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Date of Birth: 27th February 1974

Gender: Female

Citizenship: British

Place of birth: London, United Kingdom

Married; one child, age 11 years.

Present positions

Professor of Development Economics, School of Business and Management, Queen Mary University of London

Visiting Professor, International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics (titular)

Deputy Director, Centre for Globalisation Research, Queen Mary University of London.

Lead, [Research Circle for the Study of Inequality and Poverty](#), UK research group.

Co-Editor in Chief, *Research on Economic Inequality*

Co-Editor in Chief, *Review of Development Economics*

Other positions and affiliations

Managing Lead, [South Asia Inequality Review](#), (co-)hosted by the International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics.

University of Oxford. Centre for the Study of African Economies, Department of Economics, Research Associate (2003-)

London School of Economics, Distribution Analysis Research Programme, at Suntory Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD), and the Department of Economics, Research Associate, (2001-)

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), UK, by election (2017-)

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK (2017-)

Education

London School of Economics Ph.D. (2002), supervisor Professor Danny Quah

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1997)

MSc. Economics, Distinction

St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta, India (1995)

BSc (Honours) Economics with Mathematics and Statistics, First Class Honours

Areas of expertise

Economic growth and development, measurement of inequality and poverty, econometrics, applied statistics, development economics

Editorial service to the Economics profession

Co-Editor in Chief, *Research on Economic Inequality* (2021-)
Co-Editor, *Review of Development Economics* (2021-2025)
Editorial Board member, *Review of Income and Wealth* (2012 -)
Associate Editor, *Oxford Open Economics* (2021-)
ESRC Peer Review College, Fellow (2015-2026)

Previous Positions

Queen Mary University of London, School of Business and Management, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader in Economics (2011-2020)
Cornell University, Department of Economics and Department of Health, Visiting Fellow (January to July 2015, sabbatical visit)
London School of Economics, Department of Economics, Lecturer, September Statistics (2002-3), MSc Tutor (2006-2012).
University of Birmingham, Department of Economics, Lecturer in Economics (2009-2011)
University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Research Officer (2008-2009)
Toulouse School of Economics, Visiting Professor, Department of Economics (IDEI/ARQADE), (Spring 2008)
University of Oxford, Department of Economics, Lecturer in Economics (2005-9): Oriel College (2005-7), Somerville College (2005-7), Wadham College (2007-8),
University of Oxford, Department of International Development, Lecturer in Development Economics, and Wolfson College (2003-2005).

Publications

Books

1. *Understanding the dynamics of inequality for growth and development*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2025.
2. *Oxford Handbook of Income Distribution and Economic Growth*, edited with Gordon Anderson (University of Toronto), [Oxford Economics Handbook series](#), Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2026.

Journal Articles

3. Intergenerational Mobility and Inequality in China: Evidence from the Chinese Household Income Project, 2024, with Z Jiang *Review of Public Economics* 2024
4. The persistence of inequality across Indian states: a time series approach, *Review of Development Economics*, 25, 3, 1150-1171, 2021 ([doi](#))
5. Explaining inter-ethnic marriages in sub-Saharan Africa, with E.D. Green, *Journal of International Development*, 33, 4, 627-643, 2021 ([doi](#))

6. Is there a relationship between inequality and terrorism? Evidence from a semi-parametric approach, with A. Ijaz, *Applied Economics Letters*, forthcoming, 2021([doi](#))
7. Bandyopadhyay, S. and R. Sun. How large is the effect of inequality on economic growth?, *Economics Bulletin*, 0, 0, A46. 2021
8. Urbanisation and mortality decline, with Elliott Green, *Journal of Regional Science*, 58 (2), 483-503, 2018.
9. The Absolute Gini is a More Reliable Measure of Inequality for Time Dependent Analyses (compared with the Relative Gini), *Economics Letters*, 162, 135-139, 2018.
10. The Vulnerable are Not (Necessarily) the Poor. *Research on Economic Inequality*, 24, 29-55. July 2016
11. Precolonial Centralisation and Contemporary Development in Uganda, with Elliott Green, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 64, 3: 471-508, 2016.
12. Are Mass Media and ICTs Associated with Inequality and Poverty?, *Research on Economic Inequality*, 22, 185-216. July 2014.
13. Fertility and Wealth: Evidence from Widow Suicides (satis) in Early Colonial India, with Elliott Green, *Economics Letters*, 120, August 2013: 302-304
14. Reference Distributions and Inequality Measurement with Frank Cowell and Emmanuel Flachaire, *Journal of Economic Inequality*. 11, 4, 2013: 421-437.
15. Nation Building and National Integration in Modern Africa, with Elliott Green. *World Development*: 45, May 2013: 108–118.
16. Convergence Club Empirics: Evidence from Indian States. *Research on Economic Inequality*, 20, 2012: 175-203.
17. Convergence Clubs in Incomes across Indian States: Is there a Neighbours' Effect? *Economics Letters*, 116, September, 2012: 565-570.
18. The Reversal of Fortune Thesis Reconsidered, with Elliott Green. *Journal of Development Studies*, 48, 7 July, 2012: 817-831.
19. Rich States, Poor States: Convergence and Polarisation across India. *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 58, 3 July, 2011: 414-436.
20. Variable Incomes and Vulnerable Households, with Frank Cowell. *Research on Economic Inequality*, Special Issue on “Dynamics of Inequality and Poverty,” 13, 2006: 3-30 (lead article).

