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## POSITIONS

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

## AFFILIATIONS

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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

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

## EDUCATION

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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

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Publications      **Wars, Taxation and Representation: Evidence from Five Centuries of German History**  
with Sascha O. Becker, Andreas Ferrara and Luigi Pascali  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2025, 23(6), pp. 2241–2288

**Welfare Cuts and Crime: Evidence from the New Poor Law**  
with Martina Miotto  
*The Economic Journal*, 2023, 133(651), pp. 1248–1264

Working papers      **Transport Infrastructure, Individual Mobility and Social Mobilisation**  
*CAGE Working Paper No. 471*  
conditionally accepted at the *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

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 (x2) – Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History, Copenhagen Business School

## PH.D. SUPERVISION

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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	<b>University of Birmingham</b>
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)
	<b>CAGE Pre-Doctoral Summer School, University of Warwick</b>
2024 – 2025	Geographic Information Systems & Digital Economic History (lecturer)
	<b>University of Namur</b>
2019 – 2022	EDEV331 Development and Institutions, postgraduate (lecturer)
2019 – 2022	EDEV350 Personal Project, postgraduate (tutor)
	<b>University of Warwick</b>
2015 – 2019	EC123 Mathematical Techniques B, undergraduate (teaching assistant)
2015 – 2019	EC124 Statistical Techniques B, undergraduate (teaching assistant)

## GRANTS

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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

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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

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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 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

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<b>University of Birmingham</b>	
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
<b>University of Namur</b>	
2020 – 2022	DeFiPP workshop co-organiser
<b>University of Warwick</b>	
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

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<b>Languages</b>	English (fluent), Swedish (native), German (fluent), French (basic)
<b>IT</b>	Office, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Stata, ArcGIS, Python

## REFERENCES

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<b>Sascha O. Becker</b> Professor of Economics University of Warwick s.o.becker@warwick.ac.uk	<b>James Fenske</b> Professor of Economics University of Warwick j.fenske@warwick.ac.uk	<b>Bishnupriya Gupta</b> Professor of Economics University of Warwick b.gupta@warwick.ac.uk
<b>Luigi Pascali</b> Associate Professor of Economics LUISS Guido Carli luigi.pascali@upf.edu	<b>Guilhem Cassan</b> Professor of Economics University of Namur guilhem.cassan@unamur.be	