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Education

PhD in Economics University of Warwick Supervisors: Herakles Polemarchakis and Daniel Sgroi	<i>Expected completion: 2029</i>
MRes in Economics University of Warwick Dissertation: <i>On the Structure and Relationship Between Solution Concepts</i>	<i>2025</i>
BSc in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics , <i>magna cum laude</i> Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College Thesis: <i>Applicability and Implementation of Optimal Strategies in Partial Information Environments</i> Supervisor: Kalyan Chatterjee	<i>2023</i>
BSc in Philosophy , <i>magna cum laude</i> Pennsylvania State University	<i>2023</i>

Affiliations

[Research Fellow](#), Centre for Research in Economic Theory and its Applications (CRETA)

[Junior Fellow](#), Centre for Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE)

[Affiliated Researcher](#), Experimental and Behavioural Economics Research Group

Work in Progress

Friction Burns: Evidence from Title IX Reporting Systems ([Malavika Mani](#))

Fairness and the Chairman's Paradox (With [Anthony M. Kwasnica](#) and [Kai Ou](#))

Indirect Reciprocity in Everyday Life (With [Redzo Mujcic](#))

GenAI and Social Media (With [Raphaël Raux](#), [Adrián Segura-Moreiras](#), and [Mateusz Stalinski](#))

Sludge and Sexual Violence Reporting: Evidence from New York and Texas (With [George Ferridge](#) and [Malavika Mani](#))

Grants

University of Warwick Discretionary Research Fund	£10,300
Behavioral Spotlight Grant Scheme	£2,000

Presentations

Fairness and the Chairman's Paradox: King's College London PPE for Public Policy Graduate Conference, London, UK (2025); Economic Science Association Europe, Brno, Czech Republic (2025); Economic Science Association North America* (Tucson, 2025); University of Alabama* (seminar, 2025); University of Texas at Dallas* (seminar, 2025)

Five Possible Rebuttals to the Zombie Argument: Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, Swarthmore, PA (2023)

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant: Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (PhD level); Microeconomics 1; Mathematical Techniques B; Monetary Theory and Policy; Decision Making and Strategy in Economics

Honors and Awards

Edward C. Budd Award — Outstanding Thesis in Economics

Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence

Laura Bassi Scholarship — Selected for Editorial Support Award

Service

Professional Service: [CRETA 2026 Economic Theory Conference](#) (2026); [Warwick Microeconomics Work-in-Progress Seminar Series](#) (2026–Present); [14th Warwick Economics PhD Conference](#) (2025–Present)

Mentorship: Academic Mentoring Program for underrepresented backgrounds in economics (2024–Present)

Refereeing: *Economic Inquiry*; Warwick Economics PhD Conference

Skills

Software: L^AT_EX, Python, z-Tree, Qualtrics, Git, GitHub

Languages: English (native), Mandarin (beginner)

*Presented by coauthor.