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Academic Positions

University of Oxford, Department of International Development — 2024-present
Departmental Lecturer

Other Affiliations

St Antony's College — 2024-present
Associate Member

Centre for the Study of African Economies — 2024-present
Affiliated Researcher

Institute for Fiscal Studies — 2024-present
Research Associate

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, *with Distinction*	2017
Columbia U., New School U., AMDA	Studies in Acting and Economics, *with Honors*	2015

Publications

Grubb, M., Lange, RJ., Cerkez, N., Sognnaes, I., Wieners, C., Salas, P. (2024) Dynamic Determinants of Optimal Global Climate Policy. *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics.* 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
conditionally accepted, *Journal of Development Economics*

Cerkez, N., Khan, AQ., Rasul, I., Shoaib, A., (2026) Big Push Pro-poor Transfers and Perceptions of the Rich and Poor (*submitted*)

Cerkez, N., (2026) Extreme Weather Events and the Support for Democracy (*submitted*)

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 Beneficiaries: Firm Responses to Large-scale Transfers in a Partial Population Experiment *(Status of RCT: analysis in progress)*

Cerkez, N., Emigration and the Political Market

Cerkez, N., Accountability Under Joint Production: Disaster Relief, Political Communication, and the Allocation of Credit

Grants as PI	2025	IGC Small Projects Facility, Zambia (£20,000, *returned*)
	2025	CSAE Small Grant (£6,000, *returned*)

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, *Lecturer*	2024 - present
Microeconomic Theory	Oxford University, MSc, *Lecturer*	2024 - 2025
Elements of Econometrics	University of London External Program, *Head TA*	2020 - present
Econometrics	University College London, first year PhD, *TA*	2019-2024
Econometrics	London School of Economics, second year BSc, *TA*	2018-2020
Econometrics and Big Data	LSE Summer School, *TA*	Summer 2019
Introduction to Economics	University College London, first year BSc, *TA*	Fall 2018
Economics of Development	University College London, second year BSc, *TA*	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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