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## Education

### **PhD in Economics, Cambridge Judge Business School** Jun 2023–Oct 2027 (expected)

- Awarded Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) full funding; awarded Cambridge Judge Business School Research funding.
- Courses: Applied Econometrics, How to do Economics, Demand Estimation and BLP approach.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year report: "An Empirical Investigation into Low Price Guarantees".

### **MRes in Economics, Cambridge Judge Business School, (73.1/100)** Oct 2022–Jun 2023

- Courses: Financial Reporting and Analysis, Corporate Finance, Electricity and the Environment, Policy Evaluation, Competitive Strategy in the Digital Age, Industrial Organisation (Auditing).
- Dissertation: "A Prescription for Information: Evaluating the Impact of Quality Ratings on Consumer Switching in the English Primary Healthcare Sector".
- Awarded Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) full funding.

### **Postgraduate Certificate in Econometrics, Birkbeck College (Distinction)** Sep 2019–Jul 2020

- Courses: Quantitative Techniques, Econometrics I, Econometrics II, Advanced Econometrics.
- Final Project: "Does increased teaching by casual staff lead to lower student satisfaction?"

### **MPhil in Economics, University of Cambridge (72.9/100)** Oct 2017–Aug 2018

- Courses included: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Institutions and Economic Growth in Historical Perspectives, Behavioural Economics.
- Dissertation: "Climate Change, Investment and Productivity Growth: The Adaptive Investment Effect".
- Awarded the Joyce Biddle Scholarship, Woodall Fellowship and Stribling Award on academic merit.

### **BA (Hons.) Economics, University of Cambridge (2.i)** Oct 2014–Jun 2017

- Courses included: International Trade & Development, Industrial Organisation, Development Studies, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics.
- Dissertation: "Natural Disasters and Economic Growth: A Heterogeneous Panel Study".
- Awarded Emily Davies Scholarship, Joan Robinson prize, Ellen McArthur prize, college prizes for performance in Microeconomics and International Trade and Development papers.

## Research Interests

- Applied Microeconomics; Competition Economics; Industrial Organisation; Empirical Microeconomics; Vertical Restraints; Health Economics; Digital Competition.

## Academic Publications

### **Journal Publications**

- Williams, R. J. (2021), "[The effect of casual teaching on student satisfaction: evidence from the UK](#)", *Education Economics*.
- Mohaddes, K. and Williams, R. J. (2020), "[The Adaptive Investment Effect: Evidence from Chinese Provinces](#)", *Economic Letters* 193 pp.109332/1-4.

### **Non-Journal Publications**

- Ramada, P. and Williams, R. (2021), "[Can Unregulated Professional Business Services Markets Deliver Effective Competition](#)", *OECD Regulatory Barriers to Competition in Professional Services Workshop (presented 18<sup>th</sup> November)*.
- Williams, R. (2020), "[An unintended consequence of staff casualisation: the effect on student satisfaction](#)", HEPI blog.
- Esteve, R., Kabrt M., Makowska A., Meiske D., Robin N., Sabri F. and Williams R. (2019), "[Decentralising Britain: The 'Big' Push Towards Inclusive Prosperity](#)", *Institute for Public Policy Research Reports*.
- Williams R. (2017), "[The UK Investment Puzzle](#)", *National Institute Economic Review* No. 241.

### **Working papers**

- Williams, R. (2022), "Empirical Effects of Resale Price Maintenance: Evidence from Fixed Book Price Policies in Europe". [R&R at Journal of Competition Law and Economics]
- Dolton, P. and Williams, R. (2022), "A Prescription for Information: Evaluating the Impact of Quality Ratings on Consumer Switching in the English Primary Healthcare Sector". [Paper in progress]

## **Awards**

- ESRC fully funded PhD (2022-2026)
- Joint winner of the inaugural IPPR prize (£100,000), 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in Economics (2019)
- Joyce Biddle Scholarship (2017)
- Woodall Fellowship (2017)
- Stribling Award (2017)
- Joan Robinson prize (2016)
- Emily Davies scholarship (2015)
- Ellen McArthur prize (2015)

## **Teaching**

### **Postgraduate**

- Technology Policy: Micro and Macro topics, masters students teaching assistant, Cambridge Judge Business School (2023-24)

### **Undergraduate**

- Industrial Organisation, 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching assistant, Faculty of Economics (2023-24)
- Economics of Firms and Markets, 4<sup>th</sup> year supervisions, Cambridge Judge Business School (2023-24)
- Development Economics, 3<sup>rd</sup> year supervisions, King's College (2022-23)

## **Community Activities**

- Undergraduate admissions interview panel, King's College (2023)
- Judge Business School Winter Doctoral Conference Planning Committee (2023)
- King's College Entrepreneurship Lab Convenor of UK Essay Competition (2023)
- Undergraduate admissions interview panel, Murray Edwards (2022)
- President of Keynes Economics Society (2022-2023)
- Judge Business School Social Committee (2022-Present)
- King's College Entrepreneurship Lab Associate – Workshop Director (2022-Present)
- Careers Panel, Slaughter & May Finance and Law Event (2022)
- UK Economics Correspondent, RTVS Slovakian News (2020-Present)
- Mentoring at Cambridge Sutton Trust Summer School (2019)
- Economics MPhil Faculty Representative (2017–18)
- President of Joan Robinson Society (2015–16)
- Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism (CSEP) Committee Member (2015–16)
- University of Cambridge Ambassador (2015-17)
- Additionally, I run an economics tutorial blog, [www.learneconomicsonline.com](http://www.learneconomicsonline.com) (2013-Present)