Revise and Resubmit

21. Explaining Ethno-Regional Favouritism in Sub-Saharan Africa, with Elliott Green (LSE), *World Development*

Book Chapters

22. The global distribution of income and the emergence of the global middle class. in *Oxford Handbook of Income distributions and Economic Growth*, edited by Gordon Anderson and Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Oxford University Press, (forthcoming 2025)
23. Twin Peaks: Distribution Dynamics of Economic Growth across Indian States, in *Growth, Inequality and Poverty: Prospects for Pro-Poor Growth*, edited by Anthony Shorrocks and Rolph Van der Hoeven. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
24. Editorial Introduction, Special Issue: Long Run Effects of Covid-19 in developing countries, *Journal of International Development*, 2022
25. Editorial Introduction, Poverty, Inequality and Shocks, Volume 29, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 29, 2021.
26. Editorial Introduction, Opportunity, Mobility and Taxation, Volume 31, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 31, 2024 (with Juan Gabriel Rodriguez)
27. Editorial Introduction, Mobility and Inequality Trends, Volume 30, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 30, 2022 (with Juan Gabriel Rodriguez)
28. Editorial Introduction, Poverty, Inequality and Welfare, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 25. 2018.

Journal special issues

29. Inequality in the 21st century, edited with Andy McKay, Special Issue for *Review of Development Economics*, forthcoming 2024
30. Opportunity, Mobility and Taxation, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 31, edited with Juan Gabriel Rodriguez, 2025
31. Mobility and Inequality trends, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 30, edited with Juan Gabriel Rodriguez, 2022
32. *Journal of International Development*, Special Issue: Long Run Effects of Covid-19 in developing countries, 2022. Guest Editor.
33. Poverty, Inequality and Shocks, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 29. Guest editor for volume, 2021, December 2021.
34. Poverty, Inequality and Welfare, *Research on Economic Inequality*, Volume 25. Guest editor, 2018

Papers under review

35. The Gini and the tonic: Understanding the dynamics of inequality measurement
36. Convergence or not? On the confluence of growth convergence and equal opportunity paradigms and the roles of exceptionality and universality, with Gordon Anderson (University of Toronto)
37. Size matters: measuring the effects of inequality and growth shocks, with Rui Sun (University of California, Berkley), earlier as UNU-WIDER working paper 2020/177

Popular writings

- British Educational Research Association blog article, 11th October 2023: [Measuring inequalities in student learning and how to close the gap](#)
- Economics Observatory blog article, 7th July 2021: [Do we need the term BAME?](#)
- Centre for Globalisation Research, blog article, 31st March 2021: [Was Benjamin Disraeli Britain's first BAME Prime Minister? Or, why it is good that the BAME term has been scrapped.](#) ([Reblogged by the Mile End Institute](#), QMUL, 30th April 2021)
- Centre for Globalisation Research, blog article, 5th July 2021: [Yes, there is a relationship between inequality and terrorism, but not a big one](#) (with Abdullah Ijaz)
- India at LSE blog article, 4th November 2013: [Making sense of the Rajan report's ranking of Indian states' development](#)
- India at LSE blog article, 23rd September 2013: [Do richer people have more children? Evidence from widow suicides in colonial India](#)
- Africa at LSE blog article, with Elliott Green, 8th July 2013: [Nation Building and Conflict in Modern Africa](#)
- India at LSE blog article, 27th March 2013: [Why Inequality in India is on the Rise](#)
- India at LSE blog article, 18th February 2013: [Why is Economic Growth across Indian States Uneven](#)

Media:

- **The Economist**, ['Conscious Coupling: More Africans are Marrying Spouses of Different Ethnicities.'](#) *The Economist*, February 6, 2020
- **Channel 4 News**, 7pm, discussing Indian Prime Minister Modi's visit to the UK, 11th November 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFIevrCJXwM>
- **Financial Times interview video** on Indian elections, *Analysis Review: India: Modi woos business and young*, 27th March 2014. <http://video.ft.com/3399728929001/India-Modi-woos-business-and-young/World>

