

Tom Raster

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EDUCATION

Paris School of Economics

PhD Economics

2019 – 2023 (*exp.*)

- Committee: Thomas Piketty (advisor), Sheilagh Ogilvie, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya

MRes Economics (highest honors)

2017 – 2019

- Eiffel excellence scholarship, student representative

Harvard University

Exchange, Department of Economics

2021 – 2022

- sponsor: Edward Glaeser

University of British Columbia

MA Economics

2016 – 2017

University of Groningen

BSc Hons. Economics (cum laude)

2013 – 2016

Kyoto University

Exchange

2015 – 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

labor, migration, trade, economic history

SELECTED RESEARCH

When Labor Scarcity Raises Coercion: Evidence from the Great Northern War Plague, 1700-21

From personal to impersonal trade: Evidence from millions of early modern shipments

Past immigration and present-day xenophobia: Evidence from German expellees w/ Li Yang (DIW)

EXPERIENCE

OECD

Paris, France

Intern, Center for Tax Policy

2018

- evaluated OECD's anti-tax evasion policies

Ivy

Ambon, Indonesia

Start-up selling and financing water filters

2015

- interfaced with microfinance banks to launch large-scale water filter distribution

German Development Cooperation (GIZ)

Intern

Kigali, Rwanda

- won stakeholder support for disability-advocacy events (e.g. Dialogue in the Dark)

2014

Weltwärts volunteer (≈Peace Corps) at HIV/AIDS clinic for 12 months

Ha Senekane, Lesotho

- obtained funds and established a youth center offering sex education

2012 – 2013

TEACHING

UBC: Microeconomics, Understanding Globalization

U. Groningen: Asset Pricing & Capital Budgeting, International Economics, Mathematics I & II, Statistics

PRESENTATIONS

2022 International Economics Lunch (Harvard), Applied Lunch (PSE, scheduled), PE workshop (Harvard, scheduled), Economic History Workshop (Harvard, scheduled)

2021 History workshop (PSE), Pol Econ Tea ($\times 2$, Harvard), Economic History Workshop (Harvard)

2020 Applied Lunch (PSE), GSIE (PSE/Université Paris 1)

2019 Baltic Connections (U. Helsinki)

2018 Economics-Econometrics-Finance seminar (U. Groningen), Economic History Association (poster, San Jose)

REFEREE

European Review of Economic History, Hansische Geschichtsblätter

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Mobility grant (PSE)
- EUR-PSGE research grant (PSE)
- Full doctoral fellowship (French Government)
- Fonds Sarah Andrieux
- Eiffel scholarship (French Government)
- *weltwärts* scholarship (German Government)

EVENT SUPPORT:

XIX World Economic History Congress (scheduled), European Economic History reading group (Harvard), Applied Lunch Seminar (PSE), Economic History Seminar (PSE), Summerschool Experiments in Dev. Countries ($\times 2$, Groningen)

LANGUAGES:

- German (native), Dutch, English (fluent), French (intermediate), Danish, Swedish (reading)
- R, QGIS, Python, Stata, \LaTeX