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Current position:

Research Economist, World Bank Gender Innovation Lab, September 2019 – present
Non-resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, July 2018 – present
International Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, September 2019 – present
Research Associate, University of Warwick CAGE Research Centre, June 2021 – present

Previous positions:

Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies, October 2017 – August 2019

Graduate Studies:

University of Oxford, 2012-2017
Ph.D. (“DPhil.”) in Economics
Thesis Title: “Essays in development economics”
Examiners: Professor Nava Ashraf (LSE), Professor Christopher Woodruff (Oxford)
Supervisors: Professor Stefan Dercon, Professor Marcel Fafchamps, Dr Simon Quinn
Stanford University, Visiting Student Researcher, Spring 2015

University of Oxford, MSc Economics for Development, *Distinction & prize for best thesis*, 2011

Undergraduate Studies:

University of Oxford, B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), *First-Class Honours*, 2009

Other employment

Dalberg Global Development Consulting, Geneva, Summer internship, 2015
European Commission, Brussels, Desk Economist for G20 and Middle-East-North-Africa Region, 2011-12

Research Fields:

Primary fields: Development economics, Gender and Household Economics
Secondary fields: Experimental economics, Behavioural economics

Publications and selected working papers:

[The power to protect: household bargaining and female condom use](#), Journal of Development Economics, 2021;
with Marije Groot Bruinderink, Wendy Janssens & Karlijn Morsink

[Banker My Neighbour: Matching and Financial Intermediation in Savings Groups](#), Journal of Development Economics, 2020; *with Marcel Fafchamps*

[Tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment under uncertainty](#), Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2019;
with Charles F. Manski

[Are the poor so present-biased?](#) Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper #W18/24

[New insights on women's employment in Ethiopia's industrial parks](#), World Bank Policy Brief (& working paper); with *Kehinde Ajayi, Niklas Buehren, and Isabelle Salcher*

Evening the credit score? Impact of Psychometric Loan Appraisal for Women Entrepreneurs in Ethiopia, Working paper; with *Salman Alibhai, Sreelakshmi Papineni, and Markus Goldstein*

Response bias and surveyor identity in field evaluations, Working paper; with *Jonathan Lain & Simone Lombardini*

Father of the bride, or Steel Magnolias? Targeting men, women or both to reduce child marriage, Working paper; with *Anaya Dam, Wendy Janssens, Umair Kiana and Karlijn Morsink*

Returns to soft skills training for youth in Tanzania, Working paper; with *Smita Das, Clara Delavallade, Elijah Kipkech Kipchumba, and Munshi Sulaiman*

Selected presentations (including forthcoming):

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (2022), University of Chicago Advances in Field Experiments (2022), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2017, 2022), Royal Economic Society Conference (2018, 2021), European Economic Association – Econometric Society European Meetings (2019), CEMMAP workshop (invited presentation, 2019), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (invited seminar 2019); Lund University (invited seminar, 2018), Behavioural Insights Team (invited seminar 2019), Scottish International Development Workshop (invited presentation, 2019), Department for International Development (invited seminar, 2018), Institute for Fiscal Studies (invited seminar, 2016), University of Nottingham (invited seminar, 2016), North-East Universities Development Conference (2017), Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (2015, 2017, 2019), Society of the Economics of the Household Conference (2018), Econometric Society European Winter meeting (2016), SEEDEC (2016), CEAR Atlanta (2016), All Souls Behavioral Economics Colloquium (2016), DfID iiG (2015).

Research Grants:

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| 2018 | ESRC IAA, “Collaboration with Oxfam and Pratham to increase NGO data impact” with Britta Augsburg, £30,000 |
| 2017 | DfID-ESRC, “Women’s empowerment, social norms, and domestic violence” with Karlijn Morsink & Wendy Janssens, £500,000 |
| 2017 | BA-Leverhume, “Domestic violence and women’s economic decision-making” with Dan Anderberg & Karlijn Morsink, £10,000 |
| 2014 | IGC Pakistan, “Time-inconsistency, liquidity and the demand for commitment savings products” (experiment for job market paper), with Marcel Fafchamps & Simon Quinn, £32,000 |
| 2013 | iiG (UK DfID), “Savings, lending and default in community-based microfinance groups, evidence from rural Malawi” (data collection for second-year paper), with Simon Quinn, £20,000 |

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

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| 2017 | Lindau Nobel Laureate meetings participant (by selection) |
| 2016 | UCSD Behavioural Economics Spring School participant (by selection) |
| 2015-16 | Frankel Memorial Studentship, Oriel College, University of Oxford |
| 2015 | Leader of Tomorrow (by nomination), St Gallen Symposium |
| 2012-16 | UK ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods Studentship (for PhD) |
| 2011 | Luca d’Agliano Prize for best MSc thesis, University of Oxford |
| 2009-2010 | Department of Economics Scholarship (for MSc), University of Oxford |
| 2009-2010 | Ogilvie-Thompson Scholarship (for MSc), Worcester College |
| 2007-2009 | Worcester College Scholarship (for BA) |

Teaching Experience:

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| 2016-17 | TA, Undergraduate Microeconomics; New College, University of Oxford; rated “excellent”. |
| 2014-17 | TA, MBA Core Microeconomics (“Firms and Markets”); University of Oxford Saïd Business School; rated “excellent”. Shortlisted for Oxford University’s Best Teacher Award 2017. |
| 2013-16 | Lecturer, Development Economics; CBL International Summer School, Oriel College, University of Oxford; rated “excellent”. |