

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Employment

Oct. 2009 - : Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Performance,  
London School of Economics.

Oct. 2007 - : Director of the Education Programme, Centre for Economic  
Performance, London School of Economics

Jan. 2005 – Dec 2009: Deputy Director, Centre for the Economics of Education.

Dec. 2004- : Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Performance, London  
School of Economics

Oct. 2002-Jan. 2005 Centre Coordinator, Centre for the Economics of Education.

Sept. 2001-Dec. 2004: Research Officer, Centre for Economic Performance, London  
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Sept. 1995 – August 2001: Economist,  
Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH),  
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Associate of the Department of Land Economy,  
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### Education and Qualifications

#### University College, London

January 2003 PhD in Economics

1994-95: MSc in Environmental and Resource Economics  
(funded by ESRC Studentship)

#### Trinity College, Dublin

1990-1994: BA Mod. in Economics

### Publications

#### *Economics of Education*

- ‘Resources and Standards in Urban Schools,’ (with Stephen Machin and Costas Meghir). Journal of Human Capital. 4(4). 365-393. Winter 2010.
- ‘Does Money Matter for Schools?’ (with Helena Holmlund and Martina Viarengo). Economics of Education Review. 29 (6): 1154-1164. 2010
- ‘The Literacy Hour’ (with Stephen Machin). Journal of Public Economics. 92: 1141-1462. June 2008.
- ‘Vive la Révolution! Long term educational returns from 1968 to the angry students’ (with Eric Maurin). Journal of Labor Economics 26 (1): 1-35. January 2008.
- ‘New Technology in Schools: Is There a Payoff?’ Economic Journal 117 (522): 1145-1167. (with Stephen Machin and Olmo Silva). July 2007

- ‘Reforms to Schooling in the UK: A Review of Some Major Reforms and their Evaluation’  
German Economic Review 6(3): 287-296. 2005.
- ‘Gender and Educational Attainment in the UK,’ Oxford Review of Economic Policy 21(3),  
357-372 (with Stephen Machin). 2005.
- ‘Improving Pupil Performance in English Secondary Schools: Excellence in Cities’, Journal of  
the European Economics Association. April-May 2004 2(2-3): 396-405. (with Stephen  
Machin and Costas Meghir).
- Environmental Economics*
- ‘Are ‘Other Gainful Activities’ on farms good for the environment?’ Journal of  
Environmental Management, 2002, Vol. 66, pp. 57-65.
- ‘Farm diversification in England and Wales – what can we learn from the Farm Business  
Survey?’ Journal of Rural Studies, 2001, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 247-257.
- ‘Wetland restoration, collective action and the role of water management institutions’,  
Ecological Economics, The Journal of the International Society for Economical  
Economics, 2000, Vol. 35, No. 1, 107-118 (with Ian Hodge)
- ‘Evaluating the Environmentally Sensitive Areas: the value of rural environments and policy  
relevance’, Journal of Rural Studies, 1998, Vol. 14, No. 3, 357-367 (with Ian Hodge)

### **Books**

- Education and Economic Performance. Edited volume of papers (with Alison Wolf). Edward  
Elgar. Forthcoming in Autumn 2011.
- ‘Have Reforms to the School System Improved Educational Outcomes?’ in Gregg, P. and  
Wadsworth, J. (eds). *The Labour Market in Winter: the state of working Britain*.  
Oxford University Press. 2011.
- ‘De quelques politiques efficaces en Angleterre’ in Meuret, D., and Chapelle, G. (eds.),  
Améliorer l’école, Press Universitaires de France
- ‘Economic Evaluation of Education Initiatives’, in Machin, S., and Vignoles, A., (eds.),  
What’s the Good of Education? The Economics of Education in the UK, 2005  
Princeton University Press, (with Carl Emmerson and Costas Meghir).
- Managing Pollution, edited volume of case studies on approaches by Environmental  
Economists to evaluate the impacts of pollution. Edward Elgar, 2001 (with Clive  
Spash).

### **Discussion papers**

- ‘University Quality and Graduate Wages in the UK’ (with Iftikhar Hussain and Shqiponja  
Telhaj). IZA Discussion Paper. No. 4043. CEE Discussion Paper. No. 99
- ‘Does Money Matter for Schools?’ (with Helena Holmlund and Martina Viarengo). IZA  
Discussion Paper. No. 3769.
- The Effect of Tracking Students by Ability into Different Schools: a Natural Experiment  
(with Nina Guyon and Eric Maurin). CEPR Discussion Paper. No. 7977  
Winner of FEEM Award given for young economists (Nina Guyon) at the 2010  
European Economic Association conference.
- ‘Resources and Standards in Urban Schools,’ (with Stephen Machin and Costas Meghir). IZA  
Discussion Paper, No. 2653. CEE Discussion Paper. No. 76
- ‘The Literacy Hour’, IZA Discussion Paper. No. 1005; CEE Discussion Paper No.43 (with  
Stephen Machin)
- ‘Vive la Révolution! Long term returns of 1968 to the angry students’ (with Eric Maurin)  
CEPR DP 4940; IZA DP 1504; CEE DP 49. French version: *La République des*

Idées/Notes, May 2005.

