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Education

2022 to present Ph.D. in Economics, Tilburg University
Research Visit: University of California, Berkeley (hosted by Edward Miguel)

2020–2022 Research Master in Economics, Tilburg University
CentER Scholar (with Distinction)

2015–2018 Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management, University of Oxford

Research Interests

Development Economics, Behavioral Economics & Labor Economics

Working Papers

Mental Accounting and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a Humanitarian Setting (w/ P. Dalton & D. van Soest)
Stage 1 Acceptance at the *Journal of Development Economics*

Winsorizing and Trimming with Subgroups
Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Development Economics*

Labor Market Signals: The Role of Large Language Models (w/ K. Abbas Nejad, G. Musillo & N. Zaccaria)
Accepted at the *Journal of Labor Economics*

Discrimination as Retaliation

Threshold Public Goods Games with Temporal Contribution Dynamics

Work in Progress

Graduation Approach versus Cash Transfers Among Refugees (w/ A. Ruža)

Vocational Training for Refugee Youths (w/ D. Tommasi, R. Vacante)

Internalizing Edutainment: First the Messenger, Then the Message

The Value of Volunteering Among Refugees (w/ P. Dalton, D. van Soest & N. Seimel)

Mis-Reporting Indices (w/ A. Akinönder)

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

2025 ReCIPE Compact Research Grant (Co-PI), £15,044

2024 Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (Co-PI), \$100,000

2024 Fondazione San Zeno (Co-PI), €10,000

2024 OpenAI Researcher Access Program (Co-PI), \$2,000

2024 IPA Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (Sole PI), \$10,000

2023 Excellent Teacher Award, Tilburg University (*only Economics Ph.D. candidate recipient*)

2022 NWO Open Competition (Co-PI), €762,594

Seminar & Conference Presentations

2025 UC Berkeley Development Lunch, PACDEV, MWIEDC, Economics Job Market Bootcamp (Bologna), G²LM—LIC/path2dev/BREAD Conference on Development Economics, Applied Young Economists Webinar series, Dutch Development Economics Ph.D. Workshop, Tilburg University , 18th UniTo-CCA Ph.D. Workshop in Economics, UCL Enter Seminar

2024 Maastricht University Interdisciplinary Brownbag Seminar of Behavioral Sciences, Lund University Ph.D. Workshop on Development Research, Tilburg University Department of Economics Internal Seminar, Development Economics & Economic History Research Group

2023 RGS Doctoral Conference, Dutch Development Economics Workshop, KVS New Paper Sessions, Summer School in Development Economics, TIBER Symposium

Refereeing

Food Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology

Teaching Experience

Fall 2025 Tutorial *Development Economics*, graduate level, Tilburg University (4.8/5.0)

Spring 2025 Lecture *Econometrics for Development Economics*, undergraduate level, Tilburg University

Fall 2024 Tutorial *Development Economics*, graduate level, Tilburg University (4.8/5.0)

Spring 2024 Tutorial *Development Economics*, undergraduate level, Tilburg University (4.9/5.0)

Spring 2023 Tutorial *Development Economics*, undergraduate level, Tilburg University (4.9/5.0)

2022 – Thesis Supervision, undergraduate and graduate level, Tilburg University

Voluntary Positions

2024-2025 Chair, Tilburg Ph.D. Platform

2023-2025 Economics and Management Representative, Tilburg Ph.D. Platform

2023-2024 Co-organizer, Dutch Development Economics Ph.D. Workshop/Conference

2020 – Economics Research Master and Ph.D. Representative, Graduate Student Society

Employment

2021 Research Assistant for Prof. David Schindler, Tilburg University (The Netherlands)

2019-2020 Economic Recovery Officer, Danish Refugee Council (Uganda)

2019 Intern and Consultant, German Development Corporation (Tunisia & Libya)

2018 Visiting Associate, Boston Consulting Group (Germany)

2017 Summer Consulting Intern, Oliver Wyman (The Netherlands)

Computer Skills

LaTeX, Stata, R, Qualtrics, Kobo, SurveyCTO, oTree

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), Dutch (fluent), Portuguese (beginner)