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Education	MRes/PhD in Economics, London School of Economics (LSE)		2020–
	MRes in Economics, Free University of Brussels (ULB), <i>magna cum laude, ranked 1st</i>		2016–2018
	B.A. Economics, Free University of Brussels (ULB), <i>magna cum laude, ranked 1st</i>		2013–2016
	B.A. Political Science, Free University of Brussels (ULB), <i>magna cum laude, ranked 1st</i>		2013–2016
Job market paper	What do reforms do? A unified analysis of support for economic policies When people disagree on economic policy, is it because they differ in their values, or in what they think those policies do? Using a large survey of almost 8,000 French respondents, I measure support for 29 economic reforms along with beliefs about their incidence, their impact on the budget and on the macroeconomy (“policy impact beliefs”). Participants favour reforms that they believe benefit them and minimum wage workers; however the strongest predictor of support is the reform’s perceived impact on economic growth, which dominates even self-interest. Policy impact beliefs explain more variation in support than a range of variables shown to robustly predict demand for redistribution, such as ideology or zero-sum thinking. Half of the explained partisan gap is due to differences in policy impact beliefs—left- and right-wing participants have a similar mapping of beliefs to support, except for the greater weight put by left-wing individuals on the wellbeing of welfare recipients. Differences in policy impact beliefs also account for most of the explained preference for predistributive reforms over redistributive ones. Compared to the economic literature, participants underestimate the positive effects of expansionary reforms; providing research-based information does not significantly correct misperceptions, but does increase support for progressive reforms. This project provides a unified framework to analyse support for economic policies; one that sheds light on both between-group and between-policy differences in support.		
Working papers	Equity or externalities: The redistributive debates in Norway and the United States with Morten Nyborg Støstad and Max Lobeck Attitudes towards the inheritance tax and demand for redistribution		
Work in progress	Peer effects and insurance choice quality with Ben Handel , Jon Kolstad , and Johannes Spinnewijn The income gradient of life expectancy Part of a large international project led by Maria Polyakova		
Presentations	III Smoothie seminar (London), LSE Work in progress seminar (London), EEA annual conference (Dublin), IIPF annual congress (Lisbon)		2026
	NHH seminar (Bergen), LSE Work in progress seminar (London), PSE Lunch seminar (Paris)		2025
	PSE Lunch seminar (Paris), LSE Work in progress seminar (London), IIPF Annual Congress (Prague)		2024
	LSE Work in progress seminar (London), MannheimTax (Mannheim), National Tax Association Annual Conference (Denver)		2023
Refereeing	Journal of Public Economics; Economica		

Grants and awards	Programme for Cohesive Capitalism grant (GBP 5,000)	2025
	Cepremap grant (EUR 5,000)	2025
	Morishima fund travel grant (GBP 700)	2025
	Class Teacher Award — Highly Commended	2022
	Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Studentship	2020–2025
	Finalist, “ <i>My master’s thesis in 180 seconds</i> ”	2019
	Kirschen prize, for a particularly innovative and topical master’s thesis in economics (EUR 1,250)	2018
Teaching	EC270 Public finance: Designing effective public policy (Summer school), LSE <i>Lecturers: Kate Smith, Pasquale Schiraldi</i>	2026
	EC325 Public Economics, LSE <i>Lecturers: Camille Landais, Kate Smith</i>	2024–2026
	EC1A3 Microeconomics I, LSE <i>Lecturer: Ronny Razin</i>	2021–2026
	EC1A1 Microeconomics I, LSE <i>Lecturer: Dimitra Petropoulou</i>	2021–2023
	ECONS1001 Microeconomics I, ULB <i>Lecturers: Julien Ravet, Renaud Foucart</i>	2016–2018
	MATHS101 Mathematics I, ULB <i>Lecturer: Marjorie Gassner</i>	2015–2018
	ECONS102 Macroeconomics I, ULB <i>Lecturer: Pierre-Guillaume Méon</i>	2015–2018
Work experience	LSE, pre-doctoral research assistant, Johannes Spinnewijn	2019–2020
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Other	Citizenship: Belgian	
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