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Research Fields: Family Economics · Labour Economics · Health Economics

Current Employment

Oct 2022 - **Department of Economics, University of Sussex**
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor with tenure)

Oct 2022 - **Institute for Fiscal Studies, London**
Research Associate

Dec 2023 - **IZA**
Research Fellow

Jan-Dec 2020 Maternity leave

Education

2009-2013 **PhD in Economics, University of Cambridge**
Supervisors: Hamish Low, Pramila Krishnan (University of Oxford)
Examiners: Imran Rasul (University College London) and Thomas Crossley (University of Michigan)

2008-2009 **MPhil Economics (Distinction), University of Cambridge**

2005-2008 **BA Hons Economics (1st Class), University of Cambridge**

Previous Employment

2018 - 2022 **Department of Economics, University of Sussex**
Lecturer (Assistant Professor)

2018 - 2023 **IZA**
Research Affiliate

2016-2018 **Department of Economics, University of Warwick**
Postdoctoral Fellow

2013-2016 **Department of Economics and Nuffield College, University of Oxford**
Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow

Publications

1. Women's Labor Market and Fertility Responses to a Health Innovation

(with Sonia Bhalotra, University of Warwick; and Atheendar Venkataramani, University of Pennsylvania)

Journal of the European Economic Association 21.4, August 2023

2. Women's Careers and Family Formation

(with Damian Clarke, University of Chile and Sonia Bhalotra, University of Warwick)

Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, ed. K. F. Zimmerman (Springer), August 2023

3. Where did it go wrong? Marriage and Divorce in Malawi

(with Laurens Cherchye, Bram De Rock and Frederic Vermeulen, KU Leuven)

Quantitative Economics 12.2, May 2021

4. Noncooperative Decision Making in the Household: Evidence from Malawi

Journal of Development Economics 134, September 2018, pp. 428-442.

5. Moral Hazard in Marriage: The Use of Domestic Labour as an Incentive Device

Review of Economics of the Household 15, Lead Article, June 2017, pp. 357-382.

6. Optimal Treatment of an SIS Disease with Two Strains

(with Robert Rowthorn, University of Cambridge)

Journal of Mathematical Biology 74, June 2017, pp. 1753-1791.

Working Papers and Selected Work in Progress

7. Male Fertility: Facts, Distribution and Drivers of Inequality

(with Andreas Kotsadam and Bernt Bratsberg, Frisch Centre and University of Oslo)

8. Dowry, Old-Age Support and Labour Supply over the Lifecycle

(with Alison Andrew, Oxford; and Anusha Guha, UCL)

9. Greedy Work and Greedy Kids: How Flexibility at Work Shapes Fertility

(with Bernt Bratsberg, Frisch Centre and University of Oslo)

10. Efficient Household Fertility

11. Fertility and Broadband Rollout

(with Bernt Bratsberg, Frisch Centre and University of Oslo)

Invited Seminar and Conference Presentations

2024: University of York; New Advances in Family Economics Workshop, Paris (*); Society for Economic Dynamics special session (*)

2023: Frisch Centre, University of Oslo; Fathers and Families workshop, University of Stockholm; SEHO Annual Conference, University of Copenhagen; Men's Equity Seminar, Oslo; Gender Issues and Development workshop, Paris Nanterre University

2022: Centre for Fertility and Health, Oslo, Symposium; Paris School of Economics; University of Cambridge; CERGE-EI; Family Economics Workshop, Leuven Summer Event; 1st Workshop on Family and Migration Economics, IESEG School of Management

2021: SEHO Conference; University of Maastricht

2020: Gender and Family Webinar

2019: University of Bonn; The Economics of Divorce and Marriage, Oxford; Workshop on Labor and Family Economics, York; UCL CReAM; Cattolica University, Milan; University of Tilburg; Frisch Centre, University of Oslo; Applied Microeconomics Workshop, University of Essex; RES Conference, Warwick; SEHO Conference, Lisbon; Prague Workshop on Gender and Family in the Labor Market

2018: Gothenburg Public Health and Development Workshop; IZA-SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Buch-Ammersee; Royal Economic Society Conference, Sussex; Royal Holloway University of London; CERGE-EI; University of Surrey;

Norwegian School of Economics; University of Sussex; Ca'Foscari University of Venice; European Central Bank; CSAE Annual Conference; COSME Gender Workshop, Madrid

