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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 2018 - ... Associate Director, *The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)*, London, UK.  
2012 - 2018 Senior Research Economist, *The IFS, Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies (EDePo)*, London, UK.  
2009 - 2012 Research Economist, *The IFS, EDePo*, London, UK.  
2008 - 2009 Postdoctoral Fellow, *The IFS, EDePo*, London, UK.

## EDUCATION

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- 2009 **Ph.D. in Social Protection Policy**, *University of Maastricht*, NL.  
2005 **Masters in Econometrics** (Doctorandus in Econometrie), *University of Maastricht*, NL.  
**Erasmus Visiting Scholar**, University of Toulouse, France.  
2002 **Propedeuse in Econometrics**, University of Maastricht, Maastricht, NL.

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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University College London, Department of Economics, UK. Associate Staff.

NIHR Obesity Policy Research Unit (OPRU) at UCL, Researcher.

Centre for European Research in Microfinance (CERMi) Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (ULB, Brussels). Associated Senior Researcher.

Research Fellow at the Development Research Centre at the University of Kent (DeReCK).

United Nations University-Merit, Maastricht, NL. Affiliated Researcher.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

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- COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Hesitancy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, and Implications for Messaging (with JS. Solís Arce, et al., AM Mobarak), *Nature Medicine* 27, pages 1385–1394 (2021).
- Editorial: WASH Economics and Financing: towards a better understanding of costs and benefits (with T. Sainati), *Journal of WASH for Development* (2020) 10 (4): 615–617.
- Sanitation Dynamics: toilet acquisition and its economic and social implications in rural and urban contexts (with P. Rodriguez-Lesmes), *Journal of WASH for Development* (2020) 10 (4): 628–641.
- Group Sessions or Home Visits for Early Childhood Development in India: A Cluster RCT (with O. Attanasio, J. Behrman, B. Caeyers, M. Rubio-Codina, M. Day, S. Grantham-McGregor, P. Jervis, R. Kochar, P. Makkar, C. Meghir, A. Phimister, K. Vats). *Paediatrics*, Vol. 146, Issue 6, 1 Dec 2020.
- Effects of a home visiting intervention in the slums of Cuttack, Odisha: a cluster randomized trial (with A. Andrew, O. Attanasio, S. Grantham-McGregor, C. Meghir, M. Rubio Codina), *The Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, Volume 61, Issue 6, June 2020, Pages 644-652.
- Microcredit Contracts and Risk Diversification (with O. Attanasio, R. De Haas), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2018, Volume 17, Issue 6, pages 1-46.

- Sanitation and Child Health in India (with P. Rodríguez Lesmes), *World Development*; Volume 107, July 2018, Pages 22-39.
- Holy Cows or Cash Cows (with O. Attanasio), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 66(2)307-330 (2018).
- Subjective Expectations and Income Processes in rural India (with O. Attanasio), *Economica*, Volume 83, Issue 331, pages 416–442 (2016).
- The Impacts of Microcredit: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina (with R. De Haas, H. Harmgart and C. Meghir), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1): 183–203 (2015).
- The impacts of microfinance: Evidence from joint-liability lending in Mongolia (with O. Attanasio, R. De Haas, E. Fitzsimons and H. Harmgart), *American Economic Journal: Applied*, 7(1): 90-122 (2015).
- Livestock Asset Transfers With and Without Training: Evidence from Rwanda (with J. Argent, I. Rasul), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations*. Volume 108, December 2014, p.19–39.

