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DOCTORAL STUDIES

PhD Economics	University College London	expected 2024
Visiting PhD Student	UC Berkeley (Prof Edward Miguel)	Mar - Oct 2022

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

MPhil Economics	University College London	2020
MRes Economics	University College London	with Merit 2019
MSc Economics	University College London	with Distinction 2017
Undergraduate Studies in Economics and Acting		with Honors 2015
Columbia University, New School University, American Musical and Dramatic Academy		

REFERENCES

Professor Imran Rasul Department of Economics University College London i.rasul@ucl.ac.uk	Professor Antonio Cabrales Department of Economics University College London a.cabrales@ucl.ac.uk
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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Development, Political Economy, Environment

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation	2019-2021
Economics Education Award: Best Teaching Assistant for a PhD Level Course, UCL	2019-2020
Excellence in Education Award, LSE	2018-2019
Class Teacher Bonus, LSE	2018-2020
Business Certificate, Columbia University	2015
Dean's List & Merit Scholarship, The New School University	2014
Merit Scholarship, American Musical and Dramatic Academy	2011 - 2013

WORK IN PROGRESS

Droughts and Politics: Evidence from 16 African Countries

Immigration, Trust in Government, and the Role of Government

Mental Health in Myanmar (*joint with Alexandra Hartman and Jonathan Weigel*)

(Perceptions of) Emigration and the Local Economy: Evidence from Romania (*joint with M. Muñoz*)

Pro-Poor Transfers and Economic Preferences of the Rich and Poor: Evidence from a Four Year Partial Population Experiment (*joint with Adnan Khan, Imran Rasul, and Anam Shoaib*) (*draft coming soon*)

Interactions of Time and Technology as Critical Determinants of Optimal Climate Change Policy (*joint with Michael Grubb, Pablo Salas, Rutger-Jan Lange, and Ida Sognnaes*) (*submitted*)

Natural Disasters, Media Coverage, Climate Tweets and Political Accountability (*joint with Stefano Carattini, Xiangyu Meng, and Alessandro Tavoni*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University College London

Teaching Assistant for PhD Econometrics Fall 2019 - Spring 2022

Course Lecturers: Profs. D. Wilhelm, T. Kitagawa, A. Chesher, M. Weidner, R. Smith, & L. Nesheim

Teaching Assistant for BSc (1st year) Introduction to Economics Fall 2018

Course Lecturer: Prof. A. Cabrales

Teaching Assistant for BSc (2nd year) Economics of Development Fall 2017

Course Lecturer: Prof. B. Armendariz

London School of Economics

Teaching Assistant for BSc (2nd year) Introduction to Econometrics Fall 2018 - Spring 2020

Course Lecturers: Profs. G. Fischer, T. Otsu, & M. Schafgans

London School of Economics Summer School

Teaching Assistant for Applied Econometrics and Big Data Summer 2019

Course Lecturers: Profs. R. Meager, T. Komarova, & M. Schafgans

University of London External Program

Head Class Teacher for “Elements of Econometrics” Fall 2021 - Fall 2022

Academic point of contact for “Elements of Econometrics”, an online course administered by the University of London. Management of various teaching assistants who teach tutorials.

Course Content Developer for “Elements of Econometrics” Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

Development of an undergraduate econometrics course for the online learning company 2U based on the undergraduate econometrics course at LSE under supervision of M. Schafgans and T. Komarova.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime November - December 2021

Consultant (Data Analyst) for the Observatory on Smuggling of Migrants

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Full-Time Experiences

Research Assistant to Professor Michael Grubb (UCL) Summer 2018

Predocutorial Research Fellow to Professor Robin Burgess (LSE) 2017 - 2018

Part-Time Experiences

2015 - 2018

Research Assistant to 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)

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 UC Berkeley, UCL

2021 IFS-UCL-LSE Development Economics Work-In-Progress Seminar

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computer Skills

working knowledge of Stata, R, Matlab, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics

basic knowledge of Python

Languages

fluent in English, German, French, and Swiss German
conversational in Spanish