2017: University of Cambridge; University of Oxford; EDePo, Institute for Fiscal Studies; CSAE Annual Conference, Oxford; EEA/ESEM Annual Conference, Lisbon (x2); ESPE Conference, Glasgow; EALE Conference, St. Gallen

2016: Institute for International Economic Studies, University of Stockholm; University of Groningen; Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex; EEA Annual Conference, Geneva (x2)

2015: University College London; Family Economics Workshop, Barcelona Summer Forum; EEA Women in Economics, Mannheim; Improving Productivity in Developing Countries, Institute for Fiscal Studies

2014: University of Leuven; Institute for Fiscal Studies, London; CSAE Seminar, University of Oxford; Royal Economic Society Conference, Manchester

2013: Université Libre de Bruxelles; CSAE Annual Conference, Oxford; EEA Annual Conference, Gothenburg

2012: Royal Economic Society Conference, Cambridge; RES Women's Meetings, York

2011: Seminar Series in Epidemiology, University of Cambridge; European Doctoral Group in Economics, University of Bocconi; Applied Microeconomics Workshop, University of Cambridge

(* indicates scheduled)

Professional Activities

Refereeing:

Review of Economic Studies; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Economic Growth; Economic Journal; European Economic Review; Labour Economics; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance; Oxford Economic Papers; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Review of Economics of the Household; Journal of Population Economics; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Population and Development Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Demographic Economics; CSAE Conference; China Economic Review; European Society of Population Economics conference.

Service:

RES Conference at Sussex, Lead, 2023-present.

PhD External Reviewer, CERGE-EI, 2022 - 2024.

EQUIS Accreditation Panel, University of Sussex, 2022.

Junior Hiring Committee, University of Sussex, 2018 - present.

Departmental Seminar Series Organiser, University of Sussex, 2018 - 2020.

Postdoc Seminar Series Organiser, University of Oxford, 2013-2015.

Grants, Prizes and Honors

2023	Seed Corn Fund, University of Sussex
2022	Research Excellence Award, University of Sussex
2017	Invited Speaker, Warwick Economics Summit
2016	George Webb Medley Grant, University of Oxford Recognition Award, Department of Economics, University of Oxford Invited to RES Easter Training School "Perspectives on Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy", University of Essex
2014	Invited to Lindau-Nobel Meetings George Webb Medley Grant, University of Oxford
2013	EEA Travel Award
2012-2013	Raymond Burton Scholarship, University of Cambridge
2008-2012	ESRC 1+3 Studentship (full fees and living expenses), University of Cambridge
2008	Senior Keller Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2007, 2008	Craythorne Scholarship, The Worshipful Company of Cutlers Malthus Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2006-2008	Foundation Scholarship, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2005-2008	Cambridge European Trust Grant
2005, 2006	Benefactors' Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge

Teaching Experience

2023-present	Course Convenor, The Economics of Gender and the Family (Undergraduate) University of Sussex
2018-present	Course Convenor, Microeconomics 1 (Undergraduate) Course Convenor, Microeconomics 1, Elective (Undergraduate) University of Sussex
2016-2017	Lecturer and Module Leader, Applied Microeconomics (MSc) Lecturer and Module Leader, Applied Economics (Undergraduate) University of Warwick
2013-2016	Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics (MPhil) University of Oxford
2013-2014	Lecturer, Econometrics (MPhil) University of Oxford
2009-2013	Supervisor, Microeconomics, Mathematics and Statistics (Undergraduate) University of Cambridge Admissions Interviewer for BA Economics Teaching Assistant, Economics Jesus College, University of Cambridge

References

Professor Sonia Bhalotra	Department of Economics University of Warwick	<code>sonia.bhalotra@warwick.ac.uk</code>
Professor Ian Crawford	Department of Economics University of Oxford	<code>ian.crawford@economics.ox.ac.uk</code>
Professor Thomas F. Crossley	Institute for Social Research University of Michigan	<code>tfcrossley@gmail.com</code>
Professor Hamish Low	Department of Economics University of Oxford	<code>hamish.low@economics.ox.ac.uk</code>
Professor Frederic Vermeulen	Department of Economics KU Leuven	<code>frederic.vermeulen@kuleuven.be</code>