meeting (SCHEME) organiser
2023 – present	Departmental external seminar organiser
2023 – present	Departmental public lecture series organiser
2022 – present	Political economy reading group co-organiser
2022 – 2025	Personal academic tutor
	University of Namur
2020 – 2022	DeFiPP workshop co-organiser
	University of Warwick
2016 – 2019	CAGE Applied Micro Early Stage (AMES) seminar series co-organiser
2015 – 2017	Ph.D. Conference co-organiser
2013 – 2014	M.Res. student-staff liaison representative

SKILLS

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

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