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EMPLOYMENT

Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne
Research Fellow

July 2026-Present

Australian National University
Research Fellow

June 2024-June 2026

EDUCATION

Monash University, Australia
PhD in Economics

2020-2024

Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
Medical Doctor (MD.)

2018

University of York, UK
MSc. in Health Economics (with Distinction)

2014-2015

RESEARCH AREAS

Labour Economics, Health Economics, and Development Economics

RESEARCH

Publications

Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy using Local Ambassadors: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Rural Indonesia (with Armand Sim, Asad Islam, Gita Kusnadi, Jahen Rezki, Michael Vlassopoulos, and Yves Zenou) *IZA Discussion Paper 15899, (European Economic Review, April 2024)*

Does quality affect choice of family physician? Evidence from patients changing general practice without changing their address (with Hugh Gravelle and Rita Santos) **Economic Modelling, September 2023**

Undertesting of COVID-19 in Indonesia: what has gone wrong? (with Joko Mulyanto, Bayu Wiratama) **Journal of Global Health, December 2020**

Working Papers

School Disruptions, Parental Input, and Inequality in Early Childhood Development (with Yijuan Chen and Jinhu Li)

Provider responses to market entry under competing health technologies (with Daniel Avdic, Nils Gutacker and Johan Vikström)

Radiating influence? Spillover effects among physicians (with Daniel Avdic, Umair Khalil, and Johannes Kunz)

Work in progress

Crowding out effect of public health insurance on private health insurance market in Indonesia (with Nihayatul Munaa, Jinhu Li, and Elisabeth Huynh)

Heat and Healthcare Delivery (with Michelle Escobar-Carias)

Child Labour Ban, Schooling, and Domestic Violence (with Adam Dzulkipili and Sara Hutchinson-Tovar)

OTHER WRITING (BOOK CHAPTERS, OP-ED ARTICLE)

Equity in Health and Healthcare (in Indonesian), Health Financing handbook, Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (September 2021)

Riset eksperimen di Jawa Barat: duta vaksin lokal bisa turunkan keraguan vaksin COVID (in Indonesian), *The Conversation Indonesia*, February 2023

Ekonomi Kesehatan dan Tingkat Serapan Vaksin (in Indonesian), *KOMPAS newspaper*, January 2021

Jokowi naikan iuran JKN peserta mandiri, tepatkah untuk menutup defisit parah BPJS Kesehatan? (in Indonesian), *The Conversation Indonesia*, November 2019

Health matters as Indonesia continues to grow (in English), *The Jakarta Post*, December 2013

TEACHING

Introduction to Health Services Research and Policy (ANU) *Postgraduate level* 2025, 2026

Health Economics (Monash HEC5980) *Postgraduate level* 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Teaching evaluation : Exceeding expectations (very high)

Health Economics for Medical Students (Monash MED4100) *Undergraduate level* 2022, 2021, 2020

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024, Monash Business School: Purple Letter of Teaching Achievement (HEC5980)

2024, Postgraduate Publication Award - Monash University

2023, AIC-KATALIS Nurse mobility project, with Anthony Scott (AUD\$36,000)

2022, J-PAL SEA-LPEM RCT Fund, with Armand Sim and Jahen Rezki (US\$39,000, Co-PI)

2022, Monash Business School: Purple Letter of Teaching Achievement (HEC5970)

2020, BPJS National Health Insurance Research Fund, with Jarir At-Thobari, Firdaus Hafidz (US\$40,000, Co-PI)

2020-2024, Monash International Tuition Scholarship

2020-2024, Monash Graduate Scholarship

2019, 2nd Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics Travel Grant

2017, iHEA World Congress Travel Grant

CONFERENCE AND VISITING EXPERIENCE

Research visit

Aug 2023, University of Duisburg-Essen (Host : A/Prof Daniel Kühnle)

Sep 2023, University of Bologna (Host : A/Prof Pietro Biroli)

Presentations

2026 Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, ANU Indonesia Project

2025 Economics of Health and Wellbeing Workshop, Hepburn Springs*, AHES, Melbourne Institute

2024 Research School of Economics - ANU*, Econometrics Society Australasian Meeting

2023

Applied Young Economist Webinar (AYEW), Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, 25th Labour Econometrics Workshop (LEW), CINCH-Essen, EuHEA PhD Conference, 30th European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (Manila)

2022

ANU Postgraduate Workshop (accepted, not presented)

2021

Melbourne Institute Brown Bag, UK Health Economics Study Group (UK HESG), University of York (Health, Econometrics, and Data Group), iHEA World Congress, Australian Health Economics Society (AHES)

2019

2nd Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

2017

iHEA World Congress

*(invited)

REFEREEING

Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Record, Social Science and Medicine (Economics section)

SERVICES

Local co-convenor, 14th Australian Health Economics Doctoral (AHED) Workshop, Canberra

iHEA 2025 Abstract reviewer

2021 - 2024, Co-Convenor for ECR, iHEA Economics of Children's Health and Wellbeing Special Interest Group

2021-2022, CHE PhD Student Representative

CONSULTING WORK

2020-2021, USAID Health Financing Activity

2022-2024, USAID PEER Health Project

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Australian Health Economics Society (AHES)

American Economics Association (AEA)

International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

PROGRAM

STATA, R, $\LaTeX$