

# Michael J. Challis

PhD Candidate in Economics

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## Education

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

## Affiliations

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[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

## Working Papers

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[Accurate Determination of the Principal Moments of Inertia](#) (With [John H. Challis](#))

## Work in Progress

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[Friction Burns: Evidence from Title IX Reporting Systems](#) (With [George Ferridge](#) and [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](#))

## Grants

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<b>University of Warwick Discretionary Research Fund</b>	£10,000
<b>Behavioral Spotlight Grant Scheme</b>	£2,000

## Presentations

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*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

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**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

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**Edward C. Budd Award** — Outstanding Thesis in Economics

**Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence**

**Laura Bassi Scholarship** — Selected for Editorial Support Award

## Service

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**Professional Service:** [CRETA 2026 Economic Theory Conference](#) (2026); Warwick Microeconomics Work-in-Progress Seminar Series (2026–Present); [14<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Software:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, z-Tree, Qualtrics, Git, GitHub

**Languages:** English (native), Mandarin (beginner)

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\*Presented by coauthor.