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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Associate Professor in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	2024 – present
Assistant Professor in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	2017 – 2024
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, New York University, Abu Dhabi	2015 – 2017
Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	2010 – 2015
Policy Analyst, German Institute of Economic Research (DIW)	2010 – 2013

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Associate Director for Research, Centre for Economics, Policy and History	2022 – present
Research Affiliate, Queen's Centre for Economic History, UK	2022 – present
Visiting Faculty Researcher, Lund University, Sweden	2018 – present
Visiting Researcher, Economics, University of California, Berkeley, USA	2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economic History, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	2015
M.Sc., Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	2010
B.Sc., Economics, University of Bath, UK	2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Thematic interests: Economic History, Political Economy, International Economics, Global History
Geographic focus: Eastern Europe, Africa, Germany

PUBLISHED MONOGRAPH

[**The Nationalist Dilemma: A Global History of Economic Nationalism, 1776 – present**](#)

Cambridge University Press (June 2023)

Winner of the 2025 *Peter Lindert-Jeffrey Williamson Prize for Outstanding Book in Global History* of the Economic History Association

PRINCIPAL JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[**Decolonization and Fiscal Capacity: Event Study Evidence from Africa**](#) (with Dhammika Dharmapala), accepted at [Journal of Public Economics](#)

[**The Industrial Geography of Eurasia in the Twentieth Century: Soviet Planners meet Tsarist Fundamentals**](#) (with Iris Wohnsiedler), [Journal of Comparative Economics](#) (2026), [10.1016/j.jce.2026.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2026.08.002)

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[Financing Late Industrialization: Evidence from the State Bank of the Russian Empire](#) (with Theodor Grigoriadis), *The Journal of Economic History* Vol. 85, No. 4 (December 2025)

[On the persistence of persistence: Lessons from long-term trends in African Institutions](#) (with Morten Jerven), *African Affairs*, 1-29 (December 2025)

[The Fiscal State in Africa: Evidence from a Century of Growth](#) (with Thilo Albers and Morten Jerven), *International Organisation*, Vol. 77 (Winter 2023)

[Rural Transformation, Inequality, and the Origins of Microfinance](#) (with Nikolaus Wolf), *Journal of Development Economics*, 143 (2020)

[Adjusting the Size of Nations: Empirical Determinants of Separatism and the Soviet Breakup](#) *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 47 (2019)

[Breaking the Unbreakable Union: Nationalism, Disintegration and the Soviet Economic Collapse](#) *The Economic Journal*, 128 (2018)

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[State Capacity across the Twentieth Century: Evidence from Taxation](#) (with Thilo Albers and Morten Jerven) in: Jerven, M. (ed.) *The Wealth and Poverty of African States: Economic Growth, Living Standards and Taxation since the Late Nineteenth Century*, *Cambridge University Press*, (2022)

[Trade and Wage Inequality: The Mediating Roles of Occupations in Germany](#) (with Samreen Malik and Malte Reichelt) *KZfSS Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*, 72 (2020)

[Did an Oil Shock cause the Collapse of the Soviet Economy?](#) in: Besedes, T. and Nitsch, V. (eds.) *Disrupted Economic Relationships: Disasters, Sanctions, Dissolutions* *MIT Press* (2019)

[Prussia](#) entry in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism* *Wiley-Blackwell* (2016)

Nationalism, Disintegration and State Breakup in History: An Economic Perspective *Perspectives on Europe*, 45 (2015)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Market Integration and Nutrition across sub-Saharan Africa (with Andrea Guariso and Aislinn Hoy)

Geography and the Formation of Ethno-linguistic Communities (with Sascha Becker, Kalle Kappner and Nikolaus Wolf)

Institutional Reform and Revolutionary Mobilization: Evidence from late Imperial Russia (with Gerda Asmus-Bluhm, Adrei Markevich, and Julia Zimmermann)

Agriculture and Growth during Deglobalization (with Ulas Karakoc)

Can African governments effectively tax mineral resources? An Empirical Investigation, 1960-2020 (with Thilo Albers)

Minorities and Industrialisation: Evidence from the Russian Empire (with Elena Korchmina)

The Legacy of Apartheid on South African Labour Markets (with Talent Nesongano, Carol Newman and John Rand)

GRANTS RECEIVED

2024- Project: Legacy of Apartheid (€5,000).

