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CITIZENSHIP	Ireland	
DATE OF BIRTH	17/02/1985	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Tax policy, comparative politics, dynamic political economics, formal theory, quantitative methods.	
EDUCATION	Columbia University , New York City, New York, U.S.A. Ph.D. Political Science 9/2008 - present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisors: Prof. John Huber, Prof. Isabela Mares and Prof. Massimo Morelli• Major: Comparative Politics / Minor: Economics Columbia University , New York City, New York, U.S.A. M.Phil. Political Science 9/2008 - 05/2011 Columbia University , New York City, New York, U.S.A. M.A. Political Science 9/2007 - 05/2008 University of Dublin , Dublin, Ireland M.Sc., Economics 9/2006 - 8/2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Prof. Philip Lane• Thesis Title: "The Political Economy of International Capital Flows"• <i>First-Class Honours</i> University of Dublin , Dublin, Ireland B.A. in History and Political Science 9/2001 - 05/2006 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major: History / Minor: Political Science• Advisor: Prof. Ciaran Brady• Thesis Title: "The American Historical Profession and Hayden White"• <i>First-Class Honours</i>	
AWARDS	Institute for Social Research and Policy - Center for the Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2011-12 Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow <i>Awarded research funding and administrative support based on promising PhD research proposal.</i> German Marshall Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brussels Forum Young Writers Award <i>(with David Post) For best essay submitted by a team of two writers under 30 on 'The Future of the Transatlantic Relationship'</i> Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Fellow in Political Science <i>Full tuition sponsorship and stipend for duration of Ph.D. program</i> Irish Fulbright Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fulbright Scholarship <i>Visa sponsorship and stipend awarded annually to outstanding Irish students to study in the United States</i>	

University of Dublin, Trinity College

- Foundation Scholarship
Awarded for First-Class Honours in competitive scholarship examinations

University of Dublin, Trinity College

- Entrance Exhibition
Awarded for high marks in Leaving Certificate examination.

WORKING
PAPERS

The Political Economy of International Capital Flows. Empirical paper predicting the volume of debt, equity and FDI Flows based on political regimes in countries receiving investment.

Free Trade Stops Wars - War and Trade as Substitutes. Theoretical paper hypothesising that free trade reduces the likelihood of war as countries can buy assets on a global market instead of waging acquisition-motivated wars.

The Political Foundations of Tax Mixes. Empirical paper using a compositional data approach to analyse shares of revenue raised from various taxes using political economy factors.

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Research Assistant

- **Prof. David Epstein.** Built a dataset of U.S. historical primary election dates for a research paper.
- **Prof. Macartan Humphreys.** Managed a team of Canadian students carrying out a door-to-door survey of voter attitudes in advance of a referendum to change the electoral system in British Columbia.
- **Prof. Greg Wawro.** Carried out comparative research on academic papers concerning large historical datasets.

Teaching Assistant

- **Game Theory and Political Theory** 1/2008-5/2008, 1/2010-5/2010
Ph.D-level course in game theory. Devised and corrected problem sets and exams, held office hours and tutorials. Instructor: **Prof. Macartan Humphreys**
- **The Logic of Collective Choice** 9/2009-12/2009, 1/2011-5/2011
Undergraduate-level course in social choice theory. Corrected problem sets and exams, held office hours and tutorials. Instructor: **Prof. Jeffrey Lax**
- **Research Topics in Game Theory** 1/2008-5/2008, 1/2010-5/2010
Second-semester Ph.D-level course in game theory. Devised and corrected problem sets and exams, held office hours and tutorials. Instructor: **Prof. David Epstein**

Seminar Coordinator

- **Columbia University Political Economy Breakfast Workshop** 9/2010-5/2011
Fortnightly seminar in which in-house and external speakers present work in progress on political economy and formal theory.

Columbia Law School, New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Teaching Assistant

- **Game Theory and the Law** 1/2008-5/2008, 1/2009-5/2009
Graduate-level course in game theory applied to law. Corrected problem sets and exams, held office hours and tutorials. Instructor: **Prof. David Epstein**

University of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Teaching Assistant

- [Introduction to Social Sciences](#) 9/2006 - 5/2007
Introduction to Economics, Politics and Sociology. Prepared and held tutorials, graded essays and exams. Instructor: [Dr. Raj Chari](#)

OTHER WORK
EXPERIENCE

Pioneer Investments, Dublin, Ireland

Research Assistant 6/2008 - 8/2008
Worked with Emerging Markets and Fixed Income Trading Desk, building a model to predict fluctuations in Credit Default Swap rates based on macroeconomic data.

Labour Party, Dublin, Ireland

Intern 06/2006 - 08/2006
Worked with Director of Policy, Dr. Colm O'Reardon, on the party's policy on education in maths and science, published 2 November 2006.

PROGRAMS

MS Office: Experienced, Word, Excel, Powerpoint
R: Experienced, regression and graphical applications
Stata: Experienced, regression and graphical applications
L^AT_EX: Experienced, most major applications
Visual Basic: Intermediate experience, most excel-related applications
MATLAB: Intermediate experience

REFERENCES

Prof. Massimo Morelli Department of Political Science, Columbia University	Prof. Lucy Goodhart Department of Political Science, Columbia University
Prof. Philip Lane Trinity College, University of Dublin	Dr. Hakan Aksoy Emerging Markets and Fixed Income, Pioneer Investments, Dublin