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Current Position

Reader in Political Economy, King's College London (from 2018; Senior Lecturer 2013-18)

Previous Positions

Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Strathclyde (2011 -2013, Lecturer 2007-11)
College Lecturer in Economics, the Queen's College, University of Oxford (2002 - 2007)
Teaching Fellow in Economics, University of Southampton (2001 – 2002)
Lecturer in Economics, University of Portsmouth (1996 – 1998)

Education

PhD in Economics, University of Southampton (1998 – 2002)
Political conflict and constitutional reform - (ESRC Studentship 1998 – 2001)
MA in Economics, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (1994 – 1995)
BSc (Econ) in Economics, Queen's University Belfast (1989 –1992)

Publications

Articles

- Competition and Causal Inference: Economic Choice and Welfare Analysis Under Potential Outcomes (with Sam De Canio), *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*, forthcoming
- Selectively Liberal: Evidence from Social Attitudes Towards Homosexual Relations (with Alan Collins and Stephen Drinkwater), *Rationality and Society*, 2023, **35**, 420-447.
- The Brexit referendum and three types of regret (with Stephen Drinkwater), *Public Choice*, 2022, **193**, 275-291.
- Selective tolerance and the radical right (with Elizabeth Ralph- Morrow), *Rationality and Society*; 2020, **32**, 144-167.
- Social capital, conflict and welfare (with Santiago Sanchez-Pages), *Journal of Development Economics*; 2017, **124**, 157-167.
- Expressive voting and two-dimensional political competition: an application to law-and-order policy by New Labour in the UK (with Stephen Drinkwater), *Constitutional Political Economy*; 2017, **28**, 79-96.
- Group support for political violence: The role of emotions and expressive choice in creating conflict or providing peace, *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2016, **27**, 404-422.
- Domestic violence and football in Glasgow: Are reference points relevant? (with Alex Dickson and Gary Koop), *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2016, **78**, 1-21.
- Collective choice and individual action: Education policy and social mobility in England, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2015, **40**, 288-297.
- A study of expressive choice and strikes (with Christa Brunnschweiler and Ian MacKenzie), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2014, **34**, 111-125.
- The good, the bad and the populist: A model of political agency with emotional voters, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2011, **27**, 611-624.
- Expressive political behaviour: Foundations, scope and implications (with Alan Hamlin), *British Journal of Political Science*, 2011, **41**, 645-670.
- Intra-group competition and inter-group conflict: An application to Northern Ireland, *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2011, **22**, 63-84.
- Civil conflict, federalism and strategic delegation of leadership (with Hein Roelfsema), *Journal of Peace Research*, 2008, **45**, 557-573.

- Political economics and normative analysis (with Iain McLean), *New Political Economy*, 2008, **13**, 61-76.
- Who are the expressive voters? (with Stephen Drinkwater), *Public Choice*, 2007, **132**, 179-189.
- Leadership and conflict (with Alan Hamlin), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2007, **64**, 49-68.
- Political leadership, conflict and the prospects for constitutional peace, *Economics of Governance*, 2007, **8**, 83-94.
(also published as World Bank, Research Working Paper, WPS 4196)
- Group formation and political conflict: Instrumental and expressive approaches (with Alan Hamlin), *Public Choice*, 2004, **118**, 413-435.
- An economic interpretation of the Northern Ireland conflict, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 1998, **45**, 294-308.

Book

Applying the dismal science: When economists give advice to governments (co-edited with Iain Mclean), 2006, Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications

- Expressive Choice in Bjornskov, C., and R. Jong-A-Pin (Eds.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, forthcoming.
- Devolution and Secession in Question (with Adrian Pabst), Editorial Introduction to the special edition on 'The Political Economy of Devolution In. and Secession from, the UK' *National Institute Economic Review*, 2022, **60**, 4-6 .
- Expressive Voting (with Alan Hamlin) in Congleton, R., Grofman, B. and S. Voigt (Eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, Oxford: OUP, 2019.
- Institutions and prosperity: A review of Besley and Persson, *Pillars of Prosperity* and Acemoglu and Robinson, *Why Nations Fail*. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2013, **29**, 252-258.

