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Research Fields

Primary Field: International Trade

Secondary Fields: Growth, Economic History, Labour

Education

University of Oxford, Nuffield College

D.Phil. Economics

2021-

Supervisors: Banu Demir, Stephen Broadberry

Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Visiting PhD student

2025

Host: Gabriel Ahlfeldt

University of Oxford, Nuffield College

M.Phil. Economics – Distinction & George Webb Medley Prize

2019-2021

Supervisor: Ferdinand Rauch

Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

B.Sc. in Economics

2015-2019

University of California, Los Angeles

Exchange Student, Economics

2017-2018

Job Market Paper

Labour Scarcity and Productivity: Insights from the Last Nordic Plague [Latest Version](#)

I study the causal impact of labour scarcity on productivity growth, a key driver of long-run economic growth. Exploiting a natural experiment from a 1710s plague outbreak in Northern Europe, I show that plagued regions shift into capital-intensive exports and see an export expansion. Using rich port-level trade data and a Ricardian model, I trace this shift to productivity growth driven by capital deepening. While population levels recover within four decades, the productivity and trade effects persist for almost a century, suggesting long-run changes in comparative advantage. My findings imply that labour scarcity can induce productivity-enhancing reallocation.

*Winner of the **FREIT-EIIT Award for Best Graduate Paper in Empirical Trade***

*Winner of the **Best Paper Award Economic and Social History** (Stiftung für die Wissenschaft)*

Publications

Networks in Trade – Evidence from the Legacy of the Hanseatic League (with Stephan Maurer and Ferdinand Rauch) (previously my Master's thesis) *Journal of International Economics*, 2025

[Published Version](#)

Working Papers

AI and Services-Led Growth: Evidence from Indian Job Adverts (with Alex Copestake, Ashley People, and Katherine Stapleton) *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources*

[Working Paper](#), [IMF Research Perspectives](#); mentioned in [Ideas for India](#) and [The Economist](#)

Work in Progress

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 Katherine Stapleton and Kristen Yang)

Awards, grants, and scholarships

FREIT-EIIT Award for Best Graduate Paper in Empirical Trade

Forum for Research in International Trade (FREIT)

2025

Best Paper Award Economic and Social History

German Economic History Association & Stiftung für die Wissenschaft

2025

Add-On Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Science and Transfer

Joachim Herz Foundation

2025-2028

Scatcherd Scholarship

University of Oxford

2025

Department of Economics Bursary

University of Oxford

2023-2025

SSHRC Insight Grant (CAD \$70,000 with Réka Juhász and Nathan Lane)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada

2023

Oxford-Terence Gorman Graduate Scholarship

University of Oxford

2021-2023

CIDER Small Grant (CAD \$24,851 with Réka Juhász and Nathan Lane)

Centre for Innovative Data in Economics Research, Canada

2022

George Webb Medley Prize for the best thesis (proxime accessit)

University of Oxford

2021

Clarendon Scholarship

University of Oxford

2019-2021

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Stipendiat

German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Scholar

2016-2021

Henrike und Dr. Thomas Kurze Prize for best graduate in Economics

Humboldt University Berlin

2019

Economics Undergraduate Research Fellow

University of California, Los Angeles

2017-2018

Teaching

Department of Economics & Said Business School, University of Oxford

Micro- & Macroeconomics (TA, Graduate)

2021-2024

International Trade Theory (TA, Graduate)

2024

Department of Economics, Humboldt University, Berlin

Introduction to Econometrics (TA, Undergraduate)

2024, 2025

Urban and Spatial Economics (TA, PhD)

2025

Department of Economics & Department of History, University of Oxford

Economics for Economic Historians (Seminar Instructor, Graduate)

2021-2024

New College & Mansfield College, University of Oxford

Microeconomics, Quantitative Economics (Tutor, Undergraduate)

2023, 2024

Policy work

Berlin Economics & GET

Consulted the Administration of the President of Uzbekistan on trade liberalisation

2025

LSE Trade Policy Hub

Researcher on papers for the UK Department of Business and Trade

2023-2025

LUISS Hub for New Industrial Policy and Economic Governance

Researcher for a White Book on Italian Productivity and Industrial Policy

2024-2025

Service

Co-convenor of the Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar
University of Oxford

2021-2024

JCR (College Student Body) President
Nuffield College, University of Oxford

2021-2023

Conferences and seminars

2025:

Empirical Investigations in International Trade (scheduled) (FREIT-EIIT, University of Tennessee),
Pandemics & Society Seminar (scheduled) (OsloMet University),
European Economic Association Meeting (University of Bordeaux),
Workshop on Technology and Long-Term Development (University of Valencia),
Urban Economics Association Conference (Humboldt University Berlin),
6th Congress for Economic and Social History (Humboldt University Berlin),
Economic and Social History of the Premodern World Seminar Series (Institute of Historical Research, London)

2024:

Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment (EITI, Jakarta),
Annual Cliometric Conference (American University, Washington D.C.),
Spatial Economics Seminar (Berlin School of Economics),
Royal Economic Society Easter School (University of Bristol),
Urban Economics Association Summer School (University of Geneva)

2023:

European Economic Association Meeting (Barcelona School of Economics),
World Congress of Cliometrics (Trinity College Dublin),
Urban Economics Association Conference (Bocconi University),
Danish Society for Economic and Social History (Copenhagen Business School),
Transatlantic Doctoral Conference in Economics (London Business School),
GEP/CEPR Postgraduate Conference (University of Nottingham),
Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar (University of Oxford)

2022:

Urban Economics Association Conference (London School of Economics),
Economic and Social History Graduate Seminar (University of Oxford)

Languages and skills

Languages: German (Native), English (Full professional proficiency), Dutch (Working proficiency), French (Working proficiency), Russian (Limited working proficiency), Italian (Limited working proficiency)

Skills: Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX

References

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Professor at St. Gallen
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Réka Juhász

Professor at University of British Columbia
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