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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

2026-	Lecturer (Teaching & Research) Department of Economics and Related Studies	University of York
2022-26	Research Fellow Erasmus School of Economics	Erasmus University Rotterdam
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 (selected)

2026	‘Experimental estimation of preferences on population health ethics’ Allanson & Robson <i>Social Choice and Welfare</i> Data Repository
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
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>
2021	‘Inequality Aversion, Self-Interest and Social Connectedness’ Robson <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i> Data Repository
2017	‘Eliciting the Level of Health Inequality Aversion in England’ Robson , Asaria, Cookson, Tsuchiya & Ali <i>Health Economics</i>

Publications (continued)

2026	‘Are public preferences over health distributions guided by principles of distribution?’ Tromm, Reckers-Droog & Robson <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>
2026	‘The inequality-adjusted incremental cost-effectiveness ratio’ Cookson, et al. <i>Value in Health</i>
2025	‘Explaining Subjective Social Status and Health: Beyond Education, Occupation and Income’ Robson , Chen & Olsen <i>Social Science and Medicine</i>
2022	‘Household Survey Data Availability for Monetary and Multidimensional Poverty’ Alkire & Robson <i>Development Studies Research</i>
2021	‘Estimating the Equity Impacts of the Smoking Ban in England on Cotinine Levels’ Robson , Lord & Doran <i>BMJ: Open</i>

Work-in-Progress

2026	‘A Fair Innings: Equality, Priority, or Thresholds?’ Robson , O'Donnell, Schokkaert & Van Ourti
2026	‘Aversion to Inequality in What? A Social Choice Experiment’ Robson , O'Donnell & Van Ourti Dutch Research Council (NWO): Grant Funded
2026	‘Estimating Individual Preferences Over Lifetime Health and Income’ Robson , Schokkaert, Decancq & Fleurbaey Dutch Research Council (NWO): Grant Funded
2026	‘Aversion to Health Inequality in Thailand; How much do policy makers and the public care?’ Sarin, et al.
2026	‘Health Inequality Aversion and Rank-Dependent Income Weights in the Netherlands’ Robson , Harlass & Brück Policy App

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

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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

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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

2026	Faculty of Economics, University of Rennes: Olivier l'Haridon	Rennes, France
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

2026	Faculty of Economics	University of Rennes, France
	Department of Economics	City St George's University of London, UK
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

2026	Economic Science Association (ESA)	Rabat, Morocco
	European Health Economics Association (EuHEA)	Rotterdam, Netherlands
	Lowlands Health Economics Study Group (LolaHESG)	Netherlands
2025	Economic Science Association (ESA)	Brno, Czech Republic
	International Health Economics Association (iHEA)	Bali, Indonesia
	Behavioural and Experimental Economics Workshop	Florence, Italy
	International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences	Valencia, Spain
	Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation Workshop, IRDES	Paris, France
2024	Economic Science Association (ESA)	Helsinki, Finland
	Priorities Conference	Bangkok, Thailand
	International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences	Riga, Latvia
	Cognitive Foundations of Decision-Making	Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco
2023	International Health Economics Association (iHEA)	Cape Town, South Africa
	Welfare and Policy Conference (WAP)	Bordeaux, France
	International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences	Lisbon, Portugal
	Lowlands Health Economists' Study Group (lolaHESG)	Netherlands
2022	Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting	(remote) Boston, USA
	European Health Economics Association (EUHEA) Annual Conference	Oslo, Norway
	Health Economics Study Group (HESG) Meeting	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	KU Leuven, Belgium
	International Health Economics Association (iHEA)	Basel, Switzerland
	Economics for the Social Good	De Montford University, UK
	Nordic Conference on Behavioural and Experimental Economics	SDU, Odense, Denmark
	3rd IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference	University of York, UK
2018	Foundations of Utility and Risk (FUR)	University of York, UK
	Young Economists' Meeting	Masaryk University, Czech Republic
	Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality	University of Bonn, Germany
2017	Spring School in Behavioural Economics, USCD	San Diego, USA
	Royal Economic Society (RES) PhD Meeting	Westminster Business School, UK
	2nd IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference	University of York, UK
2016	Preferences, Personality and Moral Behaviour: The Choice Lab	NHH, Bergen, Norway
2015	2nd Annual PhD Conference in Economics	University of Leicester, UK
	1st IRNEP Economics and Philosophy Conference	University of Reading, UK
	Health Economists Study Group (HESG) Conference	University of Leeds, UK

Conference and Seminar Organisation

2025	Behavioural and Experimental Health Economics Network workshop	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 Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics.

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.

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