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Current Position

King's College London

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Economics, Department of Political Economy, 2025 –
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, Department of Political Economy, 2021 – 2025

Other Professional Affiliations

IZA – Institute of Labor Economics
Research Affiliate, 2024 –

University College London
Affiliate, Stone Centre at UCL, 2023 –

London School of Economics
Visiting Fellow, International Inequalities Institute, 2021 –

Paris School of Economics
WID.world Fellow, 2018 –

London Mathematical Laboratory
External Fellow, 2021 –

GC-CUNY Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality
Associated Researcher, 2020 –

Past Positions

London Mathematical Laboratory
Fellow, 2018 – 2021

City University of New York / Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality
Visiting Associate Professor, 2020
Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Advanced Research Collaborative, 2020

Paris School of Economics
Chateaubriand Postdoctoral Fellow, 2017 – 2018

Education

2018 Ph.D. Tel Aviv University
2012 M.Sc. Physics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
2007 B.Sc. Mathematics and Physics (Talpiot), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Research Fields

Public Economics, Political Economy, Economic Inequality, Social Mobility

Working Papers

1. Evidence from the Dead: New Estimates of Wealth Inequality based on the Distribution of Estates (with Facundo Alvaredo and Salvatore Morelli).
2. Multigenerational Mobility and Long-Run Inequality (with Taylan Alpkaya and Ravi Kanbur).
3. The Impact of Austerity on Mortality and Life Expectancy (with Tora Hovland).
4. Risk Preferences in Time Lotteries (with Mark Kirstein).
5. The Distributional Short-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on Wages in the United States.
6. On the Link Between Intergenerational Mobility and Inequality: Are They Truly Distinct?

Work in Progress

1. Transaction Taxes as Wealth Taxes: Evidence from the UK Stamp Duty Holiday (with Zhuowen Qin).
2. Death and Taxes: Inheritance Tax Planning and Unexpected Mortality (with Jeanne Bomare and Ignacio Orueta).
3. Lying to Stay True to Yourself (with Margot Belguise).
4. Measuring Wealth: Income Capitalization with Heterogeneous Rates of Return (with Roberto Iacono and Alberto Vesperoni).
5. Political Effects of Inequality-Increasing Policy: Evidence from a Welfare and Tax Reform.
6. Estimating Differential Turnout and Mobilization Gaps.

Published and Forthcoming Papers

1. Adamou A., Y. Berman and O. Peters. The Two Growth Rates of the Economy. *Forthcoming, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*.
2. Berman Y. and E. F. Klor. Capital Taxation, Income Shifting, and Retained Earnings: Evidence from Dividend Tax Reforms. *Fiscal Studies*, DOI: 10.1111/1475-5890.70034.
3. Berman Y. and F. Bourguignon (2024). Evaluating the Distributive Incidence of Growth using Cross-Sections and Panels. *Review of Income and Wealth*, DOI: 10.1111/roiw.12681.
4. Berman Y. and B. Milanovic (2024). *Homoploutia*: Top Labor and Capital Incomes in the United States, 1950–2020. *Review of Income and Wealth*, DOI: 10.1111/roiw.12659.
5. Berman Y. and F. Bourguignon (2023). On the Social Welfare Interpretation of Growth Incidence Curves. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, DOI: 10.1007/s10888-023-09598-2.
6. Berman Y. (2022). The Long Run Evolution of Absolute Intergenerational Mobility. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, DOI: 10.1257/app.20200631.
7. Berman Y. (2022). Absolute Intragenerational Mobility in the United States, 1962–2014. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, DOI:10.1007/s10888-022-09529-7.
8. Berman Y. and S. Morelli, On the Distribution of Estates and the Distribution of Wealth: Evidence from the Dead (Chapter in NBER book *Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth*, eds. Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell), 2022. *University of Chicago Press. Also available as NBER working paper 28546*.
9. Berman Y., Inequality, Identity, and the Long-Run Evolution of Political Cleavages in Israel 1949–2019 (Chapter in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948–2020*, eds. Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Thomas Piketty), 2021. *Harvard University Press*.
10. Berman Y., O. Peters and A. Adamou (2021). Wealth Inequality and the Ergodic Hypothesis: Evidence from the United States. *Journal of Income Distribution*, DOI:10.25071/1874-6322.40455.
11. Adamou A., Y. Berman, D. Mavroyiannis and O. Peters (2021). Microfoundations of Discounting. *Decision Analysis*, 18(4), 257–272.
12. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and M. Schwartz (2017). A Fokker-Planck Model for Wealth Inequality Dynamics. *EPL* 118(3), 38004 (*Editor's choice*; also at *Europhysics News highlights 48(5/6), 14*).

