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### Current Position

2013 - Senior Research Fellow (Associate Professor), Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex

### Previous Employment

2009-2013 Research Fellow, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex

2007-2009 Senior Research Officer, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex

2005-2006 Post-doc, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

2001-2003 Post-doc, Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany

1998-2004 Chief Researcher, German Statutory Pension Insurance.

1994-1998 Research Fellow, Social Science Centre Berlin (WZB), Germany

### Education

PhD Political Science and Economics, Free University Berlin (summa cum laude), 1999.

Diplom-Volkswirtin (MA in Economics), Free University, Berlin and Universidad Autonoma, Madrid (distinction), 1993

### Papers in peer-reviewed journals

Sibling spillover effects in school achievement, with Cheti Nicoletti, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2018, forthcoming.

The effect of school spending on student achievement: addressing biases in value-added models, with Cheti Nicoletti, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 2018, vol. 181(2), 487-515.

Universal pre-school education: the case of public funding with private provision, with Jo Blanden, Emilia Del Bono, Sandra McNally, *Economic Journal*, 2016, vol. 126(May), 682-723.

Inequality in pupils' test scores: how much do family, sibling type and neighborhood matter?, with Cheti Nicoletti, *Economica*, 2013, vol. 80(318), 197-218.

Differences in Opportunities? Wage, employment, and house-price effects on migration", with Mark Taylor, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2012, vol. 74(6): 831-855.

Dual-Earner Migration. Earnings gains, employment and self-selection, *Journal of Population Economics*, 2011, vol. 24(2), 477-497.

Residential mobility, quality of neighbourhood and life course events, with Mark Taylor, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 2010, 173(3), 531-555.

Occupational Pensions, Wages, and Job Mobility in Germany, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 2008, vol. 54(4), 531-552.

The Role of Firm Pensions for Job Change in Germany, *Journal of Applied Social Science Studies*, 2005, vol. 125 (1), 63-74.

### **Working Papers and papers in progress**

The impact of Brexit on financial expectations and behaviours, with Bernhard Schmidpeter

The effect of a school weighing programme on diet and physical exercise, with Yuliya Kazakova

Private response to public investment: the impact of school quality information on parental inputs, with Ellen Greaves, Iftikhar Hussain, Imran Rasul

Free meals and obesity over the school year, with Angus Holford

The impact of free early childhood education and care on educational achievement: a discontinuity approach investigating both quantity and quality of provision, with Jo Blanden, Emilia Del Bono, Kirstine Hansen, DP in Economics 06/17, University of Surrey.

Free childcare and parents' labour supply: is more better?, with Mike Brewer, Sarah Cattan, Claire Crawford, IZA Discussion Paper DP10415.

School inputs and skills: complementarity and self-productivity, with Cheti Nicoletti. *Working Papers of the Institute for Social and Economic Research* no. 2013-28, Colchester: University of Essex

Breastfeeding and child cognitive outcomes: Evidence from a hospital-based breastfeeding support policy, with Emilia Del Bono, *Working Papers of the Institute for Social and Economic Research* no. 2012-29, Colchester: University of Essex.

### **Chapters in books, research reports and other output**

Understanding Society – a geographical profile of the sample population, with Jakob Petersen, *Understanding Society Working Papers* no. 2013-01, Colchester: University of Essex

Examining home movers and how they impact on ownership and housebuilding, with Brian Green, in: *Housing Market Intelligence Report 2012*, London: Housebuilder Media, p. 34-39.

Moving home: wishes, expectations, and reasons, in: Stephanie L. McFall (Ed.): *Understanding Society: findings 2012*, University of Essex: Institute for Social and Economic Research p. 17-18.

Who Saves for Retirement?, with Mark Bryan, James Lloyd and Mark Taylor, *Research Report*, 2011, London: Strategic Society Centre.

Local Environments, with Nick Buck, in: Stephanie L. McFall, Christine Garrington (Eds.): *Early findings from the first wave of the UK's household longitudinal study*. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, 2011, p. 99-108.

Geographical identifiers in Understanding Society, Version 1. *Understanding Society Working Papers* no. 2011-01, Colchester: University of Essex.

