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Qualifications

- **PhD Economics**, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- **Master of International and Development Economics**, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- **Bachelor of Laws**, College of Law, ANU
- **Bachelor of Economics**, College of Business and Economics, ANU

Experience

- **Director of Research**, Asian Bureau of Economic Research, ANU (Jan 2018 to present)
 - Based at the Crawford School, ABER employs 15 staff and provides comprehensive, independent research and analysis on economic and financial issues affecting Asia and Australia.
 - As director, I am a regular contributor to the [Australian Financial Review](#), [The Conversation](#), [East Asia Forum](#), [The Monthly](#), [Business Spectator](#) and [Huffington Post](#).
 - Recent projects: [a survey](#) of the Indonesian financial system, [a project](#) modelling the adequacy of the global financial safety net (including hosting an official IMF-World Bank conference in Indonesia), [a project](#) for National Australia Bank on Australia's economic opportunities in Korea, a project for PM&C on strategically engaging the United States in Asia, [a project](#) for Brookings on productivity growth, a project for DFAT on Australia's post-2020 APEC agenda, a project for the Saudi Arabian Government on their G20 host year and [a project](#) for Oxford University on the relationship between market power and inequality.
 - Co-author: [Australia-China Joint Economic Report](#); [Myanmar Trade and Investment Strategy](#).
- **Resident/Non-resident Fellow**, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. (May 2017 to present)
 - Global Economy and Development program under Vice President Dr Homi Kharas (resident fellow: May 2017 to May 2018. Non-resident fellow: May 2018 to present).
 - Produced a volume of research papers and hosted seminars on improving macroeconomic cooperation within the G20, using a purpose-built [general equilibrium model](#) and [collaboration with 63 policymakers](#), including Janet Yellen, Kevin Rudd, Ben Bernanke, Tim Geithner, Haruhiko Kuroda, Jack Lew, Mark Carney, Phil Lowe, Wayne Swan and Agustin Carstens.
 - Advisor to the Argentinian Government on its G20 host year, advising on the future of work, inclusive growth and the G20's macroeconomic cooperation agenda.
- **PhD candidate**, Crawford School, Australian National University (Jan 2015 to Jan 2018)
 - Dissertation title: [Macroeconomics and Multilateralism](#): The benefits, influence and success of global macroeconomic policy cooperation, and the cost of abandoning it.
 - Examiners: Adam Posen, Catherine Mann, Jeffrey Frankel.

- Supervisory panel: Professor Peter Drysdale (Chair), Professor Warwick McKibbin, Professor Gordon de Brouwer, Dr Shiro Armstrong and Professor David Vines.
- Thesis to be published as a book in late 2019 by Harvard University Press. [Other publications](#) in leading journals, including The World Economy, Asian Economic Policy Review, National Bureau of Economic Research, Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Bulletin for Indonesian Economic Studies, Australian Economic Review and with the Brookings Institution.
- **Policy advisor to Shadow Assistant Treasurer**, Hon. Andrew Leigh MP (Jan 2015 to May 2017)
 - Advisor on competition policy, tax reform, superannuation and trade in services. Developed the Opposition's policy agenda for the 2016 election and advised part-time on the 2019 election.
 - Research project on the [state of competition in Australian markets](#).
 - Role centred on policy development, coordinating Shadow Cabinet and Caucus submissions, managing parliamentary business, negotiating with caucus, speech and op ed writing, constituent engagement and organising conferences and speaking events.
- **Assistant Director, Economic Policy (G20)**, Prime Minister & Cabinet (Oct 2012 to Dec 2014)
 - Assistant Director of economic policy team of the G20 taskforce.
 - Developed and implemented the growth and employment agendas for Australia's G20 host year.
 - Lead delegate for the G20 Energy Working Group, the G20 Taskforce on Employment and a delegate at G20 leaders, finance ministers, sherpas and finance deputies' meetings.
 - Prepared the Incoming Government Brief in 2013 on international economic engagement.
 - Organised global conferences on APEC-G20 cooperation in China in Shanghai and Beijing.
 - Recipient of the Award of Excellence for work in delivering Australia's G20 host year.
- **Economic consultant**, The Cape York Institute (Jan 2012 to Oct 2012)
 - Worked for Noel Pearson in managing an economic development project in remote Indigenous communities in far north Queensland.
 - Developed a package of policies on welfare reform, governance and investment in education which helped inform the 2015 Empowered Communities report given to the Prime Minister.
 - Econometric analysis of health, education and employment data, evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs, interviewing social workers, teachers, officials and experts in addiction.
- **Advisor**, Global economy, finance and trade, Prime Minister & Cabinet (June 2011 to Jan 2012)
 - Briefings on the European debt crisis, the implications for Australia and policy responses by the Australian Government, including bilateral loans to the IMF as part of a broader G20 initiative.
 - Monitoring and briefing on financial markets and global economic developments.
 - Advised on Australia's strategy for the G20, APEC, CHOGM and ASEAN.
- **Economist**, mergers and acquisitions regulation, ACCC (Jan 2009 to June 2011)
 - Analysing the competitive impacts of proposed mergers and acquisitions and assisting in Federal Court litigation for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.
 - Developed econometric models to estimate the cross-price elasticities between merger parties to assess the level of competition between firms.
 - 6-month secondment: Australian Energy Regulator in electricity transmission and distribution.

Publications

Journals and working papers

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