

Robert Lipinski

Lincoln College, Oxford | robert.lipinski@lincoln.ox.ac.uk | (+48) 696 222 771

EDUCATION

University of Oxford (in progress) October 2022 – September 2025
DPhil Politics | Supervisor: Dr Spyros Kosmidis Oxford, UK

Thesis: *Essays on the Historical Political Economy of Europe*

University of Cambridge October 2019 – August 2020
MPhil Development Studies | Grade: High Pass (*official classification*) Cambridge, UK

University College London October 2016 – July 2019
BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Data Science | Grade: First Class Honours London, UK

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

World Bank, Bureaucracy Lab (Development Impact Evaluation Unit) June 2020 – present
Short-term Consultant | Supervisor: Dr Daniel Rogger Washington D.C., US

- **The Government Analytics Handbook**

Co-authored 4 methodological chapters and provided editorial assistance for an analytical handbook detailing the current frontier methodology of using administrative and survey data to inform evidence-based reforms in public sector institutions [\[link\]](#)

- **Global Government Analytics Fellowship**

Acted as a mentor on a 6-month training program for 40 public officials from around the world, providing them with methodological advice on how to implement projects, among others, in public procurement, tax administration, and education system [\[link\]](#)

- **Global Survey of Public Servants**

Acted as a data analyst, leading a team that synthesized survey data from 29 countries across 6 continents, measuring the productivity, motivation, and attitudes of public officials [\[link\]](#)

- **Green Agenda Survey of Poland's Public Administration**

Prepared analyses of the first World Bank survey of civil servants' perceptions and responsibilities in the field of climate change mitigation and transition towards the green economy. The survey covered 4,700+ public officials across all sectors and levels of government

- **Enhancing Regional Development in Latvia**

Cooperated with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, NGOs, and civil society organizations to construct a comprehensive database of municipal performance, allowing for data-driven assessments, policy evaluation, and reforms, especially in the sphere of environment, education, and social services

- **Measuring the Influence of Local Service Quality Monitoring in Estonia**

Analyzed the quality of local services provision across 79 Estonian municipalities and implemented a randomized study to evaluate the effect of providing performance information to public officials and citizens on the subsequent improvements in service delivery [\[link\]](#)

- **Impact Evaluation of the Enhanced Care Management Program in Estonia**

Worked on a randomized controlled trial involving a novel, personalized care management program for chronically-ill patient in Estonia. Based on the healthcare billing micro-data from 50,000+ patients the program was found to have numerous health benefits, including a 40% reduction in mortality rate for mild-risk patients [\[link\]](#)

- **Europe and Central Asia Economic Update “Data, Digitalization, and Governance”**

Prepared statistical analyses and visualizations of trends in digitalisation, institutional transparency, and government effectiveness across ECA countries for a report published by the Office of the Chief Economist [\[link\]](#)

- **Surveys of Civil Servants across Latin America during the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Prepared data analyses for national reports on managing and motivating public sector workers during the pandemic-era remote work arrangements in Colombia, Brazil, and Chile [\[link\]](#)

Department of Political Science, University College London September 2024 – present
Research Associate | Supervisor: Professor Christian Schuster London, UK

- **Public Employment and Payroll Analytics Project for the Inter-American Development Bank:**

Developed employment and payroll indicators in Chile, Ecuador, and Peru, based on payroll microdata of civil servants, with the goal of increasing the efficiency of public sector management, optimizing the wage setting, and identifying gender pay gaps

Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford
Lead Researcher | Supervisor: Professor Timothy Power

March-June 2024
Oxford, UK

- **Report on Price Elasticity of Course Demand**

Worked with 8 years' worth of administrative records from 100,000+ Oxford applicants to estimate the elasticity of application numbers and offer acceptance rates to course fee level for a report that informed the fee-setting policy of the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

School of Social Work, Dalhousie University
Doctoral Researcher | Supervisor: Dr Raluca Bejan

May 2023 – September 2024
Halifax, Canada

- **“Tale of Two Contexts” Project**

Conducted literature review and quantitative media analysis on the drivers of hospitality towards the Afghan and Ukrainian refugees in Canada and the UK [\[link\]](#)

From The Roots Up, Oxford Student Society
Team Leader

November 2022 – June 2023
Oxford, UK

- **Improving Access to Remote Work for Kenyan Refugees**

Led a 4-person team of students, working on the strategies through which a partner development start-up (StepUp.One) can increase the accessibility and attractiveness of its remote work offerings for people in refugee camps. The final report was based on a literature review, primary survey data collection, and interviews with refugees from the Kikuma refugee camp in Kenya. It put forward a set of 10 practical recommendations to implement in Kikuma, as well as IN other camps around the world [\[link\]](#)

Economic Tribune, UCL Department of Economics Student Magazine
Deputy Editor of the Research Section

October 2017 – April 2019
London, UK

- **Independent research work**

Published a series of articles, including on popular misconceptions about African countries, political economy of future sea trade routes, and statistical problems with economic measurement in the developing country context

- **Co-editor of the research section team**

Coordinated the work of a team of six junior correspondents, including brain-storming of ideas, providing methodological advice, and helping with article drafting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

World Bank

Government Analytics Fellowship | Data Mentor | Supervisor: Dr Daniel Rogger

May 2024 – October 2024
Washington DC / remote

Oxford Internet Institute

Research Design for Social Science | Teaching Assistant | Supervisor: Dr Fabian Stephany

Winter term 2023 & 2024
Oxford, UK

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Intermediate Statistics | Graduate Teaching Assistant | Supervisor: Dr Spryos Kosmidis

Fall term 2023 & 2024
Oxford, UK

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Causal Inference | Graduate Teaching Assistant | Supervisor: Dr Sascha Riaz

Winter term 2024
Oxford, UK

Balliol College, University of Oxford

PPE sessions | Graduate Outreach Tutor | Supervisor: Pravahi Osman

Winter term 2023 & 2024
Oxford, UK

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods

Text Analysis Class | Teaching Assistant | Supervisor: Dr Tom O’Grady

Easter break 2023
Oxford, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Motivating Improved Healthcare Using Patient Contracts. Evidence from an RCT in Estonia [\[link\]](#) 2024

Co-authors: Croke K., Daniels B., Rogger D.

