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

Selected Research in Progress	Cerkez, N., Khan, AQ., Rasul, I., Shoaib, A., Beyond the Beneficiaries: Firm Responses to Large-scale Transfers in a Partial Population Experiment (<i>Status of RCT: analysis in progress</i>)		
	Cerkez, N., Muñoz, M., Emigration and the Rise of Right-wing Parties Across Eastern Europe		
	Cerkez, N., Accountability Under Joint Production: Disaster Relief, Political Communication, and the Allocation of Credit		
	Cerkez, N., Evaluating Life Skills Interventions in Niger (<i>Status of RCT: baseline scheduled for Fall 2026</i>)		
Grants as PI	2025	IGC Small Projects Facility, Zambia (£20,000, <i>returned</i>)	
	2025	CSAE Small Grant (£6,000, <i>returned</i>)	
Fellowships and Awards	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)	
Prior Employment	World Bank, Consultant		October 2022 - March 2023
	UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Consultant (Data Analyst)		November - December 2021
	London School of Economics, Predoctoral Research Fellow (to Prof. Robin Burgess)		2017-2018
	Part-Time Research Assistant, Research Assistant		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).		
Teaching	Quantitative Methods	Oxford University, MSc, <i>Lecturer</i>	2024 - present
		Microeconomic Theory	Oxford University, MSc, <i>Lecturer</i> 2024 - 2025
	Elements of Econometrics	University of London External Program, <i>Head TA</i>	2020 - present
	Econometrics	University College London, first year PhD, <i>TA</i>	2019-2024
	Econometrics	London School of Economics, second year BSc, <i>TA</i>	2018-2020
	Econometrics and Big Data	LSE Summer School, <i>TA</i>	Summer 2019
	Introduction to Economics	University College London, first year BSc, <i>TA</i>	Fall 2018
	Economics of Development	University College London, second year BSc, <i>TA</i>	Fall 2017
Professional Service	Refereeing	Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Development Studies, The Manchester School	
	Mentoring	Cambridge-LSE-Oxford-UCL-Warwick PhD Applicant Mentoring Program (AMP)	
Talks	2026	CSAE Conference, NOVAFRICA Conference, Fragile Lives Conference*, IFS-UCL-LSE Dev Econ Work-In-Progress Seminar*, Royal Holloway*	
	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	

**Languages
and IT**

German (native), Swiss German (native), French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversational)
Proficient: Stata, R, $\LaTeX$ Working knowledge: Matlab

**Academic
References**

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