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Education

Ph.D. Economics, LSE, 2023
M.Res. Economics (Distinction), LSE, 2018
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (Distinction, Ely Devons Prize), LSE, 2015
B.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (First Class Honours, Performance Prize), LSE, 2014

Current Academic Position

Assistant Professor (Lecturer), Royal Holloway University of London, 2023

Professional Affiliations

LSE (London, UK), Research Affiliate and Visitor (STICERD)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (London, UK), Research Scholar
Intellectual Property Policy Institute (Virginia, USA), Scholar
Financial Conduct Authority (UK Financial Regulator), Academic Contractor

Working Papers

1. Screening Property Rights for Innovation (with M. Schankerman), 2025
Revise and Resubmit (2nd round), *Econometrica*
2. Risk-Based Borrowing Limits in Credit Card Markets, 2025
Revise and Resubmit (1st round), *Journal of Financial Economics*
3. Multivariate Ordered Discrete Response Models (with T. Komarova), 2025
4. Multivariate Lattice Models: Semiparametric and Parametric Identification (with T. Komarova), 2025,
Submitted

Areas of Specialisation

Innovation, Household Finance, Industrial Organization

Policy Work

1. Patent Quality in the United States: Findings and Suggestions for Policymakers (with M. Chervenak, A. Harutyunyan, M. Schankerman, and N. Shrestha), 2024

Coverage: MarketWatch, IP Watchdog, Law 360, ClaimWise TheWellNews

2. Measuring Patent Quality and Reducing the Backlog at the USPTO (with A. Harutyunyan), 2025
3. Evidence on U.S. Patent Quality and Reforms to Reduce Patent Application Backlogs (with A. Harutyunyan), 2025

Grants, Honours, and Awards

STICERD Grant, 2020-2024

Paul Woolley Centre Scholarship, 2022-2023

Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship, 2022-2023

LSE Excellence in Education Award, 2019

UChicago Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp, 2019

Richard Karl Goeltz Scholarship, 2016-2020

LSE Teaching and Learning Centre Prizes, 2015, 2016, 2022

Seminar Invitations

2026 (Scheduled): European University Institute

2025: Tel Aviv University*, Central Bank of Chile, Catholic University of Chile (PUC), KU Leuven*

2024: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

2023: Oxford Saïd, Royal Holloway University of London, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Bank of England, Duke Fuqua, Boston University Questrom, Boston College Carroll, EIEF, NYU Stern, Humboldt University of Berlin*, Ben-Gurion University*, CEMFI*, University of Bologna*, Boston University, RHUL Internal Seminar, Stanford GSB Finance, University of Glasgow*

2022: Antonin Scalia (GMU)

2019: Harvard/MIT*, Yale*

Conference Invitations

2026 (Scheduled): DISS (discussant)

2025: King's Workshop on Household Finance and Human Capital, SFS Cavalcade (discussant), UCL Gorman Conference, EAYE Annual Meeting, EARIE, Boston University IP Day, Toulouse School of Economics IO and Finance

2024: NBER Spring Law & Economics Meeting, MaCCI, Conference on the Economics of Innovation in Memory of Zvi Griliches, European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Central Bank of Chile Workshop on Banking and Financial Stability, 10th ZEW Conference on the Economics of Innovation and Patenting

2023: Warwick-Turing Economics Data Science Workshop*, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), CEPR Paris Symposium*, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (EWMES)*

2022: Tenth Israeli I.O. Day, Tel Aviv University

2019: RISE2 Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

* indicates presentation by co-author

Academic Journal Refereeing

The Economic Journal, American Economic Review, RAND Journal of Economics

Teaching and Training

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), June 2025

Courses:

Foundations of Corporate Finance (Postgraduate), RHUL, 2025

Using Data to Understand Financial Choices, Training for FCA, 2024

Industrial Economics II (Undergraduate), RHUL, 2024-2026

Econometrics for M.Res. Students (Postgraduate), TA for Tatiana Komarova, LSE, 2020-2021

Firms and Markets (Postgraduate), TA for John Sutton, LSE, 2019-2021

Quantitative Economics (Postgraduate), TA for Mark Schankerman, LSE, 2016-2020

Principles of Econometrics (Undergraduate), TA for Marcia Schafgans, LSE, 2014-2022

PhD Supervision

Matthew Baker (2024–present)

Academic References

Mark Schankerman, London School of Economics, m.schankerman@lse.ac.uk

Alessandro Gavazza, London School of Economics, a.gavazza@lse.ac.uk

Tatiana Komarova, University of Cambridge, tk670@cam.ac.uk

Languages and Skills

English mother tongue

Matlab, R, Julia, Python, Stata

Personal Information

Birth Month: November 1992

Citizenship: British

Classical Piano Grade 8 Distinction (ABRSM)