- **HBO** documentary on income inequality and poverty in India, **Lost Children**, Season 3, 2014.
- **The Guardian**, Global Development Professionals Network, Live Chat on Income Inequality in Middle Income Countries, 28th November 2014. <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2013/nov/25/live-chat-inequality-in-middle-income-countries>
- **BBC World Service**, *In the Balance*, **The Euro - spreading contagion?** 12th May 2012. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rc9c5>

Awards and Scholarships

- **Queen Mary University of London**, Excellence in Research Supervision Award, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. 2025.
- **Queen Mary University of London**, School of Business and Management, Staff Award for School service, 2017.
- **London School of Economics**, Department of Economics, Outstanding Teacher Award, 2001.
- **Economic and Social Research Council**, UK. Postgraduate Studentship, full award, 1998-2001.

University Service: School of Business and Management, QMUL

- Associate Dean, Quality Assurance and Assessments 2017-2020
- Member of Steering Group and Executive Committee 2017-2020
- Acting Head of Department (for teaching), Department of Business Analytics and Applied Economics (2019-2020), whilst awaiting appointment of the first Head of Department.
- Chair of Postgraduate Subject Examinations Board 2017-2018
- Chair of Undergraduate Subject Examinations Board 2015-2018
- Deputy Director, Centre for Globalisation Research (2012-)
- Programme Director, MSc International Finance 2012.
- PhD Scholarships Committee member (2020-)

Grants

External grants:

- **World Bank**, South Asia section: \$10,000 USD for project on spatial inequalities in South Asia 2024.
- **Novo Nordisk Foundation Grant** (participant), Project title: The impacts of inequality on growth, human development, and governance @EQUAL, Novo Nordisk Foundation, NNF19SA0060072, 11.5 million Danish Kroners (£1.3 million GBP) (2019-2023), with UNU-WIDER and Finn Tarp, Received USD 10,000 as participant.

- **British Academy Grant:** (principal investigator): The Dynamics of Relative Inequality Measures, (with Frank Cowell), Jan 2008-Dec 2009, £7,488. The Dynamics of Relative Inequality Measures, SG 48282
- **Economic and Social Research Council Career Fellowship (2008-11):** Fellowship application was successful but was not awarded in the end due to lack of funds of the ESRC for that round. (£260,000 appx)

Internal grants:

- **School of Business and Management, QMUL**, Research grant (2012-13), (£4,950), (2016-17), (£4,800), (2018-19), (£4,680). (2023) (2022) (2021) (2020) (2019)
- **School of Business and Management, QMUL** environment grant for annual RCSIP workshop on poverty and inequality, 2014-2023, appx £3000 each year. For 2023 workshop (£5000 appx); **Centre for Globalisation Research** funds for RCSIP 2024 workshop (£1000 appx)
- **School of Business and Management, CGR, QMUL**, environment funds for seminar series 'Diversity in Economics', 2021/2, 2022/3: £3000 each year (with Caterina Gennaioli).
- **University of Birmingham, Department of Economics**, *Research grant* (2010), £1,600
- **STICERD, London School of Economics**, *STICERD Grant*, Measuring Vulnerability – An Application to the UK, 2007 (£4,900).
- **University of Oxford, Department of Economics**, *George Webb Medley Grant*, 2006, 2007, 2009. (£1000)
- **University of Oxford, Department of International Development**, *Oppenheimer Grant*, 2004. (£1000)

Professional Experience (external to QMUL)

- (Co-)Lead, South Asia Inequality Review, International Inequalities Institute, LSE
- External member of academic appointments committees: Imperial College London, University of York, University College Dublin.
- External referee for professorial promotions (UK universities)
- External advisor for NHS Tower Hamlets (London) for measures to mitigate the cost of living crisis (2022-)
- French Association of Development Economics, Scientific Committee member (2021-)
- External PhD thesis examiner University of Malaga, 2021, 2023, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Kent, Department of Economics 2024.
- External examiner, Dept of Economics, University of Kent 2020-2).
- Contributor, World Development Report 2009, Spatial Development and Inequality.

- Consultant, DFID, Information and Communications Department, UK Government (2006)
- Consultant, World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist. (2005)
- Consultant, DFID, UK Government (with Damian Tambini, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford) (2004)
- ESRC – DFID, Medical Research Council, RCUK Newton Fund, UK, National Science Foundation, USA, grant committee member
- Reviewer for Palgrave-Macmillan textbooks, 2003, 2004, 2010.
- World Bank, Summer Internship in Washington D.C., Summer 2000

Refereeing: American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, *Economica*, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labour Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Development Studies, Oxford Economic Papers, Regional Studies, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics.