## Research Grants

- Office for Students, Reducing socio-economic inequalities in HE participation: the role of information, peers and mindset, Co-Investigator [278k], 2018
- ESRC, MiSoC transition funding, Co-Investigator [£2.4m], 2018
- ESRC, Understanding Society wave 12, Co-Investigator [£15.7m], 2018
- Nuffield Foundation, Impact of the Infant Free School Meal policy, Principal Investigator [£57k], 2018
- ESRC, Understand Society waves 9-11, Co-Investigator [£27.5m], 2016
- ESRC, NCRM Methodological Innovation Project, Understanding non-response on Understanding Society, Co-Investigator [£140k], 2013
- ESRC, The effect of free childcare on maternal labour supply and child development, Principal Investigator [£184k], 2012
- Prudential Insurance, Who saves for Retirement, Co-Investigator [£27k], 2011
- Nuffield Foundation, The effects of school inputs on educational attainments, Principal Investigator [£18k], 2011
- ESRC, The effects of breastfeeding on children, mothers and employers, Co-Investigator, [£195k], 2009

## Conferences and invited presentations (last 6 years)

- 2018 (scheduled) CESifo (Munich, Germany); European Association of Labour Economists Conference (Lyon, France); Royal Economic Society Conference (Brighton, UK); University of Sussex (UK)
- 2017 University of Surrey (UK); Understanding Society Conference (Colchester, UK); Workshop on Parental Beliefs, Information and Investments (University of Essex, UK); University of Heidelberg (Germany); International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Cantanzaro, Italy); Festival of Social Science (London, UK)
- 2016 University of York (UK); International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Cantanzaro, Italy); Essex Applied Micro Workshop (UK); Child Poverty and Social Mobility Workshop (Colchester, UK); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Spain); ESRC-MSD Longitudinal Studies Workshop (Brazilia, Brazil); DIW (Berlin, Germany); Institute of Education (London, UK)
- 2015 CLOSER Conference (London, UK); International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Cantanzaro, Italy); InGRID Expert Workshop (Colchester, UK); Royal Economic Society (Liverpool, UK); Institute of Education (London, UK); European Association of Labour Economists/Society of Labor Economists Conference (Montreal, Canada); Understanding Society Conference (Colchester, UK)
- 2014 National Institute for Social and Economic Research (London, UK); International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Cantanzaro, Italy); Forsakringsskassan (Stockholm, Sweden); European Association of Labour Economists Conference (Ljubljana, Slovenia); Research Methods Festival (Oxford, UK); Joint Empirical Social Sciences Seminar (Colchester, UK); University of York (UK)
- 2013 International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Cantanzaro, Italy); Housing Transitions and the Life Course Workshop (London, UK); Lisbon Research Workshop on Economics, Statistics and Econometrics of Education (Portugal); European Association of Labour Economists Conference (Turin, Italy)

## **PhD supervision and examination**

Current students: Yuliya Kazakova, Franco Bonomi Bezzo, Ipek Mumcu.

Graduated students: Lina Sanchez Cespedes (2014, first job World Bank), Stefanie Hoherz (2016, first job University of Southampton), Catalina Blanco Moreno (2017)

Internal examiner: Lavinia Parisi (Essex, 2013), Sarkis Manoukian (Essex, 2013).

External examiner: Esther Arenas Arroyo (Queen Mary, London, 2017), Daniel Brown (Oxford, 2017).

## **Professional Activities**

Referee for: Journal of Human Resources, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A, Oxford Economic Papers, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Economics of Education Review, Labour Economics, Education Economics, Feminist Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Environment and Planning A, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Pensions Economics and Finance, Population, Space and Place, Social Forces, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Geography

Grants: Economic and Social Research Council, Nuffield Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, FWO Research Foundation Flanders

Conferences organization: 2017 Workshop on Parental Beliefs, Information and Investments held at the University of Essex; 2015 Royal Economic Society Conference Special Session UK Early Years Policy.

## **Department and University Service**

2018 -	Director of Research Impact
2016 -	Research Student Progress Board
2015-2017	Institute for Social and Economic Research hiring committees
2015	Essex Business School hiring committee
2011-2017	Internal Auditor for ISO 27001
2010-2011	ISER Working Paper editor
2009-2010	Information Security Oversight Committee
2008-2009	ISER Research Meeting Convenor

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