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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: economics of education; labour economics; skills and human capital.

Secondary: microeconometrics; intergenerational mobility.

## EDUCATION

*Sciences Po, Paris, France*

Ph.D. in Economics, June 2022.

Title: “Essays in skills and education”.

Supervisors: Professor Ghazala Azmat & Professor Jean-Marc Robin.

M.Sc. in Economics, July 2017. Summa cum laude (top 2%).

*University of Cambridge, England*

Advanced Diploma in Economics, June 2014.

*University of Birmingham, England*

B.Sc. in Mathematics and Chemistry, June 2012. First-class honours.

## WORKING PAPERS

“[SES, gender, and ethnicity gaps in teacher judgements](#)”, (with L. Macmillan, R. Murphy and G. Wyness), October 2024.

“The merits of teacher assessment versus external exams to measure student achievement”, (with G. Wyness), October 2024. R&R IZA World of Labor.

“Mismatch in higher education: school type, applications, and teacher predictions”, (with Jo Blenden, Lindsey Macmillan and Gill Wyness), New WP coming soon.

“[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), June 2024.

“[Heterogeneous returns to higher education](#)”, January 2024.

“[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.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Reach for the stars: Inequalities in university applications by school type”, (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).

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2024: RES, SES, IWAE, WEEP, HKLM Seminar (22 October 2024).  
2023: IWAE (poster), WEEP (NTNU), HKLM Seminar (UCL-IFS), EWMES (Manchester).  
2022: RES (poster), UCL-IAB Workshop (UCL).  
2017-21: Empirical Micro PhD Workshop (Cambridge), Sciences Po Lunch Seminar.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- [Nuffield Foundation Research Grant](#) (Co-I, 15 months, £177,647), July 2024.  
[ADR UK Research Fellowship](#) (PI, 18 months, £176,314), August 2023.  
Doctoral School Scholarship, Sciences Po, 2017–2020.  
Summa cum Laude (top 2%), Sciences Po, 2015–2017.  
Natural Sciences Award, University of Birmingham, 2009.

## EMPLOYMENT

- Centre for Education Policy and Equalising Opportunities, UCL*  
Senior Research Fellow, October 2024 – Current  
Research Fellow, September 2022 – October 2024
- Department for Transport, London, England*  
Summer internship, Government Economic Service, 2016
- Technopolis, Brighton, England*  
Economic consultant, 2014–2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- UCL*  
Intro to Economics I, Seminar leader, 2023
- Sciences Po, Paris*  
Graduate Microeconomics 3 (MRes in Economics), Teaching Assistant (TA), 2017–2018.  
Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), Lecturer, 2018–2019.  
Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate), TA, 2017–2019. Head TA, 2020.  
Labour Economics (Master in Public Policy), TA, 2020–2021.  
Mathematics Bootcamp (Master in Public Policy), Lecturer, 2020–2021.  
Macroeconomics (Master in Public Policy), TA, 2021.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

- Expert:* R,  $\LaTeX$ .  
*Some knowledge:* Git, Julia, Python, SQL, Stata.

## LANGUAGES

- English (native), French (conversational).

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Citizenship: British and French (dual nationality)  
Born: 22 February 1989

## REFERENCES

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| Gill Wyness  | <a href="#">Ghazala Azmat</a>  | <a href="#">Jean-Marc Robin</a>  |
| Professor  | Professor  | Professor  |
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