Conferences, workshops and seminars organised

- Conference/workshop on “The Theory and Empirics of Inequality, Poverty and Mobility”, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Queen Mary University of London, Charterhouse Square, London, as part of [Research Circle for the Study of Inequality and Poverty](#).
- 2021 conference with special theme ‘Measuring the effects of covid-19 on poverty, inequality and mobility:
<http://ineqpovqmul.wix.com/ineqpovworkshop2021>, resulting in a special issue at *Research on Economic Inequality*.
- 2022-3: [Symposium on ‘Inequality in the 21st century in the developing world](#), online workshop (November 2022) and in situ workshop (January 2023) at Queen Mary University of London, keynote speakers: Professor Gordon Anderson (Toronto) and Professor Francisco Ferreira (LSE), resulting in a special issue at the *Review of Development Economics*
- 2024 conference: joint with LSE (International Inequalities Institute and Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change), [Workshop on Climate Change and Inequality](#), keynote speaker, Professor Lord Nicholas Stern (LSE)
- Seminar organiser and founder: “Diversity in Economics” (2021-), SBM, Queen Mary University of London, discussing research on career obstacles and discrimination faced by female, ethnic minority and LGBTQ+ members of the academic economics profession.

PhD Students

- PhD Students: Dennis DeWidt (2015), Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University, Sana Hussain (2015) Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Zunaira Aman, (2016) private sector, senior analyst, Beatriz Rodriguez, 2020 (Assistant Professor in Economics at Universidad de los Andes and Universidad del Pacifico), Abdullah Ijaz (Entrepreneurship and poverty), University of Greenwich
- Current PhD students: Zehua Jiang (effect of WTO policies on income inequality in China), Musa Isah (impact of Chinese investment in West Africa), Taif Mohammed (Chinese BRI investment in Pakistan), Jose Eduardo Medina (fuzzy/microeconometric approaches to measuring the impact of investments in middle income group countries), Cagri Yuksel (impact of immigration on inequality in OECD countries)

Presentations

- American Political Science Association, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023.
- Centre for Operational Research and Econometrics, (CORE), KUL (2005)
- ECINEQ conference (Mallorca 2005, Berlin, 2007; Catania, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2022)
- EPSA, Prague, 2022
- ESEM (Venice, 2002; Stockholm, 2003; Vienna, 2006, Budapest, 2007; Milan, 2008; Barcelona, 2009)
- GREMAQ University of Marseilles (2009)
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs UK, Research Department (2006, 2007)
- Hitotsubashi University, May 2024
- IDEI, Toulouse School of Economics (2009)
- International Conference on Income Polarisation (Jerusalem, 2008)
- Irish Economic Association Conference (Dublin, 2002)
- London School of Economics (STICERD, Department of Economics, 2002, 2004, 2006; Development Studies Institute, 2002, African Politics group 2018), International Inequalities Institute May 2024
- NEUDC (Yale University, 2003)
- Nordic Development Economics Conference, June 2024.
- North American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Los Angeles, 2002)

- Open University Summer School (1998)
- OPHI Workshop on Robustness Methods for Multidimensional Welfare Analysis, Oxford (2009, 2020)
- IARIW Conference (Boston, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024)
- Royal Economic Society Conference (Warwick, 2007, Royal Holloway 2013, Sussex 2017 special panel organiser on measurement of inequality and poverty)
- Royal Holloway University of London, February 1st, 2022, October 2023.
- School of Oriental and African Studies (2004)
- Sorbonne University (2003)
- Spatial Inequality and Development Conference, Cornell/LSE 2002
- Spring Meeting of the Young Economists (Paris, 2002; Leuven, 2003)
- Toulouse School of Economics (2007; 2009)
- UAM, Madrid (2007)
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2006)
- University of California, Berkeley (2004)
- University of Houston (2003)
- University of Leicester (2010)
- University of Manchester (2004)
- University of Milan (2010)
- University of Osnabrueck (2007)
- University of Oxford (African Politics group 2011, CSAE, 2004, 2012, 2013; Department of Economics, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012; Queen Elizabeth House, 2004, OPHI (2020), Nuffield Department for Population Health 2020).
- University of Paris-Cergy (2007) ;University of Paris-Jourdan (2007)
- Volkswagen Stiftung (2012)
- World Bank, Washington DC, 2004, 2024
- World Bank-OECD-DFID workshop on Information and Communications (Paris, 2006)

- World Institute for Development Economics Research, United Nations University, Growth and Poverty Conference (Helsinki, 2001)