2025 Funder: UN WIDER

2024- Project: ERC preparation grant for 'Borders and Languages in Europe' (€7,000).

2025 Funder: Enterprise Ireland

2022- Project: All-Ireland Centre for Economics, Policy and History (co-PI, €3,700,000).

2026 Funder: Higher Education Authority, Ireland

2021- Project: Political Economy of Food Security in Africa (PI, €8,500).

2022 Funder: Trinity College Dublin

2019- Project: Gendered Effects of International Trade (PI; €86,000)

2024 Funder: Provost Award, Trinity College Dublin

2017- Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund (PI, €9,000)

2021

2017 Trinity Research in the Social Sciences (PI; €1,700)

2017- Project: State Capacity in the Global South (co-PI, €800,000)

2021 Funder: Swedish Research Council

TEACHING

At Trinity College Dublin:

Long Run Development (lecture, graduate level)

Emergence of Macroeconomic Policy (lecture, graduate level)

International Trade (lecture & tutorial, undergraduate level)

History of Economic Thought and Policy (lecture & tutorial, undergraduate level)

Economics of Policy Issues (lecture & tutorial, undergraduate level)

At NYU:

A History of the Modern World Economy (lecture & seminar, undergraduate level)
 At HU Berlin:
 European Economic History 1914 – present (lecture & tutorial, graduate level)
 European Economic History 1800 – 1914 (lecture & tutorial, graduate level)
 Methods in Economic History (seminar, graduate & undergraduate level)
 A History of Money and Finance (seminar, graduate & undergraduate level)

COLLEGE SERVICE

2024 Director of Postgraduate Affairs, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin
 2022- Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) for the School of Social Sciences and
 Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin
 Member of School Executive Committee
 Member of College Graduate Studies Committee
 2022 College Tutor, 25 students
 2022 Director, PhD Programme in Economics, Trinity College Dublin
 2021 Representative for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Department of Economics
 2019- Director, MSc Programme in Economics, Trinity College Dublin
 2020
 2017- Coordinator, Internship Programme, Department of Economics
 2019

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026 Economic History Society London; Nottingham Political Economy conference (NICEP);
 CEPH-QUB-UCD workshop CEPH annual workshop; UCD South Africa workshop;
 Maynooth University (x2, seminar); TU Dublin (seminar); Utrecht University (seminar);
 Groningen Financial History of Colonialism, IEA 2026 Belgrade (invited session); Historical
 Political Economy of Eastern Europe in Paris

2025 Economic History Society Conference Glasgow; Generative AI and Historical Research
 Workshop Dublin; CEPH Workshop Belfast; WEast 2025 Ljubljana; IOS Regensburg Annual
 Conference; World Economic History Conference Lund; IfW Berlin Regional Inequalities
 Workshop; European Historical Economics Society Hohenheim; Cyprus Forum Nicosia;
 African Economic History Network Lesotho; Universidad Carlos III Madrid (seminar)

2024 Fate of Nations Workshop Trondheim; Economic History Society; University of Bremen
 (seminar); NICEP Nottingham; York workshop historical economic geography; Bocconi
 Eastern Europe Workshop; ASREC Thessaloniki; ASEEES (online); University College Dublin
 (seminar); Lund University (seminar); WEast Dublin (co-organiser).

