

Education

2021–
(*expected viva*
voce Autumn
2025) **Ph.D. in Economics**, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

- **Ph.D. Thesis:** Essays in Development and Health Economics: Income Shocks, Parental Investments, and Children's Outcomes
Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Elsner
- Visiting Ph.D. student, Aix-en-Marseille School of Economics, Marseille, France
Supervisor: Dr Roberta Zipparo
- Visiting Ph.D. student, University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center, Philadelphia, USA
Supervisor: Prof. Hans-Peter Kohler

2020–2021 **M.Litt., Economics**, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

2018–2019 **M.Sc., Economics**, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

2016–2018 **M.Sc., Finance**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece

Research Interests

- *Development Economics, Health Economics, Political Economy, Economic History*

Research

- Banks protecting children ? Agricultural income shocks, child health and financial development in rural India: [Job Market Paper](#)
In this study, I examine the influence of financial infrastructure on child health outcomes in rural India, with a specific focus on how enhanced access to rural banks can mitigate the adverse effects of agricultural income shocks. I analyze data from the National Family and Health Surveys (NFHS), integrating them with local agricultural income fluctuations, as determined by the interaction between global agricultural price fluctuations and local agricultural conditions, alongside local indicators of financial development. The findings reveal that proximity to rural banks significantly mitigates the detrimental impacts of these shocks on child health.
- The Intergenerational Transmission of Health Revisited: Exploring Dynamic Patterns across Africa *with Athina Zervoyianni* (University of Patras)
This study examines the patterns of intergenerational health transmission across 31 African countries over a forty-year period (1975–2015). Utilizing data on 4.5 million children from 104 Demographic and Health Surveys, the research focuses on maternal height and maternal sibling mortality as indicators of maternal health and child mortality as a measure of child health. Employing a dynamic clustering methodology proposed by phillips2007transition, the paper identifies distinct convergence clubs and analyzes the roles of economic development, public health provision, and maternal education in shaping these health dynamics. The findings provide nuanced insights into health inequalities and intergenerational mobility within the African context.

- Female politicians and child health in Sub-Saharan Africa *with Despoina Gavresi & Elizabeth Kempter* (University of Luxembourg)
The study investigates the causal relationship between female political participation and child health and educational outcomes in Sub-Saharan African countries. Using a novel dataset built through web scraping electoral data, the analysis employs a regression discontinuity design (RD) comparing marginally elected male and female politicians to identify causal effects.
- The tide of textiles: Trade, fertility and son preference in the aftermath of the Muliti-Fibre Arrangement's phaseout in India
The study examines the causal relationship between income and fertility decisions. By analyzing the effects of labor income shocks resultant from trade policy alterations in India, particularly the cessation of the Multi-Fibre Agreement, I elucidate the dynamics of family behavior in response to economic fluctuations.
- How subjective beliefs about mortality affect investment and saving: Evidence from rural Malawi *with Fabrice Kamffen* (University College Dublin)
In developing countries like Malawi, where financial markets are underdeveloped and health risks are high understanding the determinants of saving and investment behavior is crucial. This study examines how mortality expectations influence these behaviors in rural Malawi.

Presentations

- **2024** EDGE Conference (University College Dublin), PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar, RGS Doctoral Conference (Universität Duisburg-Essen), Webinar Series on Finance and Development, German Development Economics Conference (Leibniz Universität Hannover), QMUL Economics & Finance Workshop (Queen Mary University London), International Conference on Development Economics (Aix-en-Marseille School of Economics), AFEDEV Job Market Training (CERDI), Aix-en-Marseille School of Economics Ph.D. Seminar, University College Dublin Ph.D. Seminar
- **2023:** Journées LAGV Conference (Aix-en-Marseille School of Economics), Workshop on Fertility, Health, and Human Capital (Queens' University Belfast), 2nd PhD and Post-Doctoral Workshop Naples School of Economics (University of Naples Federico II), MLSFH Project Meeting (University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center), University College Dublin Ph.D. Seminar
- **2022:** University College Dublin Ph.D. Seminar

Honors, Awards & Funding

- Irish Research Council Scholarship October 2022 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme 2023, *2023-2025*.
- Graduate Research Innovation Fund: UCD College of Social Science & Law. *2021 & 2022*.
- Beijing-Dublin International College Ph.D. Scholarship, *2020-2022*.

Refereeing

- European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting 2025

Teaching Experience

2020-2023 **Tutor: University College Dublin**, Advanced Econometrics, Labour Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Econometrics (M.Sc. module), Development Economics (M.Sc. module)

Work Experience

2022 **Research Assistant**, Dr Fabrice Kampfen, University College Dublin, Athens, Greece

2017-2018 **Junior Economist-Intern**, Central Bank of Greece, Financial Reporting Section, Athens, Greece

Other Education

2021 **Summer School in Development Economics**, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France

2022 **Summer School in Economic Growth**, Aix-en-Marseille School of Economics, Marseille, France

2021 **Ph.D course in Data Science**, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Other Activities

2022-2024 **Co-organizer**, *Young Irish Economists Seminar Series (YIESS)*

2021-2022 **Co-organizer**, *Applied Microeconomics Reading Group (UCD)*

Membership

- American Economic Association, European Economic Association, French Association of Development Economics, Irish Economic Association

Skills

- **IT Skills**

- *Software*: STATA, E-Views, Matlab, R, R-GIS, ArcGIS
- *Editor*: Microsoft Office, LaTeX
- *Other*: SAP (Accounting software)

- **Languages**: Greek (native speaker), English (C2), French (C1).

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