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Education

London School of Economics and Political Science

Sep 2023 – Jul 2027

PhD in Economic History

- Provisional thesis title: Essays on Historical Political Economy.
- Supervisors: Prof. Patrick Wallis and Prof. Mohamed Saleh.

London School of Economics and Political Science

Sep 2022 – Nov 2023

MSc in Economic History

- Graduated with Merit (70.88%).
- Dissertation ranked 2nd in the cohort (out of 100+).

University of Bath

Sep 2019 – Jul 2022

BSc (Hons) Economics

- Graduated with First-class honours.
- Dissertation ranked 1st in the cohort (out of 300+).

Research Interests

Political Economy; Technological Change; Social Policy.

Working Papers

Welfare Retrenchment and Social Unrest

2026

Next Release

Endogenous Revolutionary Threat

2026

Presentations

2026: Seminar for Political Economy and Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science.

2025: Graduate Economic History Seminar, London School of Economics and Political Science; Economic and Social History Workshop, University of Cambridge; Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History, University of Oxford; PPE for Public Policy Graduate Conference, King's College London.

2024: Seminar for Political Economy and Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Other Credentials

Languages: English and Mandarin.

Technical Skills: Julia, L^AT_EX, MATLAB, Python, QGIS, R and Stata.