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EDUCATION

Stanford University PhD Political Science PhD Minor Economics (in progress)	09/2022 – present High Pass (Comprehensive Exams)
University of Oxford MSc Politics Research	10/2019 – 09/2020 Distinction
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) BSc Government	09/2016 – 06/2019 First Class Honours

EXPERIENCE

Stanford University Department of Political Science <i>Research Assistant to Professor of Political Science, Margaret Levi</i>	10/2022 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided research assistance on the political economy of property rights for Professor Levi's forthcoming article with the Annual Review of Political Science.• Assist Professor Levi on her upcoming book on political equality, conceptualising and constructing measures of "policy responsiveness" and "relational inequality" across countries using survey data.	
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) <i>Summer Intern, Economics Department</i>	07/2023 – 09/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented econometric analysis to the Chief Economist, alongside other departmental members, on the effects of large-scale infrastructure projects in building trust in government across Asia.• Contributed to AIIB's 'Asian Infrastructure Finance 2023' report, estimating the ecological consequences of transport infrastructure using satellite data and geospatial statistics.• Delivered a presentation to the Economics Department, econometrically quantifying the impact of India's Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) highway network construction on levels of deforestation.• Performed descriptive analysis concerning the potential effects of inflation on transport infrastructure project unit costs across AIIB regional members.	
LSE Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD) <i>Pre-Doctoral Fellow to W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics, Sir Tim Besley</i>	10/2020 – 07/2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed to an EU-funded Horizon 2020 policy report with Professor Besley on 'Best Practice in Multi-Level Governance During Pandemics', discussing the role of state capacity and decentralisation in managing future pandemics.• Co-developed a policy memo on state capacity and climate action for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) 'Asian Infrastructure Finance 2022' report, using data analysis to identify and promote climate policy initiatives amongst vulnerable regional member nations.• Published a book chapter with Professor Besley for an editorial volume with Corvinus University of Budapest, studying the role of trust on Covid-19 outcomes across East and West Europe.• Co-authored a working paper and blog piece for the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), applying machine learning techniques to review trends in state capacity and economic development over the last ten years.• Explored patterns in mass protests for Professor Besley's Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 2021 lecture at the World Bank on 'Global Unrest'.	

LSE Economics Department

07/2019 – 10/2019

Research Assistant to W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics, Sir Tim Besley

- Assembled a macro cross-country time-series dataset on government tax revenues and state capacity, analysing trends in national development.
- Assisted Professor Besley on his upcoming political economy textbook, ranging from proofreading chapters to completing literature reviews and performing regression analysis.

DLA Piper

06/2017 – 08/2017

Nine-week work experience placement in real estate

- Delivered a presentation to partners, associates, and trainees within the Hong Kong and Shanghai real estate practice groups regarding the potential impacts of Brexit and 2017 hung parliament on UK public equity real estate markets.
- Frequently carried out redlining for associates (both manually and via software) on share purchase agreements, framework agreements, and earn-out agreements, tracking changes made by opposing counsel and developing acute analytical skills.
- Proofread due diligence reports and share purchase agreements cover-to-cover within stringent deadlines, whilst also making final amendments for associates before closing.

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

edX

01/2021 – 04/2021

Introduction to Computer Science and Programming Using Python, MITx

- Participated in MIT's online edX computer science course, achieving an overall grade of 90%.

IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Methods, Singapore

06/2018 – 07/2018

Time-Series and Spatial Analysis I & II

- Partook in 35 hours' worth of a time-series and spatial econometrics course, applying spatio-temporal autoregressive methods in R and Stata, achieving straight A grades in the final exams.

Harvard Business School Online (HBX)

09/2017 – 10/2017

Leading with Finance, Certificate of Completion

- Participated in a six-week course on finance for business, taking modules in financial analysis, accounting, capital markets, and value creation.

PUBLICATIONS

[Why political trust and voluntary compliance have been key to government pandemic responsiveness in Europe](#), LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) blog, 2023.

[The accountability gap: Deliberation on monetary policy in Britain and America during the financial crisis](#), European Journal of Political Economy, 2022.

[Does public trust in government matter for effective policy-making?](#), Economics Observatory, 2022.

[How might an independent Scotland build fiscal capacity?](#), Economics Observatory, 2022.

[When we talk about state capacity to deal with COVID, we shouldn't ignore interpersonal trust](#), LSE COVID 19 blog, 2022.

[Pillars of Prosperity: A Ten-Year Update](#), Centre for Economic Policy Research, 2021.

[State capacity and development clusters](#), VoxDev, 2021.

IT SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Stata, R, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Python, SPARQL, QGIS