2023 Kadir Has (seminar); Long Room Hub Dublin (Book Launch); HEDG University of Southern
 Denmark; CESifo Delphi Conference 2023; European Historical Economics Society
 Conference Vienna; African Economic History Network Pretoria; Royal College of
 Physicians; Washington History Seminar; WU Vienna (seminar); Colloquium HU Berlin
 (seminar); World Cliometrics Congress (co-organiser)

- 2022 Economic History Society Cambridge; CEPR Workshop on Finance and Development; European Historical Economics Society Conference Groningen; World Economic History Conference Paris; African Economic History Network
- 2021 Kadir Has University Istanbul (seminar); African Economic History Network Lund; IBF Frankfurt; ASEEES New Orleans; Zurich Conference on Public Finance; German Economic History Society Conference Vienna; Queen's University Belfast (public lecture)
- 2020 University of Oslo (seminar); University of York (seminar); Berlin Schumpeter Colloquium (seminar);
- 2019 Baltic Connections Conference Helsinki; Penn State Russian Economic History Workshop; Economic History Society Conference in Belfast; German Development Economics Annual Conference Berlin; Nordic Conference on Development Economics in Copenhagen; Friedrich List workshop Manchester; African Economic History Network in Barcelona; Understanding State Capacity Conference in Manchester; Stockholm Institute for Transition Economics Annual Conference
- 2018 Queen's University Belfast (seminar); African Economic History Network Bologna; World Economic History Conference Boston; Lund University (seminar); UCL Fiscal Capacity Workshop; Economic History Society Keele; Irish Economic Association; Berlin Economic History Colloquium (seminar)
- 2017 University of Gothenburg (seminar); CSU Fullerton (seminar); New Economic School Moscow (seminar); Higher School of Economics Moscow (seminar); University of East Anglia (seminar); University of Mannheim (seminar); Irish Economic History Society Conference
- 2016 NYUAD-CEPR-CAGE Conference (local organiser); VIVES workshop Leuven; SIOE Annual Conference Paris; CESifo Workshop Venice
- 2015 African Economic History Network Wageningen; World Economic History Conference Kyoto; ASREC Boston; 1st German Economic History Conference at Muenster; WEast Workshop at CEU Budapest
- 2014 ASEEES annual conference San Antonio; Summer School in the Economic History of Eastern Europe; ISNIE Annual Conference; UC Davis (seminar); Caltech (seminar); UC Berkeley (public lecture); UC Irvine (seminar); APBEH annual Conference Waikato
- older Leuven Networks & Trade Conference; FRESH Conference on Social Conflict and Economic Development (local organizer), London School of Economics (seminar); Humboldt Brown Bag (seminar); Berlin Economic History Colloquium (seminar); CAGE Warwick; European Public Choice Society Conference Izmir

REFeree SERVICE

Bloomsbury Publishing; Cambridge University Press; Carlsberg Foundation; Comparative Economic Studies; Eastern European Economies; Economic History Review; Economic Journal;

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Economica; European Research Council; European Review of Economic History; Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies; International Organization; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of International Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Risk and Financial Management; Nationalities Papers; Sustainability; Quarterly Journal of Economics; World Development.

MEDIA MENTIONS AND APPEARANCES

[ABC.es](#), [Brookings Institution](#), [Business Post](#), [The Currency](#); [Europapress.es](#), [Globe and Mail](#) (x2), [Everything Economic History](#), Le Grand Continent ([French](#); [Spanish](#)), [JSGS Policy Brief](#), [NewsTalk](#) (x3), [NYU Jordan Centre](#), [Project Syndicate](#), [La Vanguardia](#), VoxEU ([African taxation](#); [Microfinance](#); [State Breakup](#); [Economic Nationalism](#))

COMPLETED PHD SUPERVISOR

Iris Wohnsiedler (primary)
Fabio Federico Frattini (primary)
Laura Muñoz Blanco (primary)
Jakob Vanschoonbeek (KU Leuven, external examiner)
Markus Melles (Lund University, external examiner)

LANGUAGES

English, German and Dutch (reading, speaking and writing: fluent)
Russian, Spanish and French (reading: fluent, speaking and writing: good)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Association of European Businesses, Moscow, Russian Federation	2009
German Embassy, Tbilisi, Georgia	2008
Financial daily newspaper <i>Börsen-Zeitung</i> , Frankfurt, Germany	2006
HM Treasury, London, United Kingdom	2004 – 2005