

# NICOLAS CERKEZ

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<b>Academic Positions</b>	<b>University of Oxford, Department of International Development</b> Departmental Lecturer	2024-present
<b>Other Affiliations</b>	<b>St Antony's College</b> Associate Member	2024-present
	<b>Centre for the Study of African Economies</b> Affiliated Researcher	2024-present
	<b>Institute for Fiscal Studies</b> Research Associate	2024-present
<b>Research Interests</b>	PRIMARY FIELD: Development Economics SECONDARY FIELDS: Political Economy, Environmental Economics	
<b>Education</b>	<b>University College London</b> <b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	PhD in Economics Visiting PhD Researcher 2024 2022
	<b>University College London</b> <b>University College London</b> <b>University College London</b>	MPhil in Economics MRes in Economics MSc in Economics, <i>with Distinction</i> 2020 2019 2017
	<b>Columbia U., New School U., AMDA</b>	Studies in Acting and Economics, <i>with Honors</i> 2015
<b>Publications</b>	Grubb, M., Lange, R.J., Cerkez, N., Sognaes, I., Wieners, C., Salas, P. (2024) Dynamic Determinants of Optimal Global Climate Policy. <i>Structural Change and Economic Dynamics</i> . 71: 490-508	
<b>Working Papers</b>	Cerkez, N., Hartman, A., Weigel, J., Zay Ya, K., (2026) Can Mental Health Programs Have Social Externalities? Experimental Evidence from Myanmar ( <i>submitted</i> )	
	Cerkez, N., Khan, A.Q., Rasul, I., Shoaib, A., (2026) Big Push Pro-poor Transfers and Perceptions of the Rich and Poor ( <i>submitted</i> )	
	Cerkez, N., (2026) Extreme Weather Events and the Support for Democracy ( <i>submitted</i> )	
	Cerkez, N., Cunningham, W., Gupta, S., Lung, F., (2025) What Do Small and Informal Household Enterprises Want? ( <i>submitted</i> )	
<b>Selected Research in Progress</b>	Cerkez, N., Rohner, D., Yuchtman, N., The Political Consequences of Conflict	
	Cerkez, N., Khan, A.Q., Rasul, I., Shoaib, A., The Impacts of Big Push Pro-poor Policies on Firms: Evidence from a Partial Population Experiment in Pakistan ( <i>Status of RCT: analysis in progress</i> )	
	Cerkez, N., Muñoz, M., Emigration and the Rise of Right-wing Parties Across Eastern Europe	

<b>Grants as PI</b>	2025	IGC Small Projects Facility, Zambia (£20,000)	
	2025	CSAE Small Grant (£6,000)	
<b>Fellowships and Awards</b>	2019-2021	Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation	
	2019-2020	Economics Education Award: Best Teaching Assistant for a PhD Level Course, UCL	
	2018-2019	Excellence in Education Award, LSE	
	2018-2020	Class Teacher Bonus, LSE	
	2015	Business Certificate, Columbia University	
	2014	Dean's List & Merit Scholarship, The New School University	
	2011-2013	Merit Scholarship, American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA)	
<b>Prior Employment</b>	<b>World Bank, Consultant</b>		October 2022 - March 2023
	<b>UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Consultant (Data Analyst)</b>		November - December 2021
	<b>London School of Economics, Predoctoral Research Fellow (to Prof. Robin Burgess)</b>		2017-2018
	<b>Part-Time Research Assistant, Research Assistant</b>		2015-2018
	Research Assistant to Michael Grubb (UCL), Cameron Hepburn (Oxford), Alessandro Tavoni (LSE), Daniel Wilhelm (IFS), Attila Lindner (UCL), Brad Larsen (Stanford), Vernon Henderson (LSE), Jisung Park (Harvard), Teevrat Garg (LSE), Tina Freyburg (U. St Gallen), Geoffrey Heal (Columbia), Justin Gundlach (Columbia), Jason Barr (Columbia), and Michael Morris (Columbia).		
<b>Teaching</b>	<b>Quantitative Methods</b>	Oxford University, MSc, <i>Lecturer</i>	2024 - present
	<b>Microeconomic Theory</b>	Oxford University, MSc, <i>Lecturer</i>	2024 - 2025
	<b>Elements of Econometrics</b>	University of London External Program, <i>Head TA</i>	2020 - present
	<b>Econometrics</b>	University College London, first year PhD, <i>TA</i>	2019-2024
	<b>Econometrics</b>	London School of Economics, second year BSc, <i>TA</i>	2018-2020
	<b>Econometrics and Big Data</b>	LSE Summer School, <i>TA</i>	Summer 2019
	<b>Introduction to Economics</b>	University College London, first year BSc, <i>TA</i>	Fall 2018
	<b>Economics of Development</b>	University College London, second year BSc, <i>TA</i>	Fall 2017
<b>Professional Service</b>	<b>Refereeing</b>	Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Development Studies, The Manchester School	
	<b>Mentoring</b>	Cambridge-LSE-Oxford-UCL-Warwick PhD Applicant Mentoring Program (AMP)	
<b>Talks</b>	2026	CSAE Conference	
	2025	Oxford PE Seminar, CSAE Conference, LSE Environmental Populism Conference, Hard-to-Reach Populations Conference, Econometric Society: 2025 European Winter Meetings, 20th End-Of-Year Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad	
	2024	Paris Dauphine, EAYE Annual Meeting, IFS-UCL-LSE Dev Econ Work-In-Progress Seminar, EEA Summer Meeting	
	2023	LSE Environment Day, UCL, IFS-UCL-LSE Dev Econ Work-In-Progress Seminar	
	2022	UC Berkeley, UCL	
	2021	IFS-UCL-LSE Development Economics Work-In-Progress Seminar	
<b>Languages and IT</b>	German (native), Swiss German (native), French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversational) Proficient: Stata, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X Working knowledge: Matlab		

**Academic  
References**

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