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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 2020 - present	<i>Assistant Professor of Economics (tenured)</i> , Tilburg University <i>Maternity leave: Oct 2021 - Jan 2022, Sept 2023 - Dec 2023</i> <i>External Associate</i> , CAGE Research Centre Warwick University
May 2023 - present	<i>Research Affiliate</i> , IZA
May 2026 - present	<i>Research Affiliate</i> , Rockwool Foundation Berlin
Aug 2012 – July 2014	<i>Research Analyst</i> , European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EDUCATION

2016 – 2020	<i>Ph.D. Economics</i> , University of Warwick
2014 – 2016	<i>M.Res. Economics (with Distinction)</i> , University of Warwick
2011 – 2012	<i>M.A. International and Development Economics</i> , Yale University
2007 – 2011	<i>B.A. Economics (Hons) and B.A. Business Administration</i> , American University in Bulgaria

RESEARCH

Publications	Free Movement of Workers and Native Demand for Tertiary Education with Mirjam Bächli <i>Journal of Human Resources (2025)</i> , 60 (6), 2038-2070 How to Improve Tax Compliance? Evidence from Population-wide Experiments in Belgium with Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, Clément Imbert, Johannes Spinnewijn and Maarten Luts <i>Journal of Political Economy (2021)</i> , 129(5), 1425-1463 Taming the Herd? Foreign Banks, the Vienna Initiative and Crisis Transmission with Ralph De Haas, Yevgeniya Korniyenko and Alexander Pivovarsky <i>Journal of Financial Intermediation (2015)</i> , 24(3), 325-355
Working papers	The Electoral Effects of Voting Technology: Evidence from Bulgaria with Milena Djourelova <i>Conditionally Accepted – American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> Labor Protection and Support for Immigration with Mirjam Bächli <i>2nd R&R Industrial & Labor Relations Review</i> Motherhood and the Gender Gap in Self-Employment with Mery Ferrando, Francesca Truffa and Ashley Wong The School Calendar and Ramadan: Evidence on High-Stakes Exam Performance with Mery Ferrando

Work in Progress	School Tracking and Geographic Mobility: Evidence from Finland with Ilpo Kauppinen and Panu Poutvaara
	Machine or Paper: Trust and Voting Technology Adoption with Milena Djourelova
	Stand Out or Blend In? Migrants' Visible Consumption and Refugee Reception Center Openings with Clement Bellet
	The Making of Mathematical Talent: Long-Term Educational and Career Outcomes of Early Math Olympiad Success with Roberto Asmat and Silvia Granato

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2025	SSH Open Competition XS Individual Grant (€50,000)
2022	Odissei MAG with Mery Ferrando, Francesca Truffa and Ashley Wong (€7,500)
2016 – 2019	European Social Research Council funding for Ph.D. studies with the Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE)
2018	European Social Research Council Overseas Fieldwork Grant (£3,800)
2014 – 2016	M.Res. departmental scholarship, University of Warwick
2011 – 2012	Scholarship for graduate studies at Yale University (\$20,000)

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025	Utrecht University School of Economics, IEB Workshop on Political Economy, HEC Lausanne
2024	Economics Research Seminar at Nova SBE, EquiFirm Workshop on Gender Diversity in Organisations and Careers in NHH, Annual conference of the Bulgarian Council for Economic Analyses, European Society for Population Economics Conference, European Economic Association Conference, Tilburg University Internal Seminar
2023	Applied Economics Seminar at the University of Vienna, 8th LEER Conference on Education Economics in KU Leuven
2022	Tilburg University Internal Seminar, Conference of the Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) in Tokyo
2021	Swedish Tax Agency, Conference of The European Association of Labour Economists, European Economic Association Conference WinE Retreat, Tilburg University Internal Seminar
2020	University of Essex, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, New Economic School, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Tilburg University, University of St. Andrews, CESifo CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration
2019	MACIMIDE Annual Conference (Maastricht University), European Economic Association Conference, International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, Essex Migration PhD Colloquium, Migration and Mobility Workshop (University of Glasgow)
2018	International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute – Behavioural Economics and Public Policy Conference (Australian National University), CAGE Research Day (University of Warwick)
2017	European Economic Association Conference, CAGE Work-in-Progress Seminar (University of Warwick)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Tilburg University

2024-present	How Healthy Should People Be?, BSc-level
2022-present	Topics in Applied Microeconomics, RM Economics
2021-present	Microeconomics: Markets and Games, BSc Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation
2021-2022	Data Communication and Policy Analysis, BSc Economics

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *CESifo Economic Studies*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economics and Business Review*, *Economics Letters*, *Fiscal Studies*, *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *The Economic Journal*, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Grant / Conference Review: Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (2024), Odissei Microdata Access Grant (2025), Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Council for Economic Analyses (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)

Memberships: Bulgarian Council for Economic Analyses (2022-), TiSEM Faculty Council (2022-2024, 2025-2026), Junior Job Market Committee (2022), Hiring Committee (2026)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages	Bulgarian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)
IT	Stata, R, Python, Latex
Citizenship	Bulgarian
Gender	Female
References	<i>Available upon request</i>

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