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Research Interests

Experimental Economics – Welfare Economics – Health Economics – Applied Econometrics

Education

2014-18	PhD in Economics	University of York
2013-14	MSc in Health Economics	University of York
2010-13	BA (Hons) in History and Economics	Bangor University

Employment

2022-26	Research Fellow Erasmus School of Economics	Erasmus University Rotterdam
2022-26	Visiting Research Fellow Department of Health Sciences	University of York
2018-22	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Centre for Health Economics and Department of Health Sciences	University of York
2014-22	Research Assistant Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative	University of Oxford

Publications

2025	‘Responsibility-Sensitive Welfare Weights for Health’ Robson , O’Donnell & Van Ourti <i>Journal of Health Economics</i> Data Repository
2025	‘Do social preferences explain health inequality aversion?’ Robson , Doran, O’Donnell & Van Ourti <i>Journal of Economic Inequality</i> Data Repository
2025	‘Explaining Subjective Social Status and Health: Beyond Education, Occupation and Income’ Robson , Chen & Olsen <i>Social Science and Medicine</i>
2024	‘Aversion to Health Inequality – Pure, Income-Related and Income-Caused’ Robson , O’Donnell & Van Ourti <i>Journal of Health Economics</i> Data Repository
2024	‘Distributional Impacts of Cash Transfers on the Multidimensional Poverty of Refugees’ Robson , Vollmer, Dogan & Grede <i>World Development</i> Code Repository
2023	‘Monetary and Multidimensional Poverty: Correlations, Mismatches and Joint Distributions’ Evans, Nogales & Robson <i>Journal of Development Studies</i>
2022	‘Household Survey Data Availability for Monetary and Multidimensional Poverty’ Alkire & Robson <i>Development Studies Research</i>
2021	‘Inequality Aversion, Self-Interest and Social Connectedness’ Robson <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i> Data Repository

Publications (continued)

2021 'Estimating the Equity Impacts of the Smoking Ban in England on Cotinine Levels'
Robson, Lord & Doran | *BMJ: Open*

2017 'Eliciting the Level of Health Inequality Aversion in England'
Robson, Asaria, Cookson, Tsuchiya & Ali | *Health Economics*

Working Papers

2025 'What is a Fair Innings? Preferences for Prioritisation by Age and Health'
Robson, O'Donnell, Schokkaert & Van Ourti

2025 'The inequality-adjusted incremental cost-effectiveness ratio'
Cookson, et al. | *R&R: Value in Health*

2025 'Aversion to Health Inequality in Thailand; How much do policy makers and the public care?'
Sarin, et al. | *Under Review: Value in Health*

2025 'Are public preferences over health distributions guided by principles of distributive justice?'
Tromm, Reckers-Droog & **Robson**

2024 'Estimating Public Preferences on Population Health Ethics'
Allanson & **Robson** | Accepted: *Social Choice and Welfare* | Data Repository

Work-in-Progress

2025 'Aversion to Inequality in What? A Social Choice Experiment'
Robson, O'Donnell & Van Ourti | Dutch Research Council (NWO): Grant Funded

2025 'Estimating Individual Preferences Over Lifetime Health and Income'
Robson, Schokkaert, Decancq & Fleurbaey | Dutch Research Council (NWO): Grant Funded

2025 'Health Inequality Aversion in the Netherlands'
Bruck, Harlass, van den Hoogen & **Robson** | Smarter Choices for Better Health: Grant Funded

Teaching

Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2022-26	Economics of Health and Health Care (Master's)	Lecturer
2022/23	Bachelor Honours Class (Bachelor, Year 3)	Lecturer
2024/25	Behavioural Economics (Master's Theses x2)	Supervisor
2023/24	Health Economics (Master's Theses x3)	Supervisor

Centre for Health Economics, University of York

2025/26	Distributional Cost Effectiveness Analysis (Online)	Seminar Leader
2018-22	Health Economics (Master's Theses x3)	Supervisor

Department of Health Sciences, University of York

2019/20	Health and Social Behaviour (Master's)	Lecturer
2018/19	Further Regression Analysis (Master's)	Seminar Leader

Department of Economics, University of York

2017-21	Experimental Economics (Bachelor, Year 3)	Seminar Leader
2017/18	Economics 2: Microeconomics (Bachelor, Year 2)	Seminar Leader
2016/17	Econometrics 2 (Bachelor, Year 2)	Seminar Leader
2016/17	Microeconomics 2 (Bachelor, Year 2)	Seminar Leader
2015/16	Microeconomics 1 (Bachelor, Year 1)	Seminar Leader

Grants and Funding

2025	Smarter Choices for Better Health Seed Funding	€15,000
2024	Dutch Research Council (NWO) Social Sciences and Humanities-XS Grant	€50,000
2023	Smarter Choices for Better Health Seed Funding	€10,000
2022	Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (awarded but declined)	£126,946
2021	Wellcome Secondment Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science	£14,673
2020	Research Centre for Social Sciences (ReCSS) Grant, University of York	£2,500
2018	Society of Applied Philosophy (SAP) Event Funding	£1,300
2014-17	ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods (+3) Studentship	£65,000
2017	ESRC Overseas Institutional Visit, The Choice Lab; Bergen, Norway	£5,300
2017	Royal Economic Society (RES): Special Project Grant Scheme	£900
2016	ESRC Company Internship, The Field Laboratory; Mbale, Uganda	£5,600
2013/14	NIHR Masters Studentship in the Economics of Health	£19,000

