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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2025 –	Associate Professor, Imperial Business School
2016 – 2025	Assistant Professor, Imperial Business School

AFFILIATIONS

2023 –	Co-Investigator, PRINZ Project
2017 –	Research Affiliate, CESifo
2016 –	Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)
2016 –	Research Associate, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), London School of Economics
2013 – 2016	Visiting PhD student, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), London School of Economics

EDUCATION

2011 – 2016	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oslo
2009 – 2011	MSc in Economics, University of Oslo
2007 – 2008	BSc in Economics, University of Oslo

WORKING PAPERS

"Shock Therapy for Clean Innovation"
with Katinka Holtsmark and Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe
CEPR Discussion Paper 19796, CESifo Working Paper 11550, CEP Discussion Paper 2064

"The Great Firewall and Knowledge Diffusion"
with Andrew Bernard, Davin Chor, Sirig Gurung and Wei Lu

"Strapped for Cash: The Role of Financial Constraints for Innovating Firms, Misallocation and Aggregate Productivity Growth"
with Andreas Moxnes and Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe
CEPR Discussion Paper 18028, CESifo Working Paper 10320, CEP Discussion Paper 1905
Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*

"Technology-Skill Complementarity in a Globalized World"
Best Paper Award at the 14th Annual GEP/CEPR Post-graduate Conference, 10th Annual FREIT-EITI Best Graduate Paper Prize

PUBLICATIONS

"Firm-to-firm Connections in Colombian Imports"
with Andrew B. Bernard and Swati Dhingra, in World Trade Evolution – Growth, Productivity and Employment, Routledge-ERIA Series in Development Economics, 2019

"Working across Time Zones: Exporters and the Gender Wage Gap"
with Beata Javorcik and Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe, *Journal of International Economics* 111, 2018

"Exporter Dynamics and Partial Year Effects"
with Andrew B. Bernard, Renzo Massari, Jose-Daniel Reyes and Daria Taglioni, *American Economic Review* 107(10), 2017

"R&D, International Sourcing, and the Joint Impact on Firm Performance"
with Andreas Moxnes and Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe, *American Economic Review* 105(12), 2015

- Cited by the 2016 Economic Report of the President, Chapter 5

OTHER WRITINGS

"How an oil price crash sparked clean innovation: Insights from Norway", VoxEU.org, May 1, 2025
"Doing business internationally increases the gender pay gap", IB Knowledge, November 18, 2018
"Globalisering – kvinnens beste venn", Apollon 4/2016 (in Norwegian)
"How does globalisation affect the gender wage gap?", World Economic Forum, May 18 2015
"Globalisation: A woman's best friend? Not quite so", VoxEU.org, May 18, 2015
"Why trade policy matters for firms' R&D investments", VoxEU.org, July 18, 2012

INVITED SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2026 (scheduled): NYU Abu Dhabi conference, CES Munich, University of Essex
2025: NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Villars Workshop in International Trade, University of Oxford, CEP Annual Conference, Queen Mary/Bank of England/Bristol/ Kent workshop on Firm Dynamics, Market Structures and Productivity in the Macroeconomy, CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade, PRINZ/ London School of Economics, CESifo Summer Institute workshop on Multinationals and Taxation, EEA Annual Congress, Sapienza University Rome Workshop on The Green Shift in the Global Economy: Global Value Chains, Innovation and Policies, Paris School of Economics Workshop on Green R&D and Industrial Policy in Open Economies (scheduled)
2024: GTDW Seminar at the Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), University of Surrey, Aarhus University, CITP Conference, CESifo Global Economy Conference, CEP annual conference, Tilburg Growth, International Macro, Finance and Trade Conference, IP Rights, Technology, and International Trade Research Workshop CITP/Sussex, CESifo Summer Institute workshop on Globalization and Innovation, Oslo Metropolitan University, CESifo workshop on "International Trade, Market Failures, and Development" in honour of Penny Goldberg, Cambridge University

