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Education

2004 - PhD Economics – University College London (part-time) - London
2002 - 2003 MSc. in Economics (Merit) – London School of Economics - London
1994 - 2000 BSc. Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*) - University of Buenos Aires

Employment

2003 - Senior Research Economist (09.06 -)
Research Economist (09.03 - 08.06)
The Institute for Fiscal Studies – London
2001 - 2002 Economist Jr
Secretariat for Economic Development – City of Buenos Aires’
Government
1998 - 2001 Research Assistant
CENIT –Buenos Aires

Research grants

2007-2010 Globalisation, innovation and productivity: international evidence and implications for policy
Co-applicant (with Rachel Griffith)
ESRC (RES-180-25-0003), July 2007-June 2010, £198,000
2007-2008 Investigating business-university innovation linkages
Co-applicant (with Helen Simpson)
ESRC (RES-171-22-0001), April 2007-March 2008, £44,000.
2006-2007 Analysis of firms’ structures and outsourcing in the UK
Co-applicant (with Rachel Griffith)
Department of Trade and Industry, October 2006-January 2007,
£22,000.
2006 Analysing business-university innovation linkages
Co-applicant (with Rupert Harrison and Helen Simpson)
Department of Trade and Industry, July-August 2006, £9,000.

Publications

Journal articles

‘Providing Employers with Incentives to Train Low-Skilled Workers: Evidence from the U.K. Employer Training Pilots’, (with Erich Battistin, Emla Fitzsimons, Alissa Goodman and Helen Simpson), Journal of Labour Economics, forthcoming

‘Understanding co-operative R&D activity: evidence from four European countries’ (with Elisabeth Kremp, Alberto López and Tobias Schmidt and Helen Simpson), Economics of Innovation and New Technology, Volume 18, Issue 3, 2009, pages 243 – 265.

‘University research and the location of business R&D’ (with Rupert Harrison and Helen Simpson), Economic Journal, 117, March 2007, C114–C141.

‘Outsourcing and offshoring of business services: the role of ICT’, (with Rachel Griffith), Journal of the European Economic Association, May 2006 4(2-3):594-601.

Working papers and work in progress

‘Does offshoring research activity substitute for research activity at home?’ (with Rachel Griffith and Helen Miller), September 2009, IFS mimeo.

‘ICT, Corporate Restructuring and Productivity’ (with Rachel Griffith), April 2009, IFS Working Papers, W08/10.

‘The location of innovative activity in Europe’ (with Rachel Griffith, Gareth Macartney and Helen Miller), November 2008, IFS Working Papers, W08/10.

‘Geographic proximity and firm-university innovation linkages: evidence from Great Britain’ (with Helen Simpson), June 2008 CMPO, working paper 08/200 (revise and resubmit to the Journal of Economic Geography).

Other recent publications and reports

‘Analysis of firm structures and outsourcing in Great Britain’ (with Rachel Griffith). Final report for the BERR (ex DTI), BERR publication, April 2007

‘Analysing business-university innovation linkages’ (with Rupert Harrison and Helen Simpson), Report to DTI, August 2006

‘The impact of the Employer Training Pilots on the take-up of training among employers and employees’ (with Erich Battistin, Emla Fitzsimons, Alissa Goodman and Helen Simpson), Report to DfES, December 2005

‘Background facts and comments on “Supporting growth in innovation: enhancing the R&D tax credit”’ (with Rachel Griffith and Rupert Harrison), November 2005, IFS Briefing Note 67

‘Productivity policy’ (with Steve Bond, Rupert Harrison and Helen Simpson), April 2005, 16 pp., 05EBN6

‘Is the UK doing enough innovative activity? International comparative evidence’, February 2005, Economic Review, Vol. 22, No. 3

‘Offshoring of business services and its impact on the UK economy’ (with Rachel Griffith and Mari Sako), November 2004, 36 pp., IFS Briefing Notes, BN51. AIM Briefing Note, November 2004

‘Increasing innovative activity in the UK? Where now for government support for innovation and technology transfer?’ (with Rupert Harrison and Helen Simpson), November 2004, 21 pp., IFS Briefing Notes, BN53

Awards and Scholarships

British Chevening Scholarship for postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom (2002), British Council - Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Scholarship Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires) for postgraduate studies in Public Policy (2001)

Teaching

- 2007 IFS Public Economics lectures, London
- 2006 IFS Public Economics lectures, Oxford and Cambridge
- 2006 UK Innovation Policy, MPhil in Technology Policy, Cambridge
- 2001 - 2002 Teaching Assistant, Economic Development, University of Buenos Aires
- 1997 - 2000 Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, University of Buenos Aires
- 1996 - 1997 Teaching instructor, Introduction to Economics course, University of Buenos Aires.

Conferences and seminars

- 2009 LACEA (Buenos Aires)
- 2008 ESRC Social Science Week (London)
- 2007 HM Treasury (London); Nottingham University; University College London; Conference on Patent Statistics for Policy Decision Making organised by the OECD and EPO (Venice); University of Strathclyde; University of KU Leuven (Leuven); ZEW (Mannheim)
- 2006 Royal Economic Society (Nottingham); European Economic Association (Vienna); Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (micro) Data (Chicago); Office for National Statistics workshop (London); Department for Trade and Industry workshop (London)
- 2005 University of Sussex; Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (micro) Data (Cardiff); AIM workshops at the Institute for Fiscal Studies and at the Oxford Saïd Business School

Referee activity

Economic Journal; Fiscal Studies; Oxford Economic Papers; Research Policy; The Manchester School journal; Journal of Economic Geography; Economics of Innovation and New Technology; Journal of the European Economic Association