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Research Fields

Primary Applied Microeconomics

Specific Media Economics, Political Economy, Evolution of norms, Economics of AI

Employment

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin

2025/2026

Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin

2025/2026

Education

P.h.D. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin

2021 - 2025(Expected)

M.Sc. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin (Distinction, First Place)

2020 - 2021

P.G. Diploma in Economics, University of New England (1st Class)

2019

B.Comm. in Economics & Marketing, University of Sydney (1st Class)

2014 - 2016

Work in Progress

“Black by Popular Demand - Media Competition and the Evolution of a Social Norm”

“Vertical Governance of Online Speech: Evidence from Google’s Moderation Mandate”

“The Political Effects of Threats to the Nation: Evidence from the Cuban Missile Crisis” (with Tommaso Colussi)

“From the Pulpit to the Polls: The Electoral Consequences of Christian Talk Radio”

“Climate on the Move: How Migration Imports Beliefs on Climate Change” (with M. Pograxha)

“Selective Science: How Media Bias Shapes Climate Change Narratives” (with M. Pograxha)

“When to baseline? - The impact of lottery allocation on household outcomes in a highly vulnerable setting” (with C. M. Fernandez, A. Guariso, M. Holmlund, T. Mitchell, and C. Newman)

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

2nd UniCatt Political Economy Workshop (Milan, Italy)

2025

4th Zurich Workshop in AI+Economics (Zurich, Switzerland)

2025

Natural Language in Economics - UPF and PSE (Online)

2025

10th CEPR (Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zurich) Text-as-Data Workshop (Online)

2025

29th Annual SIOE Conference (Sydney, Australia)

2025

3rd IFN Workshop in Economic History (Uppsala, Sweden)

2025

2nd Text-as-Data in Economics Workshop (Lancaster University)

2025

9th CEPR (Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zurich) Text-as-Data Workshop (Online)

2025

Irish Economics Association Annual Conference

2022, 2023 & 2025

Irish Postgraduate and Early Career Economics Workshop

2023

Royal Economics Society Annual Conference

2023

Awards & Grants

Grattan Scholarship Full funding for PhD in Economics. €10,000 research fund.

Grants

2021-2025

TRISS Research Fellowship Impactful research fund, TCD. €1,500 research fund.

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2023

Global Excellence Postgraduate Scholarship Tuition waiver for M.Sc. in Economics, TCD.

2020-2021

Teaching

Dermott McAleese Teaching Assistant Award Winner for excellence in teaching and student support.

2023

Academic

Terence Gorman Award 1st in Programme, M.Sc. (Economics), Trinity College Dublin.

2021

IPSOS Market Research Prize Impactful Market Research, The University of Sydney.

2017

Academic Merit Prizes 1st in Class, The University of Sydney.

2015, 2016

Teaching

Python for Machine Learning (Graduate) - Lecturer, TCD	2025
Introductory Mathematics (Masters) - Lecturer, TCD	2025/2026
Introduction to Economic Policy A (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, TCD	2025/2026
Economics I (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, Maynooth	2025
Econometrics I (Undergraduate) - Lecturer, TCD	2024
Econometrics I and II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, TCD	2022-2024
Masters Thesis supervision - M.Sc in Economics, TCD	2023-2024
Econometrics (Masters) - Teaching Assistant, TCD	2021
Mathematical and Statistical Methods B (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, TCD	2021
Microeconomics I & II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD	2015-2017
Econometrics I (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD	2015-2017
Macroeconomics II (Undergraduate) - Teaching Assistant, USYD	2015-2017

Technical Skills

Programming Languages	Python, Stata, R, QGIS, PostgreSQL
Practical Applications	Machine Learning, Spatial Data Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis

References

Carol Newman	Tara Mitchell	Nicola Mastrorocco
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