Published in: World Bank Working Paper series [under review by the *American Economic Review*]

Evaluating the Influence of Local Service Quality Monitoring on Citizens and Public Officials: Key Findings from an Empirical Study in Estonia [\[link\]](#) 2024

Co-authors: Rogger D., Khurshid, A. and Väärsi K.

Published as: report for the World Bank Group

A Tale of Two Contexts: The Ukrainian and Afghan Refugee Crises in Canada and the UK [\[link\]](#) 2023

Co-authors: Bejan R., Mallet-Garcia M., Do C., and Aviles, V.

Published as: Report for the University of Oxford’s COMPAS and Dalhousie University

- Determining Sample Sizes: How Many Public Officials Should Be Surveyed?** [\[link\]](#) 2023
Co-authors: Rogger D., Schuster C., and Wittels A.
Published in: Government Analytics Handbook (Ch. 20)
- Designing Survey Questionnaires: Which Survey Measures Vary, and for Whom?**[\[link\]](#) 2023
Co-authors: Rogger D., Schuster C., and Wittels A.
Published in: Government Analytics Handbook (Ch. 21)
- Designing Survey Questionnaires: To What Types of Survey Questions Do Public Servants Not Respond?** [\[link\]](#) 2023
Co-authors: Rogger D., and Schuster C.
Published in: Government Analytics Handbook (Ch. 22)
- Interpreting Survey Findings: Can Survey Results Be Compared across Organizations and Countries?** [\[link\]](#) 2023
Co-authors: Meyer-Sahling J-H., Mikkelsen K.S., and Schuster C.
Published in: Government Analytics Handbook (Ch. 24)
- Diversity or Decolonization? Searching for the Tools to Dismantle the ‘Master’s House’** 2021
[\[link\]](#)
Co-authors: Arshad M., Dada R., Elliott C., Kalinowska I. Khan M., Vassanth V., Bhandalm J., de Quinto Schneider M., Georgis, I., and Shilston F.
Published in: London Review of Education 19(1), pp. 1-18

WORKING PAPERS

- Historical Kaleidoscope. Persistence of Economic Development and Networks following Border Changes in Europe**
DPhil thesis paper (co-authored with Rogger, D.)
- Over the Finnish Line. Political Economy of Foreign Media in Autocracies on the Example of Finnish TV in Soviet Estonia**
DPhil thesis paper (*awarded the best paper prize at the 2024 EUI Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe* [\[link\]](#))
- Resettlement 101. The Institutional and Economic Consequences of the Soviet-era Displacements under the ‘101st Kilometre’ Rule**
DPhil thesis paper
- Who Is Listening? Evaluating the Role of Information Provision on Local Policy across Estonia** (working title)
Co-authors: Best, M., Khurshid, A., Rogger, D.

CONFERENCES & TALKS

- European University Institute (EUI) Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe.** 2024
Presentation title: Over the Finnish Line. Political Economy of Foreign Media in Autocracies on the Example of Finnish TV in Soviet Estonia
Awarded the Jacques Rupnik Prize for the best paper by a doctoral researcher [\[link\]](#)
- 29th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies: “The Baltic Way: Unity and Giving Aid“** 2024
Presentation title: Political Economy of Foreign Media in Autocracies on the Example of Finnish TV in Soviet Estonia
- Oxford Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History** 2024
Presentation title: Historical Kaleidoscope. Persistence of Economic Development and Networks following Border Changes in Europe
- Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Knowledge Synthesis Grant Knowledge Mobilization Forum “Shifting Dynamics of Privilege and Marginalization”** 2024
Presentation title: A Tale of Two Contexts. The Ukrainian and Afghan Refugee Crises in Canada and the UK

RECOGNITIONS

World Bank ECA Academy Award [link]	2024
For the paper “Motivating Improved Healthcare Using Patient Contracts. Evidence from an RCT in Estonia”, which was selected from 30+ papers in an annual competition by the Office of the Chief Economist for Europe and Central Asia (ECA) that seeks to identify the best new policy-relevant research on ECA from across the World Bank Group	
Polonsky Foundation Grant, Lincoln College, University of Oxford	2024/25
One annual award given to a graduate student based on academic merit, financial need, and the contributions to the life of the college	
Senior Scholarship, Lincoln College, University of Oxford	2024/25
Merit-based scholarship for graduate students (5 awards given annually)	
Graduate Dissertation Grant, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies [link]	2024/25
Received in recognition of “the quality and scholarly importance of the proposed work” on the role of Finnish TV in Soviet Estonia (as a part of the PhD project)	
Bona Fide Scholarship, ORLEN Foundation [link]	2023 & 2024
Awarded annually to ~15 Polish graduate students who display an outstanding track record of academic achievements and pursue a degree at one of the top 50 global universities	
Team award, World Bank Development Economics Vice Presidency	2021
For the work on “Managing pandemic government through surveying public servants” project during the Covid-19 pandemic	

SKILLS

Software: R Studio, Python, Stata, L^AT_EX, SurveyCTO, HTML

Languages: English & Spanish (fluent); Polish (native); German & French (intermediate); Russian & Mandarin Chinese (basic)