‘New Technology in Schools: Is there a Payoff?’ (with Stephen Machin and Olmo Silva), CEE Discussion Paper, No. 55. IZA DP 2234.

## Reports

‘The Cost of Social Exclusion’ (with Shqiponja Telhaj). Report to the Prince’s Trust. November 2010.

‘Special Educational Needs in England’ (with Francois Keslair). Report to the National Equality Panel. July 2009.

‘Economic Adviser for the Money Guidance Pathfinder Evaluation’ (with Costas Meghir), Report to the Financial Services Authority. July 2009.

‘Improving Educational Outcome for Poor Children. A Response to Brian Jacob and Jens Ludwig’, in *Social Mobility and Education*, conference volume, Sutton Trust and Carnegie Foundation. June 2008.

‘Information, Advice and Guidance. A brief literature review’, report for the Sutton Trust. January 2008.

‘University Quality and Graduate Wages in the UK’ (with Iftikhar Hussain and Shqiponja Telhaj). Report for the Teaching and Learning Research Programme (TLRP), ESRC. 2008.

‘Economic Modeling for Foresight Project: Mental Capital and Wellbeing.’ (with Amy Challen, Derek King and Martin Knapp). Report prepared for DIUS. May 2008.

‘Research on the Impact of School Resources on Attainment at Key Stage 2.’ (with Helena Holmlund and Martina Viarengo). Report prepared for DCSF. July 2008

<http://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/publicationDetail/Page1/DCSF-RR043>

‘Aims for Primary Education: the changing national context’, (with Stephen Machin). Research Survey 1/3. The Primary Review Interim Report. University of Cambridge. 2008

‘Tertiary Education Systems and Labour Markets’ (with Stephen Machin). A report prepared for the OECD, 2007.

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/55/31/38006954.pdf>

‘Value of Inclusion’ (with Shqiponja Telhaj). Report to the Prince’s Trust, July 2006

‘Aimhigher: Excellence Challenge: A Policy Evaluation using the Labour Force Survey,’ Report to the Department for Education and Skills, April 2006 (with Carl Emmerson, Christine Frayne, and Olmo Silva)

‘An Economic Evaluation of the Early Impact of Aimhigher: Excellence Challenge on Pre-16 Outcomes’ (with Carl Emmerson, Christine Frayne and Olmo Silva), Report to the Department for Education and Skills. January 2006.

‘Education and Child Poverty’ (with Stephen Machin). Literature review for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. October 2005

‘Economic Evaluation of Excellence in Cities’ (with Stephen Machin and Costas Meghir). Report to the Department for Education and Skills. June 2005

‘Excellence in Cities. The National Evaluation of a policy to raise standards in urban schools 2000-2003,’ Report to DfES. November 2005. Research Report, RR675B (with Lesley Kendall, Lisa O’Donnell, Sarah Golden, Kate Ridley, Stephen Machin, Simon Rutt, Ian Schagen Costas Meghir, Sheila Stoney, Marian Morris, Anne West and Philip Noden)

‘Differential gender attainment at the end of compulsory schooling and beyond’ (with Stephen Machin), Report to the British Academy, April 2005

- ‘Economic Evaluation of the Pupil Learning Credits Pilot Scheme,’ Report to the Department for Education and Skills, 2005. Research Report RR696.
- ‘Final Report of the Evaluation of the Pupil Learning Credits Pilot Scheme,’ Report to the Department for Education and Skills, 2005. Research Report RR687. (with Annette Braun, Audrey Hind, Philip Noden and Anne West)
- ‘Economic Evaluation of Excellence in Primary Schools.’ (with Carl Emmerson, Christine Frayne and Panu Pelkonen). Report to the Department for Education and Skills, October 2004
- ‘The Enterprise Works Concept Development’ (with Stephen Machin and Shankar Rajagopalan). Report to the Prince’s Trust, September 2004.
- ‘The Returns to Higher Education Teaching,’ (with Arnaud Chevalier, Gavan Conlon, and Fernando Galindo-Rueda), Report to the Department for Education and Skills, March 2002.