2023: Dartmouth College, Mannheim-Darmstadt Workshop on Trade, Firms and Economic Development, Lund University, Paris Trade Seminar (Sciences Po), University of Nottingham (postponed)
2022: Hong Kong Online Trade Seminar, CESifo Global Economy Conference, University of Warwick, First GEP International Workshop, Sciences Po International Economics Workshop
2021: NHH Norwegian School of Economics, London School of Economics/CEP Trade Workshop, University of Oslo
2019: American Economic Association Annual Meetings (invited session), Middlesex University, Helsinki Graduate School of Economics
2018: NICE Conference Stockholm
2017: Ludwig Maximilian University, Paris Trade Seminar (Paris School of Economics), Uppsala University, Lund University, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN) Workshop Stockholm, Society of Economic Dynamics Edinburgh, BI Norwegian Business School, University College London
2016: University of Essex, University of Surrey, Purdue University, Imperial College Business School, Royal Holloway University of London, London School of Economics, University of Stockholm, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Warwick, University of Sussex, Geneva Graduate Institute, Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment, Carlos III, Aarhus University, CESifo – Delfi Conference on Innovation, Imperial/Nottingham workshop on Intangibles and Productivity
2015: Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Spanish Economic Association Meeting, University of Oxford, London School of Economics, University of Oslo, ETSG 17th Annual Conference, Nordic Workshop on Matched Employer-Employee Data, NOITS 16th Annual Workshop, 14th Annual GEP/CEPR Post-graduate Conference, CEP International Economics Workshop
2014: ETSG 16th Annual Conference, SNF Sinergia/CEPR Conference Economic Inequality, Labor Markets and International Trade, NOITS 15th Annual Workshop, Nordic Workshop on Matched Employer-Employee Data, 13th Annual GEP Post-graduate Conference
2013: University of Oxford, ETSG 15th Annual Conference, Nordic Workshop on Matched Employer-Employee Data
2012: ETSG 14th Annual Conference, GIST 4th Summer School, NOITS 14th Annual Workshop

SELECTED POLICY/PUBLIC EVENTS

2025 Mentor at the Women in Economics retreat at the EEA Congress
2025 Discussion of CMA's Industrial Policy report at the 3rd City/CMA Workshop on the Economics of Competition and Regulation
2025 Talk at the Private Sector Development Research Network (IFC, World Bank, IGC, EBRD)
2024 Panelist at the Resolution Foundation Industrial Policy event
2023 Panelist at the LSE Student Union Economics Society Symposium
2023 Panelist at the Warwick Women in Economics Society International Women's Day flagship event
2020 Talk at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Norway

AWARDS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Co-I on "Project on the Productive and Inclusive Net Zero (PRINZ)" funded by the ESRC (PI: Ralf Martin)

2019-2021	Co-I on "Innovation, productivity and public policy" funded by the Norwegian Ministry for Trade, Industry and Fishery (PIs Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe and Andreas Moxnes)
2017	Teaching Excellence Award for Undergraduate Teaching, Imperial College Business School
2017	H.M. The King's Gold Medal
2016	Best paper award, 10th Annual Empirical Investigations in Trade and Investment (EITI) Conference, FREIT
2015	Best paper award, 14th Annual GEP/CEPR Post-graduate Conference, University of Nottingham
2013	The Central Bank of Norway's Fund for the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Oslo scholarship
2013	Norwegian Merchant Association Fund for Distributional Economics at the University of Oslo scholarship
2011-2015	PhD Scholarship, University of Oslo

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Imperial College Business School

2022 –	Module leader, Managerial Economics (MSc)
2017 –	Module leader, Business Economics (MSc)
2016 –	Module leader, Business Economics (BSc)

University of Oslo

2013	Lecturer and Teaching Assistant in International Economics (BSc)
2012	Lecturer and course administrator in International Economics (BSc)
2012 – 2014	Teaching Assistant, International Trade (MSc)
2010 – 2011	Teaching Assistant, International Economics (BSc)

PHD ADVISING

Ongoing	Joey Erh
2025	Yuan Hu (initial placement: Eccles School of Business, University of Utah, postdoc)

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Program Committee LSE/Imperial Environmental Economics Workshop 2025
Program Committee Warwick/CEP Junior Trade Workshop 2024
Program Committee EEA Congress 2022, 2023
UNCTAD Expert Committee 2020 on *Multinational Enterprises and Gender Equality*
Program Committee CEPR/GEP Postgraduate Conference 2017

REFEREEING

Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of International Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Management Science, Review of International Economics, Labour Economics, Journal of Globalization and Development, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Oxford Economic Papers, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and

Statistics, Review of World Economics, The World Economy, World Bank Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, European Journal of Industrial Relations, Economics Bulletin, Economic Issues