## **Journal Refereeing Activities**

- Journal of Higher Education

## **Conferences / Summer Schools Attended**

- Cambridge Judge Business School Winter Doctoral Conference [presented] (2023)
- CEPR Conference (2023)
- Workshop on Competition and Regulation in Digital Markets, City University of London (2023)
- Workshop on UK Digital Economics, Cambridge (2023)
- CRESSE Conference (2022)
- Cemmap Advanced Econometrics workshop, presented by Jeffrey Wooldridge (2021)
- Post-Keynesian Summer School (2015)

## **Professional Publications and Reports**

### **Competition Practice**

- "Competition and its Economic Outcomes in Selected Business Services Professions in the EU: a Refined Methodology and a Comprehensive Empirical Assessment" for *European Commission*, 2022 ([here](#)).
- Competition analysis for Accenture litigation (Portuguese Competition Authority), 2022.
- "Support Study on Commission Notice on the Definition of Relevant Market for the Purposes of Community Competition Law" for *European Commission*, 2021 ([here](#)).
- "Evaluation Support Study on the EU Competition Rules Applicable to Horizontal Cooperation Agreements in the HBERs and the Guidelines for *European Commission*, 2021 ([here](#)).
- Competition analysis for Sogrape litigation (Portuguese Competition Authority), 2020.
- "Support Studies for the Evaluation of the VBER" for *European Commission*, 2020 ([here](#)).
- Competition analysis for Hong Kong Office of Communications – WTT/HKBN, 2019.

## Education Practice

- “The Economic and Social Impact of the University of Southampton on the UK Economy” for *University of Southampton*, 2022.
- “Enterprise and Skills Impact Measurement” for *Scottish Government*, 2019-22 ([here](#)).
- “The Economic and Social Impact of Cardiff University on the UK Economy” for *Cardiff University*, 2022 ([here](#)).
- “The Economic and Social Impact of the University of Warwick on the UK Economy” for *University of Warwick*, 2022.
- Estimation of Direct, Indirect and Induced effects and research funding shortfall of Scottish universities for *Universities Scotland*, 2022.
- Estimation of Direct, Indirect and Induced effects of post-1992 universities on the UK economy for *MillionPlus*, 2022.
- “The Economic and Social Impact of UCL on the UK Economy” for *UCL*, 2021 ([here](#)).
- “The Economic Impact of Leeds Beckett University on the UK Economy” for *Leeds Beckett University*, 2021 ([here](#)).
- “The Economic Impact of the University of Glasgow on the UK Economy” for *University of Glasgow*, 2021.
- “The Economic Impact and Social of the University of Oxford on the UK Economy” for *University of Oxford*, 2021 ([here](#)).
- “The Economic and Social Impact of The OU on the UK Economy” for *Open University*, 2020.
- “Apprenticeships and Social Mobility: Fulfilling Potential” for *Social Mobility Commission*, 2020 ([here](#)).
- “Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on University Deferral Rates and Student Switching” for *University and College Union (UCU)*, 2020.
- “Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on University Finances” for *UCU*, 2020.
- “The Economic and Social Impact of Ulster University on the UK Economy” for *Ulster University*, 2020.
- “The Economic and Social Impact of the University of Birmingham on the City of Guangzhou” for *University of Birmingham*, 2019.
- “Impact of EPSRC’s Investment in High Performance Computing” for *Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)*, 2019 ([here](#)).

## Industry Experience

Senior Economic Consultant, *London Economics*

Sep 2018–Sep 2023

- Focused on a variety of competition and education related projects, undertaking literature reviews, developing economic frameworks and econometric specifications, and sourcing and analysing data.
- Project managed six projects in the education team and two projects in the competition team.
- Mentoring experience covering analysts and interns.
- Managed the new starter Stata training program.
- Responsible for interviewing new hires.
- Competition work has involved an evaluation of the European Commission’s Market Definition framework, an econometric analysis of large-volume pricing data to evaluate cartel damages, development of an econometric framework as an input to an evaluation of the EC’s Vertical Block Exemption Regulation (VBER) and investigating harm in a Hong Kong telecom merger.
- Education work included several large-scale data analysis and matching projects, developing the Longitudinal Educational Outcomes database, through the matching of a number of governmental databases including the Individual Learner Record, HESA and HMRC data.

Economic Researcher Intern, *National Institute for Economic and Social Research* Jul–Aug 2017

- Worked on quantitative research in interest rates to understand the UK’s productivity and investment puzzle (with the Director of the Institute, Prof. Jagjit Chadha)
- Performed econometric analysis of UK data in Stata and developed an econometric framework to investigate the lack of investment in the UK.
- Edited and contributed to quarterly journal exploring under-investment in the UK economy.

Economic Analyst Intern, *Frontier Economics*

Jul–Aug 2016

- Worked in Competition practice evaluating an antitrust case against a UK mobility scooter manufacturer.
- Undertook a literature review of anti-competitive harms, using a novel technique to explore unseen pricing data to assess size of damages and analysing this data in Stata.

Numeracy Learning Support Assistant, *The Barclay School, Stevenage*

Sep 2013–Jun 2014

- Provided support to Special Educational Needs students in mathematics, working with students from year 7 to GCSE students, tutoring numeracy skills and exam preparation.

**Languages:** English (native), French (B2)

**IT / programming:** Stata (advanced), Microsoft Office (advanced), R (intermediate), PHP (intermediate), HTML (advanced), CSS (intermediate), Javascript (intermediate)

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