### **Other**

- England v Wales: Education Performance and Accountability. Better: Evidence-based Education. (Magazine of the Institute of Effective Education, University of York) p. 22-23. Spring 2011.
- ‘Election Analysis. Evaluating Education Policies: The Evidence from Economic Research’. Centre for Economic Performance, LSE. April 2010.  
<http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/ea008.pdf>
- ‘A Swedish Model for UK Schools?’ (with Helena Holmlund). CentrePiece (CEP magazine). Volume 14. Issue 3. Winter 2009/10.
- ‘Pippi Longstocking’s Promies’ (about Academies and the Swedish Model) (with Helena Holmlund). The House Magazine. (Weekly publication for the Houses of Parliament). October 5 2009.
- ‘Are the Top Universities Worth Paying For?’ (with Iftikhar Hussain and Shqiponja Telhaj). CentrePiece. Autumn 2008.
- ‘School Education’ in Jane Elliot and Romesh Vaitilingam (ed). ‘Now We Are Fifty: Key Findings from the National Child Development Study’. Centre for Longitudinal Studies, Institute of Education. 2008
- ‘Evaluating Excellence in Cities’ (with Stephen Machin and Costas Meghir). CentrePiece, Winter 2005/06
- ‘Children of the Revolution: the economic impact of '1968' in France’ (with Eric Maurin). CentrePiece, Summer 2005
- ‘Large Benefits, Low Cost’ (with Stephen Machin), CentrePiece (article about the literacy hour), Spring 2004. Reproduced in Boys in Schools Bulletin, a professional development journal for Australian teachers produced by the University of Newcastle.
- ‘The Impact of the Literacy Hour’ (with Stephen Machin), Literacy Today, No. 40, September 2004. Summary published as ‘The English Experiment’, Education Next, Summer 2005
- ‘Widening Access to Grammar Schools: The Educational Impact in Northern Ireland,’ (with Eric Maurin), CentrePiece. Summer 2007
- ‘Higher Education and the Labour Market.’ (with Stephen Machin). Autumn 2007.

## Book Reviews:

- ‘The Race Between Education and Technology’, by Claudia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz. Teachers College Record. June 2010.
- ‘The Economics of Education: Human Capital, Family Background and Inequality,’ by Daniele Checchi, Cambridge University Press, 2006. Economica 75 (298): 398-399
- ‘The Education Gap: Vouchers and Urban Schools’, by William G. Howell and Peter E. Peterson, with Patrick J. Wolf and David E. Campbell. Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2002
- Education Economics, March 2005, Vol. 13, No. 1, p. 129-131.

## Current Projects

*Information and Education Decisions*. Randomised control trial of information campaign (about economic benefits and costs of higher education) in London Schools. (with Gill Wyness and Martin McGuigan). Funded by ESRC First Grant. 2008-2011.

*Non-native speakers of English in the classroom: the effect on pupil performance*. (with Charlotte Geay and Shqiponja Telhaj).

*The Effect of Tracking Students by Ability into Different Schools: a Natural Experiment* (with Nina Guyon and Eric Maurin).

*Does additional spending help urban schools? An evaluation using boundary discontinuities* (with Steve Gibbons and Martina Viarengo).

*Evaluation of teaching to read using ‘synthetic phonics’: recent English experience* (with Steve Machin and Martina Viarengo)

*Every Child Matters? An evaluation of ‘special educational needs’ programmes in England* (with Francois Keslair and Eric Maurin).

*Mental Health and Education Decisions*. (with Francesca Cornaglia and Elena Crivellaro)

## Other Current Activities and Affiliations

- IZA Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn (since November 2003)
- CESifo, Research Network Fellow. Munich (since November 2009).
- Education and Children’s Social Care Group. UK Centre for the Measurement of Government Activity, Office for National Statistics (since January 2008)
- Member of Reference Group for the Catholic Education Service. (since 2008)

- Member of Coalition for Evidence-Based Education (CEBE). (since 2009)
- Board of Governors, St Mary's University College, Twickenham (since September 2009)
- Steering Group member for Nuffield funded project on month of birth and non-cognitive skills (with researchers from IFS). (Since November 2009)
- Member of Academic Advisory Panel to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). From March 2010.
- Member of Network of Experts on Social Aspects of Education and Training (European Commission network). From January 2011.

Referee for:

*British Journal of Industrial Relations; Economics of Education Review; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Economic Journal; Empirical Economics; Higher Education Quarterly; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Social Policy; German Economic Review; Labour Economics; Oxford Review of Economic Policy. The Manchester School*