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Citizenships: UK, Ireland

Languages: English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

**Current position:** Economist (GG) – Development Impact Evaluation, International Finance Corporation, Oct 2023 –

**Other employment and honorary positions:**

Economist (GF), World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab, September 2019-2023

Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2017-2019

Dalberg Global Development Consulting, Geneva, 2015

European Commission, Brussels, Desk Economist for G20 and Middle-East-North-Africa Region, 2011-12

Non-resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, 2018 –

International Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2019 –

Research Associate, University of Warwick CAGE Research Centre, 2021 –

**Graduate studies:**

University of Oxford, Ph.D. (“DPhil.”) in Economics, 2012-2017

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, 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

**Research fields:**

Primary fields: Development economics, Experimental economics

Secondary fields: Behavioural economics, Financial economics, Gender and household 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*

**[Evening the credit score? Impact of psychometric loan appraisal for women entrepreneurs](#)**, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #10230, 2022; *with Salman Alibhai, Markus Goldstein and Sreelakshmi Papineni*

**[Father of the Bride, or Steel Magnolias? Targeting men, women or both to reduce child marriage](#)**, Institute for

[Are the poor so present-biased?](#) Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper, 2018 #W18/24

[New insights on women's employment in Ethiopia's industrial parks](#), World Bank Policy Brief (& working paper), 2021; with Kehinde Ajayi, Niklas Buehren, and Isabelle Salcher

**Selected presentations (including forthcoming):**

Yale-Asian Development Bank Conference (2023); North-East Universities Development Conference (2017, 2022); IPA Annual Researcher Gathering (2022); Y-RISE Conference (2019, 2022); Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (2022), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2017, 2022); Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (2015, 2017, 2019, 2023); 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); 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:**

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:**

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:**

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”.