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- FIELDS      Public Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics
- EMPLOYMENT      **Institute for Fiscal Studies, London.**  
– 2016–: *Senior Research Economist*  
– 2011–2015: *Research Economist*
- EDUCATION      **PhD. University College London.** 2016–present.  
– *Advisors:* Richard Blundell, Aureo de Paula  
– PhD undertaken part-time while working at the Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- MRes. Economics (Distinction), University College London. 2014–2016.  
MSc. Economics (Distinction), University College London. 2012–2014.  
BA. Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (First Class Honours), University of Oxford. 2008–2011.
- PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS      “The Importance of Product Reformulation Versus Consumer Choice in Improving Diet Quality”  
(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell) – *Economica*, 83: 34-53, 2017.  
“Shopping Around: How Households Adjusted Food Spending over the Great Recession”  
(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell) – *Economica*, 83: 247-280, 2016.
- WORKING PAPERS      “A new year, a new you? Heterogeneity and self control in food purchases”  
(with Laurens Cherchye, Bram De Rock, Rachel Griffith, Martin O’Connell and Frederic Vermeulen), March 2018.  
“Tax design in the alcohol market”  
(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell), September 2017.  
“Why do retailers advertise store brand products differently across product categories?”  
(with Rachel Griffith and Michal Krol), March 2018.  
Conditionally accepted by the *Journal of Industrial Economics*.
- INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS      “Corrective Taxation and Internalities from Food Consumption”  
(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell), *CESifo Economic Studies*, 2017.  
“Relative prices, consumer preferences and the demand for food” (with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell) – *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 31(1):116–130, 2015.
- RESEARCH GRANTS      2016 (Principal Investigator) “The impact of changing trade tariffs on the food prices faced by households”, ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, £20,000.

SELECTED POLICY WRITINGS	<p>“Proposed minimum unit price for alcohol would lead to large price rises ”(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell) – <i>IFS Briefing Note No. 222</i>, December 2017.</p> <p>“The exposure of households food spending to tariff changes and exchange rate movements”(with Peter Levell and Martin O’Connell) – <i>IFS Briefing Note No. 213</i>, July 2017.</p> <p>“Using taxation to reduce sugar consumption”(with Rachel Griffith, Melanie Luhrmann and Martin O’Connell) – <i>IFS Briefing Note No. 180</i>, March 2016.</p> <p>“Sugary drinks tax: response from the Institute for Fiscal Studies”(with Martin O’Connell and Peter Levell) – <i>The Lancet</i>, 387, 10031, pp.1907-1908.</p> <p>“Excise Duties” (with Peter Levell and Martin O’Connell) – <i>IFS Green Budget</i> (eds.) Emmerson, Johnson and Joyce, February 2016.</p> <p>“Food expenditure and nutritional quality over the Great Recession”(with Rachel Griffith and Martin O’Connell) – <i>IFS Briefing Note No. 143</i>, November 2013.</p>
REFEREEING	<p>Economic Journal, Fiscal Studies, Health Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Oxford Economic Papers.</p> <p>Awarded the Economic Journal Referee Prize in 2016.</p>
SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES <i>(incl. scheduled)</i>	<p>2018: King’s College (London), CPEG-PEUK workshop (Toronto), OTPR 30th Anniversary conference (Michigan).</p> <p>2017: IFS (London), Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Bristol), Journees LAGV (Aix-en-Provence), International Institute of Public Finance (Tokyo).</p> <p>2016: International Institute of Public Finance (Lake Tahoe), Public Economics UK (Oxford), DIW seminar (Berlin), Econometric Society Winter Meetings (Edinburgh).</p> <p>2015: Centre for Competition Policy (University of East Anglia), IFS (London), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal).</p> <p>2014: IFS (London), Royal Economic Society (Manchester), European Economic Association (Toulouse).</p> <p>2013: European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (Evora), European Economic Association (Gothenburg), Royal Economic Society (Royal Holloway).</p> <p>2012: Econometrics and IO of Food and Nutrition (Toulouse), European Economic Association (Malaga), Resource Allocation within Households (IFS).</p>
AWARDS	<p>2017: Economic Journal Referee Prize, <i>for excellence in refereeing</i>.</p> <p>2011: Hicks Prize, <i>1<sup>st</sup> of 141 students in Economics</i>. University of Oxford.</p> <p>2011: Sloan Memorial Prize, <i>1<sup>st</sup> of 229 students in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics</i>. Trinity College, University of Oxford</p> <p>2011: R.A. Knox Memorial Prize. Trinity College, University of Oxford</p> <p>2011: Finals Prize. Trinity College, University of Oxford</p>

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