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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Research Fellow Centre for Education Policy and Equalising Opportunities (CEPEO), UCL	2024 –
Research Fellow Centre for Education Policy and Equalising Opportunities (CEPEO), UCL	2022 – 2024

EDUCATION

PhD, Economics. Sciences Po. <u>Thesis:</u> Essays in skills and education. <u>Advisors:</u> Professor Ghazala Azmat & Professor Jean-Marc Robin.	2017 – 2022
MRes, Economics, Sciences Po. <i>Summa cum laude</i> (top 2%).	2015 – 2017
Advanced Diploma, Economics. University of Cambridge.	2013 – 2014
BSc, Mathematics and Chemistry, University of Birmingham. First-class honours.	2008 – 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of education; labour economics; applied microeconometrics.

WORKING PAPERS

“Measuring systematic gaps in teacher judgement: A new approach”, with L. Macmillan, R. Murphy and G. Wyness. *New WP coming soon.*

“[Private highs: Investigating university overmatch among students from elite schools](#)”, with Jo Blanden, Lindsey Macmillan and Gill Wyness, July 2025.

“A non-parametric finite-mixture approach to difference-in-difference estimation, with an application to professional training and wages”, with Robert Gary-Bobo, Julie Pernaudet and Jean-Marc Robin. *New WP coming soon.*

“Heterogeneous returns to higher education”. *New WP coming soon.*

“[The role of earnings expectations versus non-pecuniary factors in university attendance](#)”, February 2023.

“Individual differences in risk aversion and delay discounting in late adolescence: The effects of childhood emotional and behavioural problems”, (with D. Kelly, M. Francesconi and E. Flourini). *New WP coming soon.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“[The merits of teacher assessment versus external exams to measure student achievement](#)”, with G. Wyness, *IZA World of Labor*, 517, June 2025.

“[The potential effects of the cost of living crisis on children’s outcomes](#)”, with D. Kelly. *CEPEO Briefing Note Series*, 17, December 2022.

“[The myth of the ‘small patent for the small inventor’—strategic motives to use second-tier patent systems \(utility models\) in selected European countries](#)”, with A. Radauer, C. Rosemberg, H. Goddar and C. Haarmann, *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, 14(10), October 2019, 771–783.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Generosity in teacher assessment and higher education mismatch”, with L. Macmillan, R. Murphy and G. Wyness.
“Reach for the stars: Inequalities in university applications”, with L. Macmillan and G. Wyness.
“Occupational hazard: Inequalities in occupational mismatch”, with L. Macmillan, R. Murphy, F. Petit and G. Wyness.
“Understanding the role of personal statements in elite university admissions”, with G. Kenedi and G. Wyness.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) award (Co-I, £19,613)	2024 – 2025
Nuffield Foundation Research Grant (Co-I, £177,647), 2025 – 2026	
ADR UK Research Fellowship (PI, £176,314)	2023 – 2025
Doctoral School Scholarship, Sciences Po	2017 – 2020
<i>Summa cum laude</i> (top 2%), Sciences Po	2015 – 2017
Natural Sciences Award, University of Birmingham	2009

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2025: HKLM, FourSaNE, SES, IWAE.

2024: RES, SES, IWAE, WEEP.

Pre-2024: IWAE (poster), WEEP (NTNU), HKLM Seminar (UCL-IFS), EWMES (Manchester), RES (poster), UCL-IAB Workshop (UCL), Empirical Micro PhD Workshop (Cambridge), Sciences Po Lunch Seminar.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

GES summer internship, Department for Transport	2016
Economic consultant, Technopolis	2014 – 2015

TEACHING

Lecturer, Economics of Education (UG), UCL	2025 –
Seminar leader, Intro to Economics I (UG), UCL	2023 –
Seminar leader, Macroeconomics (Graduate), Sciences Po	2021
Seminar leader, Labour Economics (Graduate), Sciences Po	2020–2021
Lecturer, Mathematics Bootcamp (Graduate), Sciences Po	2020–2021
Lecturer, Introduction to Econometrics (UG), Sciences Po	2018–2019
Head seminar leader, Intermediate Microeconomics (UG), Sciences Po	2017 – 2020
Seminar leader, Graduate Microeconomics 3 (Graduate), Sciences Po	2017 – 2018

REFERENCES (click names to email)

Lindsey Macmillan	Gill Wyness	Richard Murphy	Jean-Marc Robin
Professor	Professor	Assoc. Professor	Professor
UCL	UCL	UT Austin	Sciences Po
CEPEO	CEPEO	Dept. of Economics	Dept. of Economics