### **SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS**

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- 2021 - 2017 PRP Evaluation of the Healthy Start Scheme. ‘*Evaluation and co-creation to optimise uptake and benefits of the Healthy Start scheme*’. (£844,785). **Co-I**.
- 2021 - 2024 USAID. ‘*Evaluating the Lively Minds ECCE Programme in Ghana*’. US\$1,500,000, **Co-I**. (PI: O. Attanasio, S. Krutikova)
- 2021 - 2024 UK Medical Research Council. ‘*Improving development through play – Evaluation of a comprehensive ECCE programme at scale in Ghana*’. £1,100,000, **Co-I**. (PI: S. Krutikova), awaiting confirmation of ODA funding availability.
- 2021 - 2021 World Bank. ‘*Enhancing the Sustainability of Rural and Small-Town Water Services in Nigeria*’. US\$19,250. **Co-I**.
- 2020 - 2021 IGC. ‘*Coping with COVID-19 measures in Informal Settlements*’. £16,348, **PI**, with A. Armand and A. Bancalari.
- 2020 - 2021 LSE. ‘*COVID-19 Spread in Informal Settlements*’. £10,062. **Co-I**.
- 2019 - 2021 ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative. ‘*Family and social effects on adoption of preventative health measures*’. £299,530.76. **PI**.
- 2019 - 2021 ESRC-DFID Growth Research Programme (DEGRP) Follow-on Fund. ‘*Does information provision foster or hinder the effectiveness of microcredit for human capital investments?*’ **Co-I** (PI: O. Attanasio). £97,532.46.
- 2016 - 2018 British Academy: Sustainable Development Programme. “*Improving children’s life chances in high-risk, low-income settings: Designing a “new generation” longitudinal cohort study of child development*, (O. Attanasio, S. Krutikova, C. Meghir, A. Stein, J. Boyden, £202,163)
- 2017 - 2020 3ie: “*Community toilet use in slums - willingness to pay and the role of informational and supply side constraints*.”. US\$550,000. **PI** (with A. Armand and O. Attanasio).
- 2013 - 2018 WaterAid UK (funder BMGF). “*Sustainable Total Sanitation in Nigeria – implementation, learning, research, and influence on practice and policy*”. (US\$ 1,113,930). **PI**.
- 2012 - 2018 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “*Incentivizing Sanitation Uptake and Sustainable Usage through Microfinance*”. US\$601,508. **Co-I**.
- 2014 - 2018 Consultant on *Monitoring, Verification and Evaluation Service Provider for the DFID WASH Results Programme*, Department for International Development, managed by OPM.
- 2012 - 2018 National Institute of Health (NIH): “*Early Childhood Development for the poor: Impacting at scale*”. US\$ 2,242,585. **Co-I**.
- 2014 - 2017 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “*Early Childhood Development for the Poor - Evaluation of the Impacts – midline survey*” (US\$ 439,656). **Co-I**.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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- Free riding and public service delivery: Experimental Evidence from India (with A. Armand, A. Bancalari), IFS Working Paper [W21/16](#). Under Review: AER.
- Mothers' Social Networks and Socioeconomic Gradients of Isolation (with A. Andrew, O. Attanasio, J. Behrman, M. Day, P. Jervis, C. Meghir, A. Phimister), [NBER](#) Working Paper 28049, R&R: *EDCC*.
- Gender Differences, Intra-Household Bargaining and Sanitation Investment (with Bansi Malde, H. Olorenshaw, Z. Wahhaj). IFS Working Paper [W21/45](#). R&R: *JDE*.
- Sanitation and credit constraints – The role of labelled microcredit in India's Swacch Bharat Mission subsidy scheme (with Bet Caeyers, S. Giunti, B. Malde, S. Smets). IFS Working Paper [W22/09](#). Under review: *JDE*.
- When Nature Calls Back: Sustaining Behavioural Change in Rural Pakistan (with Antonella Bancalari, Z.Durrani, M.Vaidyanathan, Z.White). IFS Working Paper [W21/46](#). R&R: *JDE*.
- Sanitation and Marriage Markets in India: Evidence from the Total Sanitation Campaign (with Paul Rodriguez-Lesmes, S. Gautam, J.P. Baquero). IFS Working Paper [W21/44](#). Under review: *JDE*.
- Countering misinformation with targeted messages: Experimental evidence using mobile phones (with A. Armand, A. Bancalari, K.K. Kameshwara), IFS Working Paper [W21/27](#).
- Community Matters: Heterogeneous Impacts of a Sanitation Intervention (with L. Abramovsky, M. Luehrman, F. Oteiza, J.P. Rud), IFS Working Paper W18/28. Under review: *WD*.
- Complementarities in the production of child health (with L. Abramovsky, P. Jervis, B. Malde, and A. Phimister), IFS Working Paper [W19/15](#).

## **RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE**

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- Incentivising quality of public infrastructure excludes users and worsens public health, [VoxEu](#), 2021.
- COVID-19: Debunking fake news among slum-dwellers, [Ideas for India](#), 2021.
- How women's social networks vary with wealth and status: Evidence from India, [VoxDev](#), 2021.
- Can joint-liability microcredit help to share entrepreneurial risks? Insights from Mongolia, [VoxDev](#), 2021.
- COVID-19 and the willingness to vaccinate: Evidence from India, [IGC](#) and [Ideas for India](#), 2020.
- Challenges of adopting coronavirus precautions in low-income countries, [IFS Observation](#), 2020.
- Children's health: potential benefits of improving nutrition and hygiene, [GlobalDev](#), 2020.
- Why safe toilets are a matter of life & death: Across Africa, India & beyond. [UNU Merit Blog](#). 2019.
- Labelled loans and sanitation investments, [Ideas for India](#), 2019.
- My message is simple: use the toilet': tackling open defecation in Nigeria. [Guardian's Global Development section](#), 2019.
- Nigeria needs a more effective sanitation strategy. Here are some ideas. [The Conversation](#), 2019.

