Education

University of Oxford, Nuffield College D.Phil. Economics Supervisors: Banu Demir, Steve Broadberry	2021-
University of Oxford, Nuffield College M.Phil. Economics – Distinction & George Webb Medley Prize Supervisor: Ferdinand Rauch	2019-2021
Humboldt University Berlin, Germany Economics	2015-2019
UCLA Economics	2017-2018

Job market paper

Trade and Urban Recovery

I study cities' recovery after a plague shock using granular trade data. Higher wages following the labour supply shock should have led to an exports contraction. To the contrary, exports grew and plagued cities expanded their trade networks, particularly in capital-intensive manufacturing. Plagued areas also became more innovative. Using a Ricardian model, I show that productivity growth outweighed wage increases, leading to the observed export boom. I find that plagued areas employed more capital-intensive production methods. Productivity advances lead to long-run wage increases and capital accumulation, beyond the Malthusian component explaining higher wages by lower population. My findings suggest that cities did not mechanically recover but actively adapted. Further, my paper argues that trade is a crucial mechanism explaining population recovery, permitting cities to specialise and serve foreign markets.

Working papers

Networks in Trade – Evidence from the Legacy of the Hanseatic League (with Stephan Maurer and Ferdinand Rauch)

under review

We study trade networks following the decline of the Hanseatic League, using a novel trade data set that covers cities and traders in Northern Europe over 190 years. By the time of its dissolution in 1669, trade on former Hansa routes is within predictions from a gravity framework. However, traders continue to shape the composition of trade: Hanseats' trade within the former network exceeds gravity predictions for centuries. We argue that we identify a network effect, reflecting trading capital at the level of individual traders. Our paper highlights the long-run stability of networks, maintained at the level of individuals. This amplifies previous findings on the role of networks.

AI and Services-Led Growth: Evidence from Indian Job Adverts (with Alex Copestake, Ashley People, and Katherine Stapleton)

under review

We document near-exponential growth in the demand for artificial intelligence (AI)-related skills in India's services sector since 2016, using a new dataset of online vacancies from its largest jobs website. This coincides with the take-off in developed countries, and is driven by the largest firms and high-tech clusters. We evaluate the impact of demand for AI skills on establishment-level non-AI postings, using a shift-share design that exploits variation in exposure to new AI inventions. We find negative effects on posting volumes and wage offers, particularly for highly skilled managerial and professional occupations, non-routine work, and analytical and communication tasks.

Work in progress

Economics Undergraduate Research Fellow

Accounting and Finance Fellow Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

UCLA

Industrial Policy and the East Asian Growth Miracle (with Réka Juhász, Nathan Lane, and Kristen Yang) Useful Knowledge (with Eric Chaney, Alexandra de Pleijt, and Julius Koschnick) AI and Offshoring (with Kristen Yang)

Research experience	
Research Assistant	2024 2022
University of Warwick (under Professor Marta Santamaria) Research Assistant	2021, 2022
University of Oxford (under Professor Nathan Lane)	2021-2022
Research Assistant	
University of Oxford (under Ashley Pople and Alexander Copestake)	2021
Research Assistant University of Oxford (under Professor Ferdinand Rauch)	2020-2021
Research Assistant	2017 2010
UCLA (under Professor Aaron Tornell)	2017-2018
Teaching experience	
Teaching Assistant	
Department of Economics & Said Business School, University of Oxford Economics I & II, Master's in Financial Economics	2021-2024
Teaching Assistant Department of Economics, Humboldt University, Berlin	2024
Introduction to Econometrics	2027
Seminar instructor	
Department of Economics & Department of History, University of Oxford Economics for Economic Historians, MPhil and MSc Economic and Social History	2021-2023
Tutor	
Microeconomics, New College; Quantitative Economics, Mansfield College	2023, 2024
Awards	
George Webb Medley Prize for the best thesis (proxime accessit) University of Oxford	2021
Henrike und Dr. Thomas Kurze Prize for best graduate in Economics	2010
Humboldt University Berlin Dean's Honors List	2019
UCLA	2018
Scholarships	
Department of Economics Bursary	2023-2024
University of Oxford Oxford-Terence Gorman Graduate Scholarship	2023-2024
University of Oxford	2021-2023
Clarendon Scholarship	2010 2021
University of Oxford Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Stipendiat	2019-2021
German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Scholar	2016-2021

2017-2018

2016-2018

Conference and seminar presentations

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Annual Cliometric Conference (scheduled)	
American University, Washington D.C.	2024
Spatial Economics Research Seminar (scheduled)	
Berlin School of Economics	2024
Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment, EITI	
Jakarta, Indonesia (FREIT)	2024
Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History	
Copenhagen Business School	2023
European Economic Association Meeting	
Barcelona School of Economics	2023
World Congress of Cliometrics	
Trinity College Dublin	2023
Transatlantic Doctoral Conference in Economics	
London Business School	2023
Urban Economics Association Conference	
Bocconi University	2023
GEP/CEPR Postgraduate Conference	
University of Nottingham	2023
Urban Economics Association Conference	
London School of Economics	2022
Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar	
University of Oxford	2022, 2023
Professional activities	
Co-convenor of the Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar	
University of Oxford	2021-2023
ICR President	
Nuffield College, University of Oxford	2021-2023

Skills

Coding: Proficient in Stata, LaTeX, and ArcGIS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (advanced), Italian (advanced)