Invited Presentations

University of East Anglia; University College Cork; University of Strathclyde; Radboud University Nijmegen; Workshop on Ideology and Identity (University of Groningen); Nottingham Trent University; University of Roehampton; Brunel University; Advances in the Economics of Conflict (Stockholm School of Economics); University of Portsmouth; University of Bayreuth; University of Manchester (Conference in honour of Alan Hamlin); University of Swansea; University of Duisburg-Essen; University of Leicester; University of Aberdeen; Center of Economic Research (ETH, Zurich); Queen's University Belfast; University of Dundee; University of Stirling; University of Surrey; WZB Berlin; University of Edinburgh; Scottish Institute for Research in Economics Forum (Stirling); University of Warwick (Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation); Department of Trade and Industry - Economics for Analysts (Southampton) keynote speech (with Iain McLean); University of Oxford; University of Liverpool

Conference Presentations

- 2025 PPE Society (KCL); European Public Choice Society Meeting (Riga)
- 2024 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Vienna)
- 2023 Conference on Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (University of Munster); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2022 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Braga); European Political Science Association (Prague); PPE Society Annual Meeting (New Orleans)
- 2019 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Jerusalem); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy

- 2018 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Rome)
- 2017 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Budapest)
- 2016 Public Choice Society Meeting (Fort Lauderdale); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2015 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Groningen); European Political Science Association (Vienna)
- 2014 Public Choice Society Meeting (Charleston); European Public Choice Society Meeting (Cambridge); CESifo Venice Summer Institute Workshop on Behavioural Political Economy; Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2013 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Zurich); New Directions in Welfare III (OECD, Paris)
- 2012 World Congress for Public Choice (Miami); Scottish Economic Society (Perth); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2011 European Public Choice Meeting (Rennes); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2010 Public Choice Society Meeting (Monterey, USA); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy
- 2009 Workshop on 'Memory in Economics' (Institute of Advanced Study University of Strathclyde); Public Choice Society Meeting (Las Vegas); Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Pontresina, Switzerland)
- 2008 Public Choice Society Meeting (San Antonio, Texas); International Society of New Institutional Economics (Toronto)
- 2007 World Congress for Public Choice (Amsterdam); Warsaw International Economic Meeting
- 2006 International Institute for Public Finance Congress (Paphos); International Network for Economic Research Conference (Cork)
- 2005 Public Choice Society Meeting (New Orleans); European Public Choice Meeting (Durham)
- 2004 Public Choice Society Meeting (Baltimore); European Public Choice Meeting (Berlin)
- 2003 Public Choice Society Meeting (Nashville); European Public Choice Meeting (Aarhus)
- 2002 European Public Choice Meeting (Belgirate, Italy) (Funded by a Royal Economic Society Conference Grant)
- 2001 European Public Choice Meeting (Paris)

Reviewing for Journals and Funding Bodies

- *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Civil Wars; Comparative Political Studies; Constitutional Political Economy; Critical Review; Defence & Peace Economics; Economia Politica; Economic Issues; Economic Inquiry; Economica; Economics; Economics of Governance; Economies; European Journal of Development Research; European Journal of Political Economy; International Game Theory Review; Japanese Journal of Political Science; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of Government & Economics; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Economic Theory; Mobilization; National Institute Economic Review; Oxford Economic Papers; Peace Economics, Peace Science & Public Policy; Political Behavior; Public Choice; Rationality & Society; Review of International Organizations; Scottish Journal of Political Economy; Social Science Research; West European Politics*
- *Leverhulme Trust*

Teaching Experience

- 1st year Principles of Economics; Studying Economics; 2nd year Political Economy; Quantitative Methods; Microeconomics; Economics of Politics; Economics of the Public Sector (King's)
- 1st year Economics; 3rd Year Public Economics; MSc New Institutional Economics; Public Policy and Public Finance (Strathclyde). 1st year Introductory Economics and Mathematical Methods; 2nd and 3rd year Microeconomic Theory; Applied Microeconomics; Public Economics (Oxford)
- 2nd year Applied Microeconomics; Economics of the Environment (for 1st year non-economists); Economics of the European Union for 2nd year Modern Languages (Southampton)
- 1st Year Economics; Introduction to Quantitative Methods; 2nd and 3rd year International Trade; Economics of the Public Sector; History of Economic Thought; European Industrial Organisation (Portsmouth)

Departmental Responsibilities

- Deputy Head of Department (2024 - present)
- Programme Director for BSc Economics (2017 – 2020)
- Programme Director for BA/BSc Political Economy (2013 – 2016)
- Deputy Head of Department (Strathclyde 2013).
- Dissertation Coordinator (Strathclyde 2009 - 2013)
- First Year Coordinator (Strathclyde, 2007 – 2013)
- Honours Coordinator (Strathclyde, 2009 – 2012)
- Admissions Tutor for Economics & Management (Queen's College Oxford, 2003-2007)

External Responsibilities

- Co-Editor of the *National Institute Economic Review* (2020 – present)
- Member of the editorial board for the *European Journal of Political Economy* (2014-present)
- Associate Editor for *Economia Politica* (2022-present)
- Member of the Executive Board of the European Public Choice Society (2011–2014)
- External PhD Examiner for University of Portsmouth 2025
- External Examiner for Queen Mary University of London (2021-2025)
- External Examiner for University College Cork (2017-2021, 2025)
- External Examiner for Manchester Metropolitan University (2018-2022)
- External Examiner for University of Ulster (2013-2017)
- External Examiner for University of Portsmouth (2009–2014)