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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**New York University Abu Dhabi**, Assistant Professor of Economic History, 2016 –  
**European University Institute**, Max Weber Fellow, 2015 - 2016

## EDUCATION

**California Institute of Technology**, PhD, Social Science, 2010-2015  
**City University, London**, PG Diploma, Economics of Competition and Regulation, 2008-2013  
**University of Cambridge**, MA (Cantab), Economics, 2002-2005

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Economic history, political economy, behavioral economics.  
Secondary: Public finance, public economics, applied microeconomics, urban economics.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

“The contribution of infrastructure investment to mortality decline: evidence from England and Wales, 1861-1900”, *Economic History Review* 72(1) (2019), pp. 233–259.

- *Winner of T.S. Ashton Prize for best article by a junior scholar.*

“Democratic Reform and Opposition to Government Expenditure: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Britain”, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13(4) (2018), pp. 363–404.

“Saving Face Through Preference Signaling and Obligation Avoidance”, with Matthew Chao, *Accepted at Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Extension of the franchise and government expenditure on public goods: Evidence from Nineteenth Century England”, *Under review*.

“Democracy, Redistribution, and Inequality: Evidence from the English Poor Law”, *Under review*.

“Financing Sanitation Infrastructure in late Nineteenth Century England and Wales”, *Under review*.

“Loss Attitudes in the U.S. Population: Evidence from Dynamically Optimized Sequential Experimentation (DOSE)”, with Erik Snowberg, Colin Camerer and Stephanie Wang.

“Willingness-To-Pay and Willingness-To-Accept are Probably Less Correlated than You Think”, with Mark Dean, Pietro Ortoleva, Erik Snowberg, and Colin Camerer, NBER Working Paper 23954, Revisions requested at *Econometrica*.

“Econographics”, with Colin Camerer, Mark Dean, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg, NBER Working Paper No. 24931, Revisions requested at *Journal of Political Economy*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“The historical development of fiscal and legal capacity in England and Wales”, with Tim Besley, Dan Bogart and Nuno Palma.

“Inequality and welfare expenditure: Evidence from the New Poor Law”.

“The impact of inequality on support for franchise extension: evidence from Britain’s Age of Reform”.

“Time stability of econographics”, with Colin Camerer, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg.

“Econographics and political behavior”, with Colin Camerer, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg.

“The effect of the 1984/85 British miners’ strikes on social cooperation: there’s no such thing as society anymore?”, with Samantha Myers.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of *The Rise of a Victorian Ironopolis: Middlesbrough and Regional Industrialization*. By Minoru Yasumoto. Woodbridge: Boydell, 2011. *Journal of Economic History*, September 2013.

Book Review of *The River Pollution Dilemma in Victorian England: Nuisance Law Versus Economic Efficiency*. By Leslie Rosenthal. Farnham: Ashgate, 2014. Australian Economic History Review, November 2015.

*An Economic Impact Assessment of the CCPMO*, with Gavan Conlon and Patrice Muller (London: London Economics, 2008).

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2020: Winner of T.S. Ashton Prize for best article by a junior scholar in the *Economic History Review*.

2014-15: JIN Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship Program.

2014: Fee Waiver Scholarship, MPSA Annual Conference.

2013: John Ledyard Prize for best Third Year Paper, California Institute of Technology.

## **TEACHING**

*New York University Abu Dhabi*

“Global Economic, Political and Social Development since 1500”, 2016-2020.

“Introduction to Game Theory”, 2016/2017.

“Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences”, 2016/2017.

## **SERVICE**

*New York University Abu Dhabi*: Economic History Search Committee (2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19)

## **GRANTS**

2018: NYUAD Research Enhancement Fund, How do states become strong? The historical development of fiscal and legal capacity in England and Wales, with Tim Besley and Nuno Palma.

2013-2016: INET History Project, Democratization, mortality and the provision of local public goods in England.

2014-2015: National Science Foundation Award 1357995, Doctoral Dissertation Research in Economics: Public Funding of Sanitation Infrastructure: An analysis of Voter Behavior and Health Outcomes, with Philip T. Hoffman.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Economic History*, *AEJ: Micro*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *American Political Science Review*, *The History of the Family*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of European Science Association*, *Management Science*.

Workshop and conference organization: “Economic History Workshop” (NYUAD, 2020), “Historical Political Economy” (NYUAD, 2019), “The Political Economy of Regulation” (EUI, 2016), Quantitative Methods Working Group (EUI, 2016) including “Introduction to Text Analysis” (by Pablo Barberá), “Online surveys” (by Thomas Leeper), “Data Visualization” (by Richard Traummüller).

Discussant / Chair: American Economic Association (2019), Midwest Political Science Association (2017); World Congress of Cliometrics (2017), European Political Science Association (2016).

Memberships: American Economic Association, European Political Science Association, Economic History Society, Economic History Association, Economic Science Association.

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

American Economic Association (2018, 2020); Virginia Tech (2019); Economic History Society (2016, 2019); IMEBESS (2019); Decision: Theory, Experiments, and Applications (2019); Associazione per la Storia Economica (2019); European Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020); American Political Science Association (2019); NYUAD Historical Political Economy Conference (2019); NYUAD Experimental Economics Workshop (2019); Asia-Pacific Economic Science Association (2019); EUI Max Weber Fellows Social Sciences Conference (2016, 2018); Economic and Social History Society of Ireland (2018); Economic History Association (2018); World Economic History Congress (2018), New Economic School (2018); EUI Alumni Conference (2017); Economic Business History Society (2017, 2018); University of Southern Denmark Historical Economics and Development Group (2017); Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2017); World Congress of Cliometrics (2017); California Institute of Technology (2019); Labour Markets and Living Standards in Britain, 1870-1960 (University of Essex) (2017); Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute, NYUAD (2017); Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australasia (2017); NYU/CEPR/CAGE Economic History Conference (2016); University of Florence (2016); Paris School of Economics (2015); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (2015); Stanford GSB (2015); UC Berkeley (2015); Middlebury College (2015); Monash (2015); Australian National

University (2015); NYU Abu Dhabi (2015); All-UC Economic History Group Graduate Student Workshop, (2013, 2014); Economic History Association (poster, 2014)

#### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Senior Economic Consultant, London Economics, 2006-2010

Analyst, Mergers & Acquisitions, Merrill Lynch, 2005-2006