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Education

PhD in Economics	<i>University of Warwick, UK</i>
-	<i>2026</i>
Master of Research in Economics <i>with Distinction</i>	<i>University of Warwick, UK</i>
	<i>2021</i>
MSc. Economics and Business Administration <i>with Distinction</i>	<i>Aalto University, Finland</i>
	<i>2019</i>
Visited the University of St. Gallen as part of double-degree program (CEMS MiM)	
BSc. Economics and Business Administration <i>Minor in Finance</i>	<i>Aalto University, Finland</i>
	<i>2016</i>

Fields

Development, Environmental, Political economy

Research

Carbon and Coordination: Incentives and local institutions in conservation policy

Structuring cash transfers: cash flow preferences, seasonality, and financial decisions in rural Kenya
(with A. Mani & P. Niehaus) *R&R at the Review of Economics and Statistics*

Gender equality through turnover: Quasi-experimental evidence from term limit reforms in Italy (with M. Bagues) *R&R at the Journal of Public Economics*

Group-level frictions in climate change adaptation: Experimental evidence from Kenya

Missing secondary markets and technology adoption (with H. Alperen Tosun)

Teaching

EC902: Quantitative Methods: Econometrics A (2025) <i>University of Warwick, Graduate</i>	<i>Evaluation: 4.8/5</i>
EC910: Quantitative Methods: Econometrics B (2024, 2025) <i>University of Warwick, Graduate</i>	<i>Evaluation: 4.9/5, 4.5/5</i>
EC310: Development Economics (2025) <i>University of Warwick, Undergraduate</i>	<i>Evaluation: 4.63/5</i>
EC203: Applied Econometrics (2024) <i>University of Warwick, Undergraduate</i>	<i>Evaluation: 4.5/5</i>
PH336: Political Economy (2022) <i>University of Warwick, Undergraduate</i>	<i>Evaluation: 4.6/5</i>
Environmental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Finance in the 21st Century (2025) <i>University of Warwick, Pre-University Summer School</i>	

Awards

Graduate Teaching Excellence Prize (2025)	<i>University of Warwick</i>
Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation Scholarship (€12,000, 2023–2024)	<i>University of Warwick</i>
Skeoch Scholarship (awarded to 2 high-achieving MRes students))	<i>University of Warwick</i>
Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation Scholarships (€12,000 in 2018–2019, €14,000 in 2020–2021)	<i>University of Warwick</i>
Dean's List Award (Awarded to top 2% at Aalto University)	<i>Aalto University</i>
Ilkka Kontula Foundation Scholarship (top 10% BSc. students)	<i>Aalto University</i>

Grants

STEG PhD Grant (£15,000, Principal Investigator, Joint with H. A. Tosun)

Warwick Discretionary Research Grant (£2,000, 2021)

Applied Micro Research Group Grant (£2,000)

Professional experience

University of Warwick - Research Assistant (for Prof. S. Mukand) (2022, 2025)

University of Oxford - Research Assistant (for Prof. A. Mani) (2022)

University of Warwick - Pre-doctoral fellow (for Prof. M. Bagues) (2019), Coventry, United Kingdom

Finnish Competition Authority - Research Officer – Analysis of mergers & acquisitions (2018)

Labor Institute for Economic Research, Finland - Research Assistant (2017 Dec -2018 Jan),

Ministry for Foreign Affairs - Academic intern, Embassy of Finland in Singapore (2017)

Business Finland, Company & Market analyst trainee, Foreign direct investment branch (2016)

Presentations (including invited seminars)

2020: EGEN Conference (Uppsala and Stockholm), CAGE AMES Seminar (Warwick), Warwick PhD Forum, 2022: IPA and Global Poverty Research Lab (Northwestern University), Y-Rise (Yale and University of Jamaica), 2024: COSME Madrid Gender Economics Workshop, CAGE Workshop on Gender and Inequality, EEA-ESEM Congress, EALE, 2025: OxDev 2025 (St.Catherine's College, Oxford); Edinburgh School of Economics; 2026: WU Vienna, University of Oslo, UB-EIB Barcelona, Aalto University, LMU - Munich, CUNEF, Nova SBE, Stockholm University, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, University of York, Collegio Carlo Alberto.

Affiliations & service

Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE) Fellow, University of Warwick

Co-organizer of the Warwick PhD Conference (2022, 2023)

PhD Mentor for Applicant Mentorship Program, supporting applications to PhD programs for students from underrepresented backgrounds (2021, 2024)

President, Aalto Economics Student Association (2016)

Referee service

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Public Economics.

Technical skills

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, ArcGis, Python (basics)

Languages

English, Italian, Finnish, Spanish, French (written), Kiswahili (beginner)