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## EDUCATION

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- **Harvard University** Cambridge, MA  
*PhD in Economics* since 2020
- **University of Oxford** Oxford, UK  
*Master of Philosophy in Economics; with distinction* October 2016 – June 2018
- **Ludwig Maximilians University Munich** Munich, Germany  
*Bachelor of Science in Economics; final grade: very good (1.18)* April 2014 – July 2016
- **Technical University Munich** Munich, Germany  
*Bachelor of Science in Management and Technology; with distinction (1.40)* October 2012 – July 2015

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Busara Center** Nairobi, Kenya  
*Research Assistant for Prof. Johannes Haushofer (Princeton)* 2018-2020

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. **Spatial Inefficiencies in Africa's Trade Network**, 2022. *revise and resubmit, Journal of Development Economics*
2. **Optimal Public Transportation Networks: Evidence from the World's Largest Bus Rapid Transit System in Jakarta** (with Gabriel Kreindler, Arya Gaduh, Rema Hanna, and Ben Olken), 2023. *revise and resubmit, American Economic Review*

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Falling Living Standards During the COVID-19 Crisis: Quantitative Evidence from Nine Developing Countries** (with Egger, Miguel, Warren, Shenoy, Collins, Karlan, Parkerson, Mobarak, Fink, Udry, Walker, Haushofer, Larrebourg, Athey, Lopez-Pena, Benhachmi, Humphreys, Lowe, Meriggi, Wabwire, Davis, Pape, Voors, Nekesa, Vernot), 2021. *Science Advances* 7(6)

## INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- **2019**: National Bureau of Economic Research (Boston), Center for the Study of African Economies (Oxford), Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (Nairobi), World Bank transport economics group (DC)
- **2018**: Oxford trade seminar, London School of Economics urbanisation seminar

## STIPENDS AND AWARDS

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- **Harvard Economics Department**: Finalist for graduate teaching award 2023
- **STEG**: PhD Research Grant (£15,000) joint with F. Samy Soliman 2023
- **Harvard GSAS**: Certificate of Student Recognition of Teaching 2022
- **UniCredit Foundation**: US PhD Scholarship 2020 – 2022
- **German National Academic Foundation**: Fellow 2012 – 2018
- **German Academic Exchange Service**: Scholarship for Graduate Studies 2017 – 2018
- **Europaeum**: Jenkins Memorial Scholar 2017 at the University of Oxford 2016 – 2017
- **LMU Munich**: University-wide student research prize 2016
- **TU Munich Economics Department**: Prize for one of the best undergraduate theses 2015
- **TU Munich Economics Department**: Acceptance to the Dean's List 2015

## TEACHING

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- **Harvard graduate 1st year macro**: TF for Xavier Gabaix. Evals: 4.96 / 5.00 *Spring 2023*
- **Harvard graduate 2nd year macro finance**: TF for Xavier Gabaix. Evals: 5.00 / 5.00 *Spring 2023*
- **Harvard graduate 2nd year spatial development**: TF for Gabriel Kreindler. Evals: 4.92 / 5.00 *Fall 2022*