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| RESEARCH INTERESTS        | Health and Wellbeing, Policy Evaluation, Empirical Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Machine Learning  |
| EMPLOYMENT                | <b>London School of Economics</b><br>Research Economist, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) Since 2020<br>Research Assistant, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) 2019/20<br><b>University of Essex</b> 2019<br>Research Assistant to Dr Gupta for paper “Structural Stability of Infinite-Order Regression”  |
| AFFILIATIONS              | <b>University of Oxford</b> Since 2021<br>Research Associate, Wellbeing Research Centre  |
| EDUCATION                 | <b>University of Surrey:</b> PhD in Economics 2016/20<br>Thesis Title: “Econometric analysis of subjective wellbeing data”<br><b>Higher School of Economics (Russia):</b> MSc in Management 2009/11<br>Specialization: Public Administration<br><b>Higher School of Economics (Russia):</b> BSc in Economics 2005/09   |
| PUBLICATIONS              | <b>Analyzing Subjective Wellbeing Data with Misclassification</b> (with S. Srisuma), <i>Journal of Business &amp; Economic Statistics</i> , <b>2022</b> , 40:2, 730-743.<br><b>Robust Ranking of Happiness Outcomes: A Median Regression Perspective</b> (with L.Y. Chen, N. Powdthavee, and S. Srisuma), <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> , <b>2022</b> , 200, 672-686.   |
| WORKING PAPERS            | <b>Human Wellbeing and Machine Learning</b> (joint with N. Gentile, C. Kaiser, A. Tkatchenko, A. Clark, J-E. De Neve, and C. D'Ambrosio).<br><b>An Analysis of Female Happiness Change: Revisiting the Paradox of Declining Female Happiness</b> (with S. Srisuma).<br><b>Mind the Snowflakes: A Misclassification Analysis of Wellbeing across the Lifespan.</b>  |
| SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS | <b>Analyzing Heterogeneous Effects of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Programme</b> (with C. Krekel and S. Srisuma).<br><b>Wellbeing Effects of Combining Sports and Volunteering</b> (with M. Cotofan and C. Krekel).<br><b>Revisiting the Relationships between Income and Wellbeing</b> (with A. Clark and R. Layard).<br><b>Understanding 'unobservable' characteristics of (high performance) police officers</b> (with T. Kirchmaier, C. Krekel). |
| GRANTS                    | ESRC SDAI grant <b>Analyzing Heterogeneous Effects of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Programme</b> , Co-Investigator, with C. Krekel and S. Srisuma <b>2022</b> , £240,000   |

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| TEACHING                | <p><b>London School of Economics</b><br/> Class Teacher in PP424: <i>Happiness and Public Policy</i>, School of Public Policy (scheduled), 30 hours 2023<br/> Guest Lecturer in PB421: <i>Happiness</i>, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science 2022</p> <p><b>University of Surrey</b> (teaching evaluations in parentheses)<br/> Class Teacher and Substitute Lecturer: <i>Intermediate Econometrics</i> (4.6/5), 60 hours 2019/20<br/> Class Teacher: <i>Intermediate Econometrics</i> (4.5/5), 60 hours 2018/19<br/> Class Teacher: <i>Principles of Microeconomics</i> (4.2/5), 40 hours 2017/18<br/> Class Teacher: <i>Introductory Economics</i> (3.9/5), 30 hours 2017/18</p>                              |
| MEDIA COVERAGE          | <p><b>Focus on the median, not the mean: A simple solution to the recent critiques on econometric analyses of subjective wellbeing data</b> (with L.Y. Chen, N. Powdthavee, and S. Srisuma), VoxEU.</p>   |
| POLICY REPORTS          | <p><b>Living Long and Living Well: The WELLBY Approach</b> (with R. Layard), in: Helliwell, J., Layard, R., Sachs, J., and J-E De Neve (eds.), <i>World Happiness Report</i>, 2021.</p>   |
| SELECTED PRESENTATIONS  | <p>LSE Wellbeing Seminar (CEP and Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, LSE), Loughborough University (scheduled), Mental Health and Economic Status Workshop (Warwick, scheduled) 2022</p> <p>Higher School of Economics, Russia (Neighbors in Research Conference, invited keynote speaker), Global Wellbeing Summit, co-organised by Gallup (invited roundtable participant) 2021</p> <p>CEP Wellbeing Seminar (LSE), European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics, Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers, University of Surrey Faculty of Arts and Social Science Festival of Research (panel speaker) 2019</p> |
| PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES | <p>Refereeing: <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>, <i>Review of Income and Wealth</i>, <i>Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics</i><br/> Member of Secure Research Governance Group (LSE), since 2022<br/> Co-organizer of LSE Wellbeing Seminar, since 2021<br/> UK Office for National Statistics Accredited Researcher, since 2020<br/> Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, since 2019</p>  |
| IT SKILLS               | <p>MATLAB, Stata, R, Python, EViews, Microsoft Office, LATEX</p>  |
| LANGUAGES               | <p>Russian (native), English (fluent), German (elementary), French (elementary)</p>   |
| PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS    | <p><b>Higher School of Economics</b>, Russia<br/> Research Fellow, Centre for Public Private Interactions 2015/16<br/> Manager, Deputy Head, Centre for Applied Economics 2011/16</p> <p>Interpreter for <b>Perm Economic Forum</b> and <b>Russia Innovation Collaborative</b> 2008/11<br/> Translator for the book <b>“Overcoming Corruption: The Essentials”</b> by Bertrand de Speville, ISBN: 978-967-5942-03-7.</p>  |
| OTHER PUBLICATIONS      | <p><b>Empirical analysis of civil servants’ wage and maintenance setting: evidence from Perm region</b> (with A. Panenko, and A. Kalinina), <i>International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies</i>, 2018, 11:6, 596-609</p>  |
| OTHER ACTIVITIES        | <p>Volunteer translator for Khan Academy</p>  |