

# Philip David Wales

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## Personal Details

Date of Birth: 10.2.1984

Nationality: British

Marital Status: Married

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## Education:

2008- **PhD Economic Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science**

**Supervisors: Dr Steve Gibbons & Dr Olmo Silva**

PhD by paper publications:

(1) Micro-level analysis of degree choice in the UK: Estimating how student preferences for degree specialism vary based on their individual attributes, economic background, prior academic achievement and their perceptions of labour market conditions.

(2) Estimating the impact of tuition fees on student demand for postgraduate places in the UK: A micro-level, fixed effects analysis to estimate the price elasticity of demand for postgraduate education among men and women from different economic backgrounds.

(3) Examining the market for postgraduate higher education in the UK: An analysis to examine the pricing behaviour of different institutions to determine the extent of competition within a deregulated part of the higher education sector.

2006-2007 **MPhil Land Economy, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge** **Highest Mark in Class**

First-class marks in 90% of modules. Specialising in Quantitative Methods, Urban Economics, Housing and Regeneration Policy

2003-2006 **BA (Hons) Economics, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge** **Class II.1**

Including Microeconomics, Development Economics, Macroeconomics and a dissertation on the Impact of Human Capital on Growth Convergence in the UK.

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## Research Interests:

**Primary:** Economics of education, Applied micro-econometrics, Labour economics

**Secondary:** Externalities, Inequality, Regional and Geographical economics

## Published Work:

2011 **Spatial Economics Research Centre Discussion Paper - Forthcoming**  
'Access all areas? The impact of fees and background on student demand for postgraduate higher education in the UK'

2010 **Spatial Economics Research Centre Discussion Paper: SERC DP0056**  
'Geography or Economics? A micro-level analysis of subject choice in the context of regional economic disparities in the UK'

## Conference Presentations:

2011 European Region Science Association Congress, Barcelona, Spain – Abstract Accepted  
Regional Science Association International, Cardiff, Wales – Abstract Accepted

2010 North American Regional Science Council Congress, Denver CO.  
European Regional Science Association Congress, Jönköping, Sweden

2009 Economic Geography Cluster PhD Programme: Working Paper Presentation, LSE

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## Teaching & Academic Experience:

- 2011- **Research Assistant to Eric Neumayer & Richard Perkins**  
Project examining the impact of university quality indicators on applications to institutions in the United Kingdom between 1996 and 2010.
- 2008- **Occasional Research Assistant, Spatial Economics Research Centre, LSE**  
**Working with Prof. Henry Overman & Dr Steve Gibbons**  
Project examining the long term impact of physical infrastructure improvements carried out under the Single Regeneration Budget in the United Kingdom between 1994 and 2006
- 2008-2010 **Interviewing Panel for Prospective Undergraduate Students**  
Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge
- 2006-2010 **Supervisor – Development Economics, Quantitative Methods for undergraduates**  
Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge
- Summer 2006, 2007 **Intern, Cambridge-MIT Institute**  
Project examining the employment choices of graduates from universities around the United Kingdom between 2001 and 2005 and their impact on regional economic disparities

## Funding and Awards:

- 2008- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) PhD Studentship Award**  
Awarded on a competitive basis among applicants for the best PhD proposal
- 2008-2010 **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Advanced Quantitative Methods Stipend**  
Awarded to students acquiring training in advanced quantitative methods in the course of their PhD studies
- 2009 **Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) Funding**  
Awarded to purchase data for a series of projects relating to the behaviour of graduates from higher education in the United Kingdom
- 2008 **MPhil Land Economy**  
Highest mark in Class

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## Employment:

- 2007-2008 **Economist, Cambridge Econometrics**  
Produced applied economic analysis for a range of consultancy projects and forecasts of employment, output and productivity for the industries and regions of the United Kingdom
- Oct-May 2003 **Intern, Gordon Brown MP's Parliamentary Offices**  
Communicated HM Treasury policy and events to interested MPs, wrote accounts of the Chancellor's activities for his constituency party and provided administrative support.

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## Languages

**English:** Native speaker

**Swedish:** Intermediate speaking and reading skills, basic writing skills

**French:** Basic reading and speaking skills

## Press:

1. 'Blind-spots in education proposals', *Financial Times*, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010

2. 'Flaws in proposal for fair access to Oxbridge', *Guardian*, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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## Personal Interests:

Photography, gardening, cooking, reading and running.  
Active member of the local Labour Party  
Travel to several European countries, including France, Italy, Germany, as well as to New York, Boston & Washington DC in the United States.

## References:

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