## **SELECTED POLICY REPORTS**

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- Quantification of purchasing of formula, commercial baby meals, finger foods and drinks using Kantar data (with R. Griffith and R. Stroud), OPRU, 2020.
- Community Toilet Use in Indian Slums: willingness-to-pay and the role of informational and supply side constraints (with B. Augsburg, A. Bancalari and B. Trivedi), Impact Evaluation Report 113, 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2020.
- Sustainable Total Sanitation – Nigeria: Final research report (with L. Abramovsky, F. Oteiza), The IFS, 2018.
- Sustainable Total Sanitation – Nigeria: first SanMark impact evaluation report (with L. Abramovsky, F. Oteiza), The IFS, 2017.

Incentivizing Sanitation Uptake and Sustainable Usage through Microfinance - Endline Report (with B. Caeyers, S. Giunti, B. Malde), 2018.

Randomised Control Trial Research Study Summary Report: Understanding the role of follow-up (Outcome-phase) activities in achieving sustainable WASH outcomes in Pakistan (with OPM), 2018.

Early Childhood Development for the Poor: Impacting at Scale. NIH India Final Report. 2018.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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How can policy reduce food poverty among children? (with J.Cribb, R. Griffith, F. Scott-Reilly), [Economics Observatory](#), 2021.

Is borrowing relief ending too soon? Post-lockdown income recovery and loan moratoriums in rural India, (with B. Malde), *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 56, Issue No. 2, 09 Jan, 2021.

The global sanitation challenge: Is there a silver bullet? [Thomas Reuter Foundation Opinion Piece](#). 2019.

## **INVITED SEMINARS**

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**2022:** LISER Seminar; **2021:** Asian Development Bank Institute, World Bank, Nigerian Federal Ministry of Water Resources, , Research Department of Behavioural Science and Health, UCL, University of Kent, Covenant University; **2019:** 3ie LIDC, LSHTM, Agence Française de Développement, DfID; **2018:** Berlin DIW, University of Goettingen, BMGF MEDS Convening, CERMi, EBRD; **2017 and earlier:** 3ie LIDC, BMGF MEDS Convening, CERMi, RWI Zuerich, MF Club UK, IADB, University of Edinburgh, University of Paris, University of Toulouse, EBRD.

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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**2022:** DevEcon Workshop, Maastricht, SEHO; **2021:** EEA-ESEM, RES, upcoming: WEDC International conference, SEA 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting; **2020:** EEA; **2019:** CSAE, RES, DIV Finance and Development, 6<sup>th</sup> EU Research Conference on Microfinance, CSAE; **2018:** UNU-Wider, Oslo Workshop on Microfinance, UNC's Water and Health Conference; **2017 and earlier:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> EU Research Conference on MF, RES, UNC, UNU-Wider, ASSA, CSAE, BREAD, ACEGD ISI Delhi.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Co-Editor Special Issue:** *Journal of Development Economics* (Sanitation and Development, in progress); *Journal of WASH for Development* (2020, <https://iwaponline.com/washdev/issue/10/4>)

**Advisory role:** U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), [Report](#) on Microenterprise and Related Development Assistance.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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**Journal referee:** *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Economica*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *World Development*, *BMJ Global Health*, *Paediatrics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organisation*, *Latin American Economic Review*, *Journal of WASH for Development*, *Asian Development Review*, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, *Education Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *International Journal of Social Sciences*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

**Grant application evaluator:** Medical Research Council, 3ie, Swiss National Science Foundation, Waterloo Foundation.

**Ethics advisor:** ERC

**PhD commentator:** University Maastricht, Norwegian School, Bergen.

**Seminar/conferences organised:** IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics Work-In-Progress Seminar series (starting 2020, ongoing); Seminar Series and roundtable discussion on Sanitation and Development (2021, with ADBI and BMGF), Evidence on how to improve WASH infrastructure in Nigeria (2021, with Nigerian Federal Ministry of Water Resources, World Bank, Covenant University, Royal Holloway and WaterAid), EDePo STICERD Workshop (2019).

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