13. Berman, Y. and Y. Shapira (2017). Revisiting $r > g$—The Asymptotic Dynamics of Wealth Inequality. *Physica A* 467, 562–572.
14. Berman, Y. and T. Aste (2016). To What Extent Does Immigration Affect Inequality? *Physica A* 462, 1029–1039.
15. Berman, Y., E. Ben-Jacob and Y. Shapira (2016). The Dynamics of Wealth Inequality and the Effect of Income Distribution. *PLOS ONE* 11(4), e0154196.
16. Berman, Y., Y. Shapira and E. Ben-Jacob (2015). Modeling the Origin and Possible Control of the Wealth Inequality Surge. *PLOS ONE* 10(6), e0130181.

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2026 The Atkinson Conference on Economic and Social Inequality, Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, The Dynamics of Inequality: Long-Term Perspectives, Economic Opportunity European Conference 2026, Equality of Opportunity and Social Mobility Policy Workshop, Frontiers in Economics, Inequality and Tax Policy: A Conference in Honor of Shlomo Yitzhaki, 2026 NICEP Conference, World Inequality Conference.

2025 CEPR Workshop on People's Understanding of and Support for Economic Policies, Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, EAYE Annual Meeting, Lisbon Urban and Public Economics Workshop, Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation, NBER Determinants of Mortality Conference, 2025 NICEP Conference, The III at 10: New Directions in Inequality Research.

2024 Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Economics & Politics Workshop, In_equality Conference, 2024 NICEP Conference, Policy Impacts Annual Conference, Workshop on Capital vs. Labor: Perspectives on Inequality and Taxation in the 21st Century.

2023 DIW WATT Workshop, Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, London Inequality Workshop, LSE III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, LSE Opportunity and Mobility Workshop, Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation, UChicago Stone Center on Inequality & Mobility Wealth Inequality Workshop.

2022 Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, SIEP Conference 2022.

2021 AEA Annual Meeting, Conference on Opportunities, Mobility and Well-Being, Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, ECINEQ Meeting 2021, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, EE2021 Conference, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Political Economy of Neoliberalism Workshop, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, World Inequality Conference.

2020 D-TEA Conference, NBER/CRIW Conference on Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth.

2019 AEA Annual Meeting, ECINEQ Meeting 2019, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress.

2018 Equal Chances Conference, French Economic Association Meeting, LIS/LWS User Conference.

2017 ECINEQ Meeting 2017, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality.

Workshop and Seminar Talks (including scheduled)

2027 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2026 Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, King's College London, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Vienna University of Economics and Business.

2025 King's College London.

2024 King's College London, KU Leuven, FAIR – Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), London School of Economics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Princeton University, Resolution Foundation, University College London, University of Exeter.

2023 King's College London, University of Bristol.

2022 City, University of London, City University of New York, King's College London, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Università Roma Tre, University of Bamberg, University of Warwick, Vienna University of Economics and Business.

2021 Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, London School of Economics, Tel Aviv University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University College London, University of Haifa.

2020 City University of New York, Columbia University, Rutgers University, The University of Edinburgh.

2019 City, University of London, Columbia University, Freie Universität Berlin, Harvard University, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Royal Holloway, University of London, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, University of Copenhagen, Weizmann Institute of Science.

2018 London School of Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2017 London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Tel Aviv University.

2016 University of Oxford.

2015 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University College London.

Grants, Honors & Awards

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, 2024 – 2026
Faculty Research Impact Fund, King's College London, 2022 – 2025
Maurice Falk Institute Research Grant, 2022–2024
Advanced Research Collaborative Fellowship, 2020
Laboratoires d'excellence OSE research grant, 2018 – 2019
Best Junior Scholar Paper, Trends in Inequality: Social, Economic and Political Issues, International Conference on Inequality, 2017
Chateaubriand Fellowship, 2017 – 2018
Dan David Prize Scholarship for Young Researchers – for Combatting Poverty, 2016 – 2017
Israel Ministry of Science, Technology and Space International PhD Travel Grant, 2016
Arie and Ida Crown Memorial Foundation Scholarship, 2015 – 2016
Tauber Family Foundation Scholarship, 2014 – 2016

Referee Service

Advances in Life Course Research, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Public Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Sociological Review, BMC Medical Research Methodology, The BMJ, Brookings Foreign Policy, Demography, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economica, Economic Systems, Economics Letters, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, European Societies, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Italian Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Income Distribution, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Mathematical Social Sciences, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Open Economics, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A, PLOS ONE, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Science Research, Theory and Society, World Bank Economic Review.

Teaching

King's College London

2021– Advanced macroeconomics, Advanced microeconometrics, Econometrics, Formal political economics, Macroeconomics, The political economy of economic policy.

University of Warwick

2019 Short course on statistics in economics.

Tel Aviv University

2014–2017 Classical mechanics for medical students, Electricity and magnetism for medical students.