Research Visits

2025	Paris School of Economics: Marc Fleurbaey	Paris, France
2024	Department of Economics, KU Leuven: Erik Schokkaert	Leuven, Belgium
2023	Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study: Ryota Nakamura	Tokyo, Japan
2020	The Arctic University of Norway: Jan Abel Olsen	Tromsø, Norway
2019	Erasmus School of Economics: Owen O'Donnell & Tom Van Ourti	The Netherlands
2017	Norwegian School of Economics: Bertil Tungodden & Erik Sørensen	Bergen, Norway
2016	The Field Lab, University of East Anglia: Arjan Verschoor	Mbale, Uganda

Invited Talks

2025	Centre for Health Economics	Monash University, Australia
	Melbourne School of Population and Global Health	University of Melbourne, Australia
2024	Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program	Bangkok, Thailand
	Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
	Department of Economics	KU Leuven, Belgium
	Four Topics on Health Inequalities	Arctic University of Norway, Norway
	Brocher Health Inequality Aversion Workshop	Geneva, Switzerland
2023	Health Inequality Aversion Workshop	Keio University, Japan
	Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study	Tokyo, Japan
	Department of Economics	KU Leuven, Belgium
2022	Brocher Foundation Summer Academy	Geneva, Switzerland
	European Health Economics Association (EUHEA) Seminar	(remote) Bologna, Italy
	Erasmus School of Economics	Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
2021	Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative	University of Oxford, UK
	Health Economics Discussion Group Seminar	University of York, UK
2019	Center for Health Decision Science	Harvard University, USA
	Health Economics and Decision Science	University of Sheffield, UK
	Centre for Health Economics and Medicines Evaluation	Bangor University, UK
2017	The Choice Lab	Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
	Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative	University of Oxford, UK

Conference Presentations

2025	Economic Science Association (ESA) International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Behavioural and Experimental Economics Workshop International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation Workshop, IRDES	Brno, Czech Republic Bali, Indonesia Florence, Italy Valencia, Spain Paris, France
2024	Economic Science Association (ESA) Priorities Conference International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences Cognitive Foundations of Decision-Making	Helsinki, Finland Bangkok, Thailand Riga, Latvia Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco
2023	International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Welfare and Policy Conference (WAP) International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences Lowlands Health Economists' Study Group (lolaHESG)	Cape Town, South Africa Bordeaux, France Lisbon, Portugal Netherlands
2022	Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting European Health Economics Association (EUHEA) Annual Conference Health Economics Study Group (HESG) Meeting	(remote) Boston, USA Oslo, Norway University of Sheffield, UK
2021	Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation Workshop	IRDES, Paris, France
2020	Measuring Health: Ethical Perspectives	(remote) Aarhus University, Denmark
2019	European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Economics for the Social Good	KU Leuven, Belgium Basel, Switzerland De Montford University, UK
	Nordic Conference on Behavioural and Experimental Economics 3rd IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference	SDU, Odense, Denmark University of York, UK
2018	Foundations of Utility and Risk (FUR) Young Economists' Meeting Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality	University of York, UK Masaryk University, Czech Republic University of Bonn, Germany
2017	Spring School in Behavioural Economics, USCD Royal Economic Society (RES) PhD Meeting 2nd IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference	San Diego, USA Westminster Business School, UK University of York, UK
2016	Preferences, Personality and Moral Behaviour: The Choice Lab	NHH, Bergen, Norway
2015	2nd Annual PhD Conference in Economics 1st IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference Health Economists Study Group (HESG) Conference	University of Leicester, UK University of Reading, UK University of Leeds, UK

Conference and Seminar Organisation

2025	Behavioural and Experimental Health Economics Network workshop [f.c.]	Co-organiser
2022-25	Health Economics Group: Internal Seminars	Organiser
2023	Behavioural, Experimental and Welfare Economic Approaches to Health Equity	Co-organiser
2022	4th IRNEP Conference, University of Reading	Organiser
2021-22	Health Equity Seminar Series (virtual)	Co-organiser
2019	3rd IRNEP Conference, University of York	Organiser
2018	Foundations of Utility and Risk (FUR), University of York	Organising Committee
2016	2nd IRNEP Conference, University of York	Organiser
2015	1st IRNEP Conference, University of Reading	Organiser

Refereeing

Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Social Choice and Welfare, European Journal of Health Economics, Social Science and Medicine, Social Indicators Research, Health Economics, Value in Health, Theory and Decision, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Development Economics.

Awards

2025 ESHPM Best Designed Course: Economics of Health and Health Care
2023 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Seal of Excellence
2016-19 Acknowledgment of Teaching Excellence
2016-18 Aronson Teaching Prize, Best Designed 2nd Year Module
2013 William and Myfanwy Eames Prize, Highest grade in Economics, Bangor University
2013 Charles Mowat Memorial Prize, Highest grade in History, Bangor University

Various

2025 PhD Opponent: Sindre Horn, University of Bergen
2020-25 Supported international replications of the Robson et al. (2017) experimental design in: Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Thailand and the USA
2023-25 Advanced training sessions on “Social Welfare Functions and Social Choice Experiments” in: Melbourne, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; Geneva, Switzerland; and Bangkok, Thailand
2015 Cofounder: Interdisciplinary Research Network for Economists and Philosophers (IRNEP)

Languages and Skills

English (native).
R, R-Shiny, Stata, MATLAB, z-Tree, Survey Solutions, LaTeX, QGIS, Corel-Draw, Office.

Hobbies

Squash, Hiking, Pottery.

References

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