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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Health and Wellbeing, Policy Evaluation, Empirical Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Machine Learning
EMPLOYMENT	London School of Economics Research Economist, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) Since 2020 Research Assistant, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) 2019/20 University of Essex 2019 Research Assistant to Dr Gupta for paper “Structural Stability of Infinite-Order Regression”
AFFILIATIONS	University of Oxford Since 2021 Research Associate, Wellbeing Research Centre
EDUCATION	University of Surrey: PhD in Economics 2016/20 Thesis Title: “Econometric analysis of subjective wellbeing data” Higher School of Economics (Russia): MSc in Management 2009/11 Specialization: Public Administration Higher School of Economics (Russia): BSc in Economics 2005/09
PUBLICATIONS	Analyzing Subjective Wellbeing Data with Misclassification (with S. Srisuma), <i>Journal of Business & Economic Statistics</i> , 2022 , 40:2, 730-743. Robust Ranking of Happiness Outcomes: A Median Regression Perspective (with L.Y. Chen, N. Powdthavee, and S. Srisuma), <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> , 2022 , 200, 672-686.
WORKING PAPERS	Human Wellbeing and Machine Learning (*joint first author with N. Gentile*, C. Kaiser*, A. Tkatchenko, A. Clark, J-E. De Neve, and C. D'Ambrosio). An Analysis of Female Happiness Change: Revisiting the Paradox of Declining Female Happiness (with S. Srisuma). Is there a W-shape in Wellbeing across the Lifespan? A Misclassification Approach.
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Analysing Heterogeneous Effects of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Programme (with C. Krekel and S. Srisuma). Wellbeing Effects of Combining Sports and Volunteering (with M. Cotofan and C. Krekel). Revisiting the Relationships between Income and Wellbeing (with A. Clark and R. Layard).
GRANTS	ESRC SDAI grant Analyzing Heterogeneous Effects of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Programme , Co-Investigator, with C. Krekel and S. Srisuma 2022 , £240,000

TEACHING	<p>London School of Economics</p> <p>PP424: Happiness and Public Policy, School of Public Policy (co-taught with Richard Layard) 2022/23</p> <p>PB421: Happiness, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science (Guest Lecturer) 2021/22</p> <p>University of Surrey (teaching evaluations in parentheses)</p> <p>Intermediate Econometrics (4.5/5, 4.6/5) 2018/19/20</p> <p>Principles of Microeconomics (4.2/5) 2017/18</p> <p>Introductory Economics (3.9/5) 2017/18</p>
MEDIA COVERAGE	<p>Focus on the median, not the mean: A simple solution to the recent critiques on econometric analyses of subjective wellbeing data (with L.Y. Chen, N. Powdthavee, and S. Srisuma), VoxEU.</p>
POLICY REPORTS	<p>Living Long and Living Well: The WELLBY Approach (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 (invited speaker), Mental Health and Economic Status Workshop (Warwick) 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></p> <p>Member of Secure Research Governance Group (LSE), since 2022</p> <p>Co-organizer of LSE Wellbeing Seminar, since 2021</p> <p>UK Office for National Statistics Accredited Researcher, since 2020</p> <p>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>Higher School of Economics, Russia</p> <p>Research Fellow, Centre for Public Private Interactions 2015/16</p> <p>Manager, Deputy Head, Centre for Applied Economics 2011/16</p> <p>Interpreter for Perm Economic Forum and Russia Innovation Collaborative 2008/11</p> <p>Translator for the book “Overcoming Corruption: The Essentials” by Bertrand de Speville, ISBN: 978-967-5942-03-7.</p>
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<p>Empirical analysis of civil servants’ wage and maintenance